

2nd November 2014



The COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls' Day)

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"St Thomas More Parish, Ruse, is a Christ-centred Catholic Community that is committed to living Gospel Values, united by faith as we bring God's Kingdom to life. Our Mission is to welcome all, and respect and support each other in our spiritual journey. We encourage the gifts of people in building our community

Our Parish is wheelchair friendly. We have a ramp going into the Church and one going into the Parish Hall. Please let your family and friends know.

"Anyone who welcomes you, welcome me and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Matthew 10:40

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS: If you require *Gluten Free Hosts* for Holy Communion please see Fr Tony *before* Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

NOVEMBER: Is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions (Norm 15,7)

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: All the Masses will be offered for the deceased relatives and friends of all our Parishioners. We will record all the names that have been given in the Parish Book of Remembrance, set up in the sacred space. Please notify either Fr Tony or the Parish Office should you wish to include deceased relative and/or friends in the Book of Remembrance.



We ask that the Parishioners of our Parish keep in their prayers the students who are currently sitting their HSC exams and to the many people who are also sitting exams.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community *Pippa Clare Bye* who was Baptised last weekend.

SICK LIST: Please pray for the *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Tina Ting, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Tony Nolan, Fr David Catterall, Ann Webster, Beryl Purcell, Carmel Welsh, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Maree Laming, Marie Moore, Natalie Dwyer, Scott Chesney and Tomas Laming.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN OUR PARISH: Who is ill/or unable to come to Mass and would like to have Holy Communion please either let Fr Tony know or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967.

Wedding Anniversary for this week:
7TH: *Hedy and Janos Toth (27 years)*

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: The current roster is about to run out for this year. If you have thought about joining this friendly Parish Ministry, please put your name down on the clipboard on the table at the entrance of the Church (ramp side) (please also put your name down if you are continuing to be part of this Parish Ministry).

All you need is time, the ability to make a cup of tea/coffee and to be able to welcome parishioners. We currently have this Ministry once a month (not in December or January).
We thank the ladies (and gentlemen) who have helped in this Parish Ministry as you have put smiles on many Parishioners faces and helped to form new friendships.

ODD JOBS DAY NEXT SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
With Summer fast approaching there is quite a number of *Odd Jobs* that need doing around the Church and Grounds to improve the presentation of our area. With this in mind we will be having a **Working Bee next Saturday (8th November)** commencing at 8.30am and finishing at lunchtime with a BBQ.

A job list has being prepared and will be advertised in the coming weeks. If you notice anything that should be done please advise the Office and keep this day free. Many hands lighten the load!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: During the 9.00am Mass. This is for school children from Kindergarten to Year 6 inclusive. This is held each Sunday during the School Term.

"CALLING ALL SELF EMPLOYED PARISHIONERS
Why not support Parish finances in a tax effective way? Depending on your personal circumstances and taxation advice, you could benefit your business and support the work of the Parish, by placing an advertisement in the Parish Bulletin. The cost is only \$275.00 (includes \$25.00 GST) (per business card size or \$550.00 (includes \$50.00 GST) for double business card size) add per year to promote your business among friends. Simply call the Parish Office during business hours on 46282967 or place your contact details on the clipboard at the rear of the Church, and you will be contacted shortly."

PARISH THANK YOU DINNER – SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER AT 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start: To be held in the Parish Hall: All Parishioners are invited to our Parish Thank You Dinner. Meal, tea/coffee/soft drink will be provided. **BYO alcohol. For catering purposes please put your name down on the clipboard on the table at the entrance of the Church. RSVP: Friday 7th November.** *The Parish Pastoral Council look forward to seeing many of our Parish Parishioners attending this Parish Thank You Dinner.*

OUR PARISH PLANNED GIVING: If you wish to join our Parish Planned Giving program, forms are available on the tables at the entrance of the Church. (Direct Debit and the envelope system are available). *As you are aware the envelope monies pay for the running of the parish but the parish is more than bricks and mortar. We are constantly invited by the Lord to move from maintenance to mission.*

THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Many interesting articles to read, great value for only \$2.00. Please purchase your copy from the back table at the main entrance to the Church.

CLAIM THE DATE: Sunday 14th December: 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Rose Sunday): We will be celebrating also our Parish Family Mass followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall. More details to follow.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: The Christmas 2014 issue is available from all the tables at the entrance of the Church, please take a copy home to read. There are many interesting articles eg: A letter to Robin Williams, Behind the prayer and 12 Days of Christmas Challenge.

"REDEEM": Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2014: *These booklets are available for \$2.00 per copy from the Piety Stall. Quote from Bishop Peter Ingham: "Through these reflections we are invited to take time to truly appreciate the marvellous gift we have been given".*

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take a copy home and find out what is happening in our Parish Primary School.

DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG - THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC/CHRISTIAN RADIO PROGRAM
This week on "The Journey" which airs on 2 November, Sr Hilda will share her reflection on "The Native American"; Peter Gilmore shares his reflection on "Stone rolled away and living our lives" and we hear from Sam Clear in his segment called Walking the Walk. Tune into PULSE 94.1 FM on Sun at 11am, repeated Wed 10pm or listen in via podcast anytime at www.radio.dow.org.au

MACARTHUR SOCIAL JUSTICE: You are invited to come along to their next meeting, Continuing the topic "Getting to Peace": next Saturday, 8th November from 2:30pm to 4:30pm, in our Parish Hall. **Gold Coin donation.** *Social Justice Handbook – Resource Guide* at <http://www.msjn.org/home/social-justice-handbook>

CARITAS AUSTRALIA 50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS: Tuesday 12:00pm 18 November 2014 Wollongong Cathedral followed by light luncheon at Xavier Centre.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE:



The purpose of this Ministry is to increase prayer within our Parish. Parishioners involved in this Ministry are prepared to open their home for fellow parishioners to join them in saying the Rosary. If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry please phone Bev on: 4625 0659

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Vigil Mass: 8th Nov: *Maureen Molland & Bev McKenzie*
9.00am Mass: 9th Nov: *Karenne Harvey & Catherine Minogue*
Vigil Mass: 15th Nov: *Winnie Cameron & Bev McKenzie*
9.00am Mass: 16th Nov: *Fay & Junior Faamau*

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 8th Nov: *James & Carmel Munro*
9.00am Mass: 9th Nov: *Maryse Parisi & Olivia Joachim*
Vigil Mass: 15th Nov: *James & Carmel Munro*
9.00am Mass: 16th Nov: *Andrew James & Maryse Parisi*

(Could the 2nd Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 8th Nov:
Group 3: *Brian O'Brien, Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro*
Saturday 15th Nov:
Group 1: *Syro-Malabar Indian Community*

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 8th Nov: *Carmel Munro*
9.00am Mass: 9th Nov: *Gwen Harris*
Vigil Mass: 15th Nov: *Vicky Horne*
9.00am Mass: 16th Nov: *Chris Reddy & Helen Rawson*

FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 9th November: *Julie Writer*
Saturday 16th November: *Christine and Carmel*

Parish Diary Dates:

- **Monday 3rd November:** Baptism Preparation Class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Monday 3rd November:** Parish Ladies Group meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Thursday 6th November:** Retiree's Social group gathering after the 9.00am Mass, all Retiree's over 55 are encouraged to come along (*come along for a cuppa, laugh, chat and companionship*) in the Hall
- **Tuesday 11th November:** St Vincent de Paul Society meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Only in *silence* can the word of God find a home in us, as it did in Mary, the woman of the word and, inseparably, woman of silence **Verbum Domini 66**

