

28th September 2014



26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A
(Social Justice Sunday)

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

Today we celebrate Social Justice Sunday “A Crown for Australia: striving for the best in our sporting nation.”

The statement celebrates the gifts that sport brings to our country and encourages all that is best in it. It also challenges the darker side of sport: violence on and off the field, abuse of drugs, racism, sexism and commercial exploitation. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australia Catholic Social Justice Council website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call: 8306 3499.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

The first son in today’s Gospel said he would do his father’s bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do? Which son am I more like?

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.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS for this week:

27th: **Seth McMurray**
28th: **Ivanna Goodall**

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **Andrina Ashley Hannah Pele** who was Baptised last weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: **SCOTT McGAUGHEY** and **SARAH MAXWELL** who were Married in our Parish Church on Saturday 13th September.

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: Tina Ting, Dexter Harris, 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.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joy Gardoll (R.D.), Marcelle Shalhoub, 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.**

OUR PARISH LADIES GROUP WOULD LIKE TO INVITE (all over the age of 18) **ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO OUR PARISH:** To a Parish Social BBQ on Saturday 25th October from 7.30pm onwards (or if you are attending the Vigil Mass (6.00pm) come on over to the Parish Hall. BYO Alcohol and meat. Salads, supper, tea/coffee will be supplied. Come along and have a fun filled evening with some games included. **For catering purposes there is a clipboard on the table at the entrance of the Church.**

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.

PIETY STALL: Come and have a look at what is available for sale in our Parish Piety Stall. We have many different Rosary Beads, gifts for the various Sacraments, books etc.

PARISH THANK YOU TO: THE FLOWER ARRANGER’S:

Francesca Chow, Christine Foreman, Christine Gomes, Elaine Hoffmann, Carmel Munro, Samoan Divine Mercy Group, Melanie Webb and Julie Writer.

The team members of the Floral Art Group ad in the liturgical art/decoration of the Church. Arranging flowers takes 2-3 hours/week approximately every 10 weeks. The work follows the liturgical seasons. Ladies your time and talents are greatly appreciated.



PEWS REPAINTED: Our Church pews have been recently repaired and painted. 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.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC/CHRISTIAN RADIO PROGRAM

This week on “The Journey” which airs from 28 September, Fr Richard Healey reflects on the Gospel for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary time, Sr Hilda Scott reflects on “The Seasons” and Pete Gilmore’s asks us to “be still”. There is also an interview with Archbishop Julian Porteus on the New Evangelisation. 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

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE:

October 4: 1 day retreat: St Francis and Art
A day of meditation on St Francis’ life through Australian Art
Mr Steven Miller Cost: donation (\$20) and bring your own lunch.
October 10-12 weekend retreat: St Teresa of Jesus
The Lord himself taught St Teresa to pray; we look at the place and role of Jesus in her prayer. Fr Greg Homeming, OCD Cost: \$220

FAMILY & CHILDREN’S MINISTRY CONFERENCE 2014 Friday 10 & Saturday 11 October 9:00am-3:30pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Retreat Centre & Parish

How do we share the joy of the Gospel with children and families either in the classroom or through parish programs and initiatives? 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 and RSVP by 3rd October.** 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

MARY IMMACULATE PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL’S SPRING FAIR:

Saturday, 11th October, 2014, 9am-3pm, School Grounds cnr of Emerald and Aquamarine Drives, Eagle Vale. Mary Immaculate Parish Primary School’s annual Spring Fair will feature rides, stalls, entertainment, food, showbags, games, our famous CHOCOLATE WHEEL, our Major Raffle with cash prizes and so much more! Come along- rain, hail or shine- from 9am to 3pm. It will be a fun day out for the whole family!

MATER DEI COUNTRY FAIR: Sunday 12 Oct – 9am – 3pm. Funds raised will enhance the specialised education for 146 students in the School; older students who join the Living Skills’ program in 4 Group homes and Early Intervention therapy sessions for 165 babies and pre-schoolers with special needs. Come along and make a difference to their lives.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND 7 – 9

November at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW
A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! **Bookings: Ardell &**

Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au
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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: 4th Oct: **Bev McKenzie**
9.00am Mass: 5th Oct: **Fay and Junior Faamau**
Vigil Mass: 11th Oct: **Bertha Barbari**
9.00am Mass: 12th Oct: **Catherine Minogue and Helen Rawson**

READERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 4th Oct: **Andrew James and Bev McKenzie**
9.00am Mass: 5th Oct: **Eleanor Barbari and Julie Writer**
Vigil Mass: 11th Oct: **Louise Phillips and May Michelutti**
9.00am Mass: 12th Oct: **Barry Daley and Christine Foreman**

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

CHURCH CLEANERS’ FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 3:
Brian O’Brien, Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro

FLOWER ARRANGER’S FOR NEXT WEEK:
Christine Gomes

USHERS’ FOR NEXT WEEK:

Vigil Mass: **Vicky Horne**
9.00am Mass: **Helen Rawson and Chris Reddy**

Parish Diary Dates:

- **Monday 6th October:** Baptism Preparation Class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Monday 6th October:** Parish Ladies Group meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Thursday 9th October:** 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.
- **Tuesday 14th October:** St Vincent de Paul Society meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Wednesday 15th October:** Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm



