

27th July 2014

17th 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



We welcome Bishop Peter to our Parish this weekend. Bishop Peter is here to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation and to help us celebrate our Vigil Mass this Saturday Evening.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Was held in our Parish this weekend (Saturday at 3.30pm) by Bishop Peter Ingham DD.

Please keep our Candidates, their parents and their Sponsors in your prayers.

Thank you to all who prepared the Candidates for this Sacrament to compete their initiation into full membership of the Catholic Church.

Thank you to the many people who prepared the Church for the Sacrament of Confirmation and for us to Worship in each week: Sacristan's, Cleaner's, Musicians, Powerpoint and Grounds men. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

Fr Tony

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.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE TRIALS: *The Parishioners of our Parish wish the students of our Parish who will be sitting for the Higher School Certificate in the coming weeks, all the very best.*

PARISH BIRTHDAY for this week:

31st: Paul Newman

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.

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.

We welcome anyone who is new to our Parish or visiting this weekend.



Everyone is invited to Refreshments after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall. Please come and join Parishioners and visitors for a cuppa and a chat.

ST VINCENT de PAUL – WINTER APPEAL

If any parishioners wish to offer further cash donations for their Winter Appeal, envelopes are 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, Ann Webster, Beryl Purcell, Carmel Welsh, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Maree Laming, Marie Moore, Margo Haines, 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. Joy St Claire Jones (R.D.), Henry Supierz (R.D.), Wilfred (Bill) Ford (Anniv), Desmond (Des) White, Thelma Harpley, Marie Lamiel, Sandra Aslan, Maria Kelly, Vera Spithill, Jenny Jones, Deborah Rix, Frank Keevers, 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: Thank you to all those people who volunteered to read at the Vigil Mass even though it was not their regular Mass. 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:

Next Sunday (3rd August) 9am-4pm. There will be plenty of rides, and some of the Stalls are: Face painting, Chocolate wheel, plenty of entertainment, plenty of hot/cold food stalls, white Elephant Stall plus many more. Purchase tickets in the Major Raffle. Paul Wakeling Motor Group will have their pre-loved car that you can win. Come and support your Parish Primary School. A fun day is guaranteed by all.

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. 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.**

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 in their home. 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: 2nd Aug: Bertha Berbari
9.00am Mass: 3rd Aug: Faye & Junior Faamau
Vigil Mass: 9th: Bev McKenzie
9.00am Mass: 10th Aug: Freda Miranda and Helen Rawson

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 2nd Aug: Louise Phillips and David Minogue
9.00am Mass: 3rd Aug: Tyson Lumagui and Julie Writer
Vigil Mass: 9th Aug: Louise Phillips and David Minogue
9.00am Mass: 10th Aug: Andrea Rojas and Julie Writer

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

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

FLOWER ARRANGERS' FOR NEXT WEEK: Julie

USHERS' FOR NEXT WEEK:

Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
9.00am Mass: Cathy Bye

Parish Diary Dates:

- **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)
- **Tuesday 12th August:** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at **7.30pm** in the Parish Centre **new members are most welcome**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – 17th Sunday Ordinary Time

"The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces," says the psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same?

