

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year C
27th October 2013

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"



The Parishioners of our Parish would like to warmly welcome Fr Terry Herbert who will be celebrating our Parish Masses this weekend.

ASSIST A STUDENT SCHEME: An appeal will be made this weekend at all Masses to sponsor a disadvantaged overseas student. The forms will be available for this at the Masses.

PARISH MASS TIMES FOR ALL SAINTS and ALL SOULS

Thursday 31 st October: Vigil Mass for All Saints	7.30pm
Friday 1 st November: At St Thomas More Catholic Primary School	9.30am Mass 11.30am 7.30pm Mass
Saturday 2 nd November: All Souls	8.00am Mass

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 2nd 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. (Norms 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 Carmel (in the Parish Office) should you wish to include deceased relative and/or friends in the Book of Remembrance.

GLUTEN FREE ALTAR BREADS: If you require Gluten Free Hosts could you please see Fr Tony before Mass so as they are available for you at Holy Communion.

PARISH DIARY DATES:

- **Monday 4th November** Baptism preparation class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Monday 4th November Parish Ladies Group meeting** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Wednesday 6th November Parish Liturgy Meeting** (to discuss Family Mass and Christmas) at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Sunday 10th November after the 9.00am Mass** Parish Multicultural Food Fair in the Parish Hall
- **Tuesday 12th November St Vincent de Paul Society meeting** at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre **new members are most welcome**
- **Thursday 14th November Retiree's Social group gathering** after the 9.00am Mass (all Retiree's over 55 are most welcome, come along for a chat, cuppa and a laugh) in the Parish Hall.

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 doing exams.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARISHIONERS

If anyone knows of any parishioner who would like a visit from Father Tony, or is ill and/or unable to come to Mass, housebound or in hospital.

Could a family member or friend please contact Fr Tony on 4628 2967 or speak to him in person after/before Mass to arrange a suitable visiting time

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **John Tawanda Mawere** and **Bronte Maree Dean** who were Baptised last weekend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Is during the 9.00am Sunday Mass (during School Terms), School aged children from Kindergarten to and including Year 6 are most welcome.

THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for only \$2.00 please don't forget to **buy** your copy.

PARISH MULTICULTURAL FOODFAIR: Sunday 10th November after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall: This is a fundraiser for our Parish so please come along and support this. Some examples of food that will be for sale are: Indian, Chinese, Tongan, cakes etc. There will be tea, coffee and soft drink will also be for sale. For more details either contact **Freda on: 4628 4907** or the Parish Office on 4628 2967. **We look forward to seeing you all in the Parish Hall to support our Parish Fundraiser.**

CLAIM THE DATE: Saturday 23rd November: A parish bus trip is being arranged to visit Mary MacKillop at North Sydney. More details to come.

PARISH COUNTER'S: We are looking for at least 3 more people to join this Parish Ministry if you have an hour or two to spare after the Sunday 9.00am Mass. You will be shown what is involved and you would be rostered for at least 3 times per calendar year. For more information please contact the Parish Office on 4628 296.

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 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.**

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: Copies are available for you to take home and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish School.

ST VINCENT de PAUL BUSHFIRE APPEAL: With the devastating fires across the State, the St Vincent de Paul Society has launched a Bushfire Appeal. Donations may be made via; People can also donate by calling 13 18 12. Or <http://www.vinnies.org.au/nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw>.

CATECHIST'S ANNUAL RETREAT: Tomorrow (**Monday 28th October**) at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville from 9.30am – 2.30pm. No cost involved. Morning Tea Provided, please BYO Lunch.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ORDINATION – FR VINCE WHITEMAN: Parishioners are invited to Fr Vince's Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood this Thursday 31st October at 6.30pm at All Saints Catholic Parish, Shellharbour. Fr Vince will be the Celebrant.

FACE OF JESUS, FACES WE KNOW – A CELEBRATION OF HOLINESS MASS with Bishop Peter Ingham, 12:10pm Friday 1 November, St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong
 The feast of 'All Saints' encourages us to recognise the 'universal call to holiness' that each one of us has been given through Baptism. As the Year of Faith draws to the Australian Bishops have invited us to contemplate Jesus and affirm the 'holiness of all' who through our baptism are called to be saints for 'it is Christ in you, the hope for glory' (Ephesians 1:27). You are invited to join with Bishop Peter in celebrating this important occasion marking the end of the Year of Faith.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Relationship enrichment for married couples: 8th – 10th November at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, bookings: 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au
 Information: www.wwme.org.au

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH: Exploring Pope Francis Encyclical 'The Light of Faith'. You are invited to join with a panel of speakers uncovering the richness of Pope Francis' new encyclical and celebrate the end of the "Year of Faith" at St John's, Campbelltown Parish Hall on Thursday 14th November 7.30pm – 9.30pm. To register please contact Darren McDowell on cfl@dow.org.au or 4222 2463

ENGAGE, EXPERIENCE, UNDERSTAND MASS, MUSIC AND LITURGY BETTER Lift Up Your Hearts - Wollongong 15-18 January 2014 **REGISTER NOW! 15% EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT – ONLY DAYS LEFT!** . It is being held locally at Wollongong so we can take full advantage. Renowned composer and liturgist Fr Jan Michael Joncas leads a panel of four international Keynote speakers. We will hear from over thirty speakers, all leaders in their respective fields in liturgy and music. Full details of the conference and online registration process are now available at www.liftupyourhearts.com.au . GST free pricing for parishes and other members of the Catholic GST Group. Register now and save with early bird registration available until end of October.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Shirley Starr, Nicholas Larkin, Mary Ford, Lilly Levine, Janice Ayers, Jack O'Sullivan, Ellen Healy, Kathryn Primmer, Melanie Blessing, The Liban family, Candice Walker, Tina Boyd, Colum Brennan, Len Donoghue, Kelly Berthaly, Mary Fredericks, Jean Nicholson, Mary Pace, Ken Smith, Lorraine Evans, Sitani Nasio, Kevin Hardinge, Gino Stephen, Iris Stephen, Beryl Purcell, Gloria Eggert, Barbara DeVille, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, John McCann and Ken Churchill.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Bishop Anthony Burgess, Emeritus bishop of Wewak, New Guinea (R.D.), Br Bill Connel, Carol Obereigner, Ruth Condan, Jean Barrett, Frances McCafferty, Edward Atkins, Bernard Hoffmann, John DeVillie, Violet Francisco, Emil Avila, Derek Lavocah, Irene Mahanay, Gloria Carlon, Lina Pereira, Antonio Alefosio, Emanuele Alefosio, Paul Alefosio, Valelia Fao fua, Beryl Jones, George Dass, Richard Burne, Joan Riddell, Ivy and Bill Foley, Kevin Shelley, Laurel Malloy, Reg Absolem, Maclovia Herera, Alice Harris, Mary Writer, Nypha Vaz, Joseph Rodrigues, Limita Rodrigues, Carlos Carvalho, Cecil Moylan, Emily Wauchop, Maurya Hutton, Ladislav Feher, Deborah Rix, Jim McKenzie, Michael Suefatu, Stephen Vaz, Sioeli Salas, Robin Platt, Ronald Dawson, Anthony Jabbour, Dominic Pereira, Peter Pereira, Pat Purcell, Genie Lynch, Frank McKay, Frank Keevers, Laurie Keevers, Keith Gomes and Maria Cabonara and for anyone else who's Anniversary occurs at this time.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue is in the home of **Eugine and Pauline** for two weeks, commencing **Monday 21st October to Sunday 3rd November.** The family will be saying the Rosary on **Monday at 7.00pm.** The address is on the Main notice board at the side of the Church. **Please collect the statue from the Church on the weekend and return it the following fortnight.**

READERS FOR NOVEMBER:

Vigil Mass: 2nd November: Bev and Julie McKenzie
 9th & 16th: Phil and Pam Kenyon
 9.00am Mass: 3rd November: Brian and Claire O'Brien
 10th & 17th: Maureen Molland and Samuel Gould

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

USHER'S FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Vigil Mass: Helpers required
 9am Mass: Christine Foreman

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 6: Tongan Youth Group

FLOWERS FOR NEXT WEEK: Christine and Carmel

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am MASS: Sunday 17th November: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Maria Hill and Colleen Jablonskis

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*Lord Jesus, Create in us a new heart.
 Pour your Spirit upon us
 so that we may do the will of the Father.
 Nourish us with your Eucharist
 and heal us of sin.
 Let our commitment
 to stewardship be a sign
 of our love for you.
 Amen*

