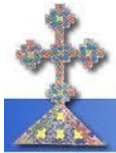


14th September 2014



EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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"

CONGRATULATIONS



The Parishioners of our Parish would like to congratulate the 55 children who will be making the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend.

Thank you to the many people (Teachers) who have prepared the Children for this Sacrament.

Thank you on behalf of the First Holy Communion Candidates and their families: to the Sacristan's who have prepared the Church, to the Church Cleaners, to the Musicians who have played especially for the Holy Communion Masses this weekend, to the Power Point creator who created the Power Point for this weekend also to the many people behind the scenes. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated by all who attended the First Holy Communion Masses this weekend.

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.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community: **ISABELLA MIA SNELL AND HAYDEN WILLIAM REID-BATT** who were Baptised last weekend.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS for this week:

14th: *Col Davis*
18th: *Daniel Webb*
19th: *Marilyn Fabri*

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.

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

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick Morris (R.D.), Peter Giannetti (R.D.), Derek Lavocah, Bernard Hoffmann, Emil Avila, Alex Serdoz, Rita Simbulan, Tina Boyd, Joy Jones, Henry Supierz, Thelma Harpley, Marie Lamiel, Sandra Aslan, Maria Kelly, Vera Spithill, Deborah Rix, Frank Keevers, Mary Writer, Alice Harris, Jack O'Sullivan, Stan Nasio, Michael Seufatu, Ladislav Feher, Philip Mills, Josephine McKay, Frank McKay, Genie Lynch and Maria Cabonara. **May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and May perpetual light shine upon them.**

PARISH LADIES GROUP FATHERS DAY RAFFLE:

Thank you to the many Parishioners and visitors to our Parish who supported our Parish Father's Day Raffle. Congratulations to the winners: Les Patterson, Hedy Toth, Carmel Munro, Carmel Bartolo, Pauline Menzies, Annette Read, Mrs Samato, and Trish Newman.

DIOCESAN CLERGY SUPPORT FUND – FATHERS DAY COLLECTION:

The fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue to support our priests in their work on our behalf and our sick and retired clergy and to assist the work of promoting priestly vocations. You are still able to contribute by using the special envelopes provided. A credit card facility is available for your convenience. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please note that contributions are not tax-deductible.

PEWS REPAINTED: Our Church pews have been repaired and painted this past week. This has been a costly repair, can you please be respectful of our Church and surrounding property. If you see any damage being done please let Fr Tony know.

CLAIM THE DATE: SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER

FROM 7.30PM: Please mark this date in your diaries, more details to come. A good night is promised.

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.

PARISH THANK YOU TO: THE PARISH USHER'S:

Vicky Horne, Maureen Molland, Carmel Munro, Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Christine Foreman, Gwen and Brian Harris, Karenne Harvey, Helen Rawson, and Chris Reddy. The giving of your time, smiles and warm greetings are greatly appreciated.

PIETY STALL: The piety Stall has taken delivery of new stock. Please go and have a look, there could be that last minute gift for First Holy Communion. Come and support your Parish Piety Stall.

PARISH CENSUS FORMS: If you are new to our Parish or any Parishioner needs to amend their family details, please fill out a new Parish Census Form and either hand to Fr Tony, or the Parish Office or on the collection plate. The forms are located on the tables at the entrance of the Church.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME: If you would like to join our Parish Planned Giving Programme the forms located on the tables at the entrance of the Church. You can either join the envelope system or Direct Debit. By contributing to the Planned Giving Programme, we are able to budget for repairs and maintenance of our Parish Church. **Thanking you in anticipation.**

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take home a copy of our Parish Primary School newsletter and see what is happening.

EMBRACING ABILITY – A Workshop Making a Difference:

A 2 hour awareness/hospitality workshop will be held this Wednesday evening 17th September at 7.00pm in our Parish Hall. If you would like to take participate in the workshop please ring St Ruth – Disability Advocate on 0417 279 529.

September 26-28 weekend retreat: The 'rich mine' of weakness. The hidden life of love of St Therese gives fresh heart to those who feel insignificant in their lives and in their place in the Church. Fr Paul Maunder OCD. Cost: \$220 (discounts available) Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566 (just off the M5) Inquiries: 02 8795 3400, email: retreats@carmelite.com www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – 90 YEAR CELEBRATION:

Saturday 27th September at St Francis Xavier Cathedral 10.30am – 11.30am. For more information please contact Teresa Harm on 4627 9177 or teresah@svdpwgong.org.au

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE 2014:

Friday 10 & Saturday 11 October 9:00am-3:30pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Retreat Centre & Parish This conference is for teachers, catechists and all those who minister with children and families. Through a range of workshops and keynote address from Dr Aoife McGrath, It will explore the many and varied ways in which we can enliven our ministry and more effectively share the Good News. **Registration is essential**, please go to www.familyconference.dow.org.au or pick up one of the brochures at the back of the church. For further information contact Darren McDowell 4222 2463 or cfl@dow.org.au.

Nurture a child's potential...become a Foster Carer with CatholicCare. Training & support provided. Call 4227 1122 or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au for further information.

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. The Rosary Statue is at a parishioner's home for 2 weeks (Monday to Sunday fortnight) then returned to the Church. If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry please phone Bev on: 4625 0659

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 20th Sept: Beverley McKenzie
9.00am Mass: 21st Sept: Junior Faamau
Vigil Mass: 27th Sept: Bertha Barbari
9.00am Mass: 28th Sept: Karenne Harvey and Freda Miranda

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 20th Sept: Chris and Brian O'Brien
9.00am Mass: 21st Sept: Andrew James and Bev McKenzie
9.00am Mass: 28th Sept: Page Bell and Julie Writer

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

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Barry Daley and Eugene Wasko

FLOWER ARRANGER'S FOR NEXT WEEK:

Julie Writer

USHERS' FOR NEXT WEEK:

Vigil Mass: Help needed
9.00am Mass: Cathy Bye

Parish Diary Dates:

- Tuesday 16th September:** Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.
- Wednesday 17th September:** Disability Awareness Work shop 7.00pm – 9.00pm in the Parish Hall (please see bulletin notices for details).
- Tuesday 23rd September:** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre **new members are most welcome**
- Thursday 25th September:** 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 Parish Hall.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00AM MASS: Sunday 21st

September: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Maria Hill and Colleen Jablonskis.

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS

Drinking from the chalice is the preferred method of receiving the Blood of Christ because of the Lord's command: **Take and drink**. If intinction is used, it is the minister who dips the host in the chalice and places it in the communicant's mouth.

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