

6<sup>th</sup> July 2014



14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A  
Diocesan Feast – Immaculate Heart of Mary  
(NAIDOC 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

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Please keep in your Prayers the Candidates who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, their families and teachers who are preparing them for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

*The Sacrament of Confirmation for our Parish will be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30pm. Celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham DD*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August: 7.30pm in the Parish Church:** Parents/Carers Information night for **First Holy Communion** (for Catholic Baptised Children in Years 3 and above who have made the Sacrament of Reconciliation).

*The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be: Celebrated on the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> September.*



*The Parishioners and visitors of our Parish would like to wish Fr Tony a very happy, holy and enjoyable birthday this coming Friday (11<sup>th</sup> July). May the good Lord shower you with many blessings on your special day and continue to bless you life and give you the desires of your heart. May God bless you and keep you always in His tender, loving care.*

**PARISH BIRTHDAY for this week:**

8<sup>th</sup>: David Minogue  
11<sup>th</sup>: Fr Tony

**THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Great value for only \$2.00. Please purchase your copy from the back table at the main entrance to the Church.

**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.

**SICK LIST:** Please pray for the *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr David Catterall (Parish Priest, Albion Park), Ann Webster, Beryl Purcell, Carmel Welsh, Carmen Wells, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Maree Laming, Marie Moore, Margo Haines, Melanie Blessing, Michael Trimboli, Natalie Dwyer, Scott Chesney, Tina Boyd, Tomas Laming and Vera Rose .

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:** Please pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Sandra Aslan (R.D.), Maria Kelly (R.D), Vera Spithill (R.D.), Jenny Jones (Anniv), Deborah Rix (Anniv), Dulcie Munro (Anniv), Darren Todd (Anniv), Eileen Morris, John McConnell, Joseph Daly, Kay Berton, Agustin Gonzalez, Maclovio Herrera, Frank Keevers, Peter Daly, Sharon Murray, Marcel Farrash, Delma Hooton, Alice Harris, Jack O’Sullivan, Hubertina Van Der Burg, Mary Writer, Sitani (Stan) Nasio, Michael Seufatu, Ladislav Feher, Philip Mills, Josephine McKay, Charles Dows, Stuart Eldridge, Frank McKay, Genie Lynch and Maria Cabonara. *May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and May perpetual light shine upon them.*

**CURRENT READERS and POTENTIAL READERS:**

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to be a reader. If you are still considering – today is your last chance. I believe that the Holy Spirit is with us when we read and with information, practice and His help we can do it. The new rosters will be available after the school holidays and I will announce in the bulletin when the workshop will be held. If you missed out on hearing yourself read at the last workshop, Chris has promised he will be at this one, so “old” readers who would like to join new readers would be very welcome. *Many thanks again Julie*

**ST VINCENT de PAUL – WINTER APPEAL**

Your St Vincent de Paul conference wishes to express a very big **THANK YOU** to the Parish for what has once again been an extremely generous response to the Society’s Winter Appeal. If any parishioners wish to offer further cash donations, envelopes will be available at the back of the Church. Simply place the completed envelope in either collection or deliver it to the Parish Office. Anyone still wishing to donate food etc. can deliver goods to the Parish Office during business hours. *We thank you again, for your ongoing generosity and prayers.*

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CANNOT COME TO MASS?:**

We currently have **2 Acolyte’s** from our parish community visiting parishioners and bringing Holy Communion every week to those who are ill or elderly and unable to come to Mass. Sometimes, or it may be that someone who could benefit from a lift. Please encourage them to phone our Parish Office on 4628 2967 either to arrange Communion to be brought to them or to organize transport to Mass.

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL FEAST DAY:** To be celebrated *next* Sunday (13th July) commencing with 10am Mass, followed by procession, international lunch, concert and children’s activities. All welcome. Please bring a plate to share. Novena of Masses from Friday 4 July – Saturday 12 July at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 193 St Andrews Rd, Varroville. For more information and RSVP please call 96037373

**FAITH MINISTRY SPIRITUALITY FORMATION CALENDAR**

**2014 July - December:** We have plenty of copies of these Calendars, they are available on all the tables at the entrance to the Church. Please take a copy home to see what is happening in our Diocese.

**2014 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS:** If you are celebrating 25,40,50 or 60 years of Marriage this year and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014 at 2.00pm at St John Vianney Fairy Meadow, please contact Helen Bennett on 4222 2403 or email [Helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:Helen.bennett@dow.org.au) at the Office of the Bishop by Monday 11 August and an invitation will be sent to you.

**MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE:** 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville. Contact number: (02) 8795 3400 or [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com)

**July 25-27:** Weekend Retreat: “The Light of Faith (Lumen Fidei)” Prayerful reflection on Pope Francis’ first encyclical.

*Presenter:* Fr Gabriel Maliakkal, OCD

Cost: \$220 (Concessions available)

**August 8-10:** Weekend Men’s Retreat: “The Crucified is No Stranger” *Presenter:* Sebastian Moore OSB) Please phone the office for more details.

**LUNCH FOR CATHOLIC DEAF COMMUNITY-Campbelltown**

**Catholic Club: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 12.00noon:** All members of the Deaf community, friends and those interested in learning Auslan (Australian Sign Language) very welcome

**THE JOURNEY – CATHOLIC RADIO:** ‘The Journey’ is the Diocese’s weekly Catholic Radio Program. It is about faith, hope, love and life and airs on Pulse 94.1 from 11am-12pm Sundays or Wednesdays 10-11pm or via live streaming or podcasts at any time, just go to [radio.dow.org.au](http://radio.dow.org.au)

**DIOCESAN CHOIR - Upcoming Diocesan Events:**

Attention all choristers: You are invited to join the Diocesan Choir in supporting the Diocesan Mass Celebrating Bishop Peter Ingham’s Golden Jubilee of his Priesthood (Friday 8 August, 5 pm @ St Francis Xavier Cathedral), as well as the Diocesan Significant Marriage Anniversaries (Sunday 21 September), and the Diocesan Catechist Mass (Saturday 15 November). Initial rehearsals are scheduled for Wednesday 31 July and 6 August, 7pm - 8:15 pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. To register for the Diocesan Choir, go to <http://www.liturgydow.org.au/diocesan-choir.html> or contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au).

**Parish Diary Dates:**

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July: Baptism Preparation class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July: Parish Ladies Group meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre *new members are most welcome*

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July: St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre *new members are most welcome*
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July: Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July: Readers’ Workshop at 3.15pm in the Church (please contact Julie Writer for more details)
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July: Parish Finance Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July: 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.

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** The Rosary Statue will be in the home of *James and Carmel* for 2 weeks commencing **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July**. The Family will be praying the Rosary on **Tuesday at 7.30 pm**. 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.*

*Have you considered celebrating praying the Rosary at home and inviting other parishioners to share this special time with you? Those interested in having the Rosary Statue (and/or would like more details) can contact the parish office on 4628 2967 to arrange a suitable time you and your family would like to have our Parish Rosary Statue in your home.*

**EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS’ OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: 12<sup>th</sup> July: Bev McKenzie**  
**9.00am Mass: 13<sup>th</sup> July: Karen Harvey and Freda Miranda**  
**Vigil Mass: 19<sup>th</sup> July: Bertha Barbari**  
**9.00am Mass: 20<sup>th</sup> July: Fay and Junior Faamau**

**READERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil e.** Please RSVP to Rebecca Miller 0419 152 310 or [Rebecca.miller@dow.org.au](mailto:Rebecca.miller@dow.org.au) by Monday 14 July.

**DATE CLAIMER: SPIRIT ALIVE YOUTH FESTIVAL – FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER, VARROVILLE PARISH HALL:**

Start planning to attend! Contact our Youth office on [youth@dow.org.au](mailto:youth@dow.org.au) or 4222 2460 for more information.

**Mass: 12<sup>th</sup> July: Bev and Julie McKenzie**  
**9.00am Mass: 13<sup>th</sup> July: Maria Feher and Cody Benes**

**Vigil Mass: 19<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> July: Pam and Phil Kenyon**  
**9.00am Mass: 20<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> July: Therese and Jim Writer**

(Could the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader please also read the Prayers of Intercession)

**CHURCH CLEANERS’ FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 5: Samoan Divine Mercy Group**

**USHERS’ FOR NEXT WEEK:**  
**Vigil Mass: Vicky Horne**  
**9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman**

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00AM MASS:**

*20<sup>th</sup> July: Carmel Munro, Christine Foreman, Rita Jowsey,  
Helen Rawson and Amanda Romeiro*