

20th July 2014



16th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

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 next Saturday 26th July at 3.30pm. Celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham DD

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Wednesday 6th 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 13th /14th September.

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 any Visitor's to our Parish this weekend.



Everyone is invited to Refreshments after the 9.00am Mass, please come and join us in the Parish Hall to share a cuppa and a chat with other Parishioners.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS for this week:

20th: *Naomi Cross*

24th: *Carmel Bartolo and Tresora Wyer*

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.

THANK YOU: To the ladies who provided and served supper for the combined Ruse and Ingleburn Parish Pastoral Council Meeting held on Thursday evening (17th July). It was greatly appreciated.

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.

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.

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, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Maree Laming, Marie Moore, Margo Haines, Melanie Blessing, Michael Trimboli, Natalie Dwyer, Scott Chesney, Tina Boyd and Tomas Laming.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Ern Munro (Anni)

Desmond (Des) White, Thelma Harpley, Marie Lamiel, Sandra Aslan, Maria Kelly, Vera Spithill, Jenny Jones, Deborah Rix, Frank Keevers, Peter Daly, Delma Hooton, Alice Harris, Jack O'Sullivan, Mary Writer, Sitani (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 PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM: If you would like to join our Parish Planned Giving Program, there are Direct Debit forms and Parish Envelope forms available on the table at the Entrance of the Church. If you need to update your family records there are also Parish Census Forms on the same table. The completed forms can be placed in the collection baskets at Mass, or given to Father Tony or left at the Parish Office. **Thanking you in anticipation.**

FOR READERS: The 2014-2015 roster is available to be collected from the back of the Church. Please be sure to pick up yours as it commences next month. Many thanks to all those people who volunteered to read at the Vigil Mass even though it was not their regular Mass. It made the roster much more manageable. A reminder too, that when the children in their classes participate on a Sunday, the children will do the readings and Prayers of the Faithful. A notice in the bulletin will remind you of this.

Thanking you Julie

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Please take home a copy of our Parish Primary School newsletter and see what is happening.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE:

Sunday 3rd August, gates open at 9.00am. Please read the School newsletter for more details.

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

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

CAMPBELLTOWN CATHOLIC CLUB 2014 COMMUNION LUNCH:

Will be held in the Cube at Campbelltown Catholic Club on Sunday 10th August 2014. The doors open at 11.45am. **The tickets are \$15.00 per head, which includes a 2 course meal and drinks. We still have tickets available. If you would like to purchase some please come to the Parish Office during Office hours.**

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, 21st 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 at the Office of the Bishop by Monday 11 August and an invitation will be sent to you.

MINISTRY TRAINING - Acolytes, Adult Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

For current ministers wishing to deepen their understanding of ministry, we are blessed to have Fr Paul Turner for an evening on Thursday, 14 August, 7:30 pm - 9 pm. **Attendance at this evening will qualify as ongoing ministry formation for the purposes of renewal of Five-Year Faculties for current Acolytes.**

LITURGY – MINISTRY – MISSION is also included in the above evening. All parish liturgy ministers are also invited to attend this evening. It is an opportunity to gain further insights into your ministry.

The evening with Fr Paul Turner is at the Main Hall, St Mary Star of the Sea, Harbour Street. Enquiries and RSVP to Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or Helen.bennett@dow.org.au.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY Saturday 6 September 10am – 2pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic High School Hall:

Bishop Peter Ingham and the Diocesan Pastoral Council invite Clergy, Parish Pastoral Councils, Catholic School Leadership Teams, all parishioners and other interested people to gather and participate in an assembly focusing upon parish and diocesan plans for 2015. With the approaching Synod on the Family, this Diocesan Assembly will prove an important occasion for assisting one another in responding to and developing ways of addressing the pressing pastoral concerns that face us as a Diocese. The assembly will also be a time for parishes, schools and agencies to share their own initiatives as we seek to live our call as *Bearers of Christ's Love*. Please contact Darren McDowell 4222 2463 or darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au for further information. **RSVP is essential, please contact Helen Bennett via email helen.bennett@dow.org.au by Wednesday, 3 September 2014.**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – 16th Sunday Ordinary Time

"Those who are just must be kind," says today's first reading. If our words and deeds are kind and selfless, we will be like the good seed in the Gospel parable and gathered as wheat in the Lord's harvest.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Rosary Statue will be in the home of *Kathleen and John* for 2 weeks commencing **Monday 21st July to Sunday 3rd August**. The Family will be praying the Rosary on **Tuesday at 6.00pm**. 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.**

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: 26th July: *Bev McKenzie*
9.00am Mass: 27th July: *Catherine Minogue and Helen Rawson*
Vigil Mass: 2nd Aug: *Bertha Barbari*
9.00am Mass: 3rd Aug: *Faye & Junior Faamau*

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 26th July: *Pam and Phil Kenyon*
9.00am Mass: 27th July: *Year 1 Parents (from St Thomas More Catholic Primary School)*

Vigil Mass: 2nd Aug: *Louise Phillips and David Minogue*
9.00am Mass: 3rd Aug: *Tyson Lumagui and Julie Writer*

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

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT WEEK: Group: 6
Tongan Youth Group

FLOWER ARRANGERS' FOR NEXT WEEK:
Samoan Divine Mercy Group

USHERS' FOR NEXT WEEK:

Vigil Mass: *Help Required*
9.00am Mass: *Parents/Year 1 students (St Thomas More Catholic Primary School)*

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00AM MASS next Sunday (27th July): *Parishioner donations (greatly appreciated) and help and the Parents/Carers of Year 1 students from St Thomas More Catholic Primary School*

Parish Diary Dates:

- **Tuesday 22nd July:** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre *new members are most welcome*
- **Thursday 31st 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.
- **Monday 4th August:** Baptism Preparation Class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Monday 4th August:** Parish Ladies Group meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Wednesday 6th August:** Parent/Carer Information Night for First Holy Communion at 7.30pm in the Church (please see note in first column)

