

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
2nd August 2015



National Vocations Week

This Sunday is the beginning of Vocations Week. Today we are invited to explore our identity and mission as Christians: "The Christian should be a luminous person; one who brings light, who always gives off light! A light that is not his, but a gift from God, a gift from Jesus."

Pope Francis. Contact Fr Richard Healey, Vocations Director, on 0401 621 591 or priesthood@dow.org.au

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 ramps going into the Church and 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

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.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CANNOT COME TO

MASS? Members of our Parish Community visit parishioners and bring Communion every week to those who are ill or elderly so are unable to come to Mass. Sometimes, it may be that someone who could benefit from a lift. Please encourage them to contact our parish Office (46282967) either to arrange communion to be brought to them or to organize transport to Mass.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Preparation lessons begin this week. Please keep the Candidates, their families and the teacher's in your prayers.

THE 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 of the Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Bill Eccleston, Maree and Noel Laming, Brian Harris, Candice Walker, Chris Noyce, Ethan Craig, Leo Cornwell, Doreen Monckton, Mary Smith, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Tina Ting, Tony Nolan, Beryl Purcell, Carmel Welsh, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Natalie Dwyer, Tomas Laming and Mary Fredericks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Mary Louise Smith (R.D.), Jeff Miezio, Ern Munro, Tina Boyd, Deborah Rix, John Read, Mary Writer, Michael Burns, Josephine McKay, Andy Grima, Kellan Byrnes, Stuart Eldridge, Genie Lynch, Frank McKay, Peter Hampton, Colin Foley, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, and Maria Cabonara.
May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual lights shine upon them.

Parishioners Birthdays for this week:

7th: Rosa Herrera

If any Parishioner/s would like to have their Birthdays and or Wedding Anniversaries included in the bulletin, please either inform Fr Tony or contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or ruse@dow.org.au

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: There are still a few not collected. If any of your details have changed: eg: address, phone, email details etc please fill out a new Parish Census Form so your records can be updated.

If you would like to become part of the Parish Planned Giving Program either by Direct Debit or Envelopes there are forms available on all the Tables at the Entrance of the Church. By contributing through the Planned Giving Program you are helping with the running costs/ongoing maintenance of our Parish. Thanking you in anticipation.

PARISH MINISTRY ROSTERS: There are still many rosters that have not been collected, please take home your copy (Reader's, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Parish Counter's, Refreshments after Mass (Amended dates for Groups 1 & 3) and Parish Cleaner's Rosters). Thank you to the many Parishioners who are members of these Parish Ministries and other Ministries of our Parish Church, the gift of your time and talents are greatly appreciated and thank you for your continuing support of your Parish.

If you would like to join any of the many Parish Ministries please do not hesitate to Contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or email: ruse@dow.org.au.

Many hands make light work.

PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY (Kindergarten to Year 6 inclusive): Is each Sunday at the 9.00am Mass during School Terms. We are looking for helper's and Teacher's if you are interested in helping with this Parish Ministry, please phone Joanne on 0421 802 132 for more information.

THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME: Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am in our Parish Hall during school terms. **Attention: Parents/Guardians and Grandparents,** if you have any children/grandchildren under School age and bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the kids enjoy playtime activities including Bible Story time, songs, craft, outside/inside play and pray time. Gold coin donation. If interested please phone: **Catherine for more information: 46271842**

ST VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL:

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*

TOILET BLOCKAGES: We have recently had several blocked toilets **ONLY TOILET PAPER IS TO BE PUT IN THE TOILETS. GARBAGE BINS ARE PROVIDED IN THE TOILETS AND OUTSIDE THE TOILET BLOCK FOR OTHER RUBBISH.**



READERS WORKSHOP: Will be held in the Church on Saturday 22nd August from 10am – 12noon. Please let me know on 4628 2967 or the Office number: 4628 2967 if you are able to come. If you haven't already done one I look forward to seeing you there. Thank you

Julie

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE:

Please come and support our Parish Primary School Fete, to be held **today Sunday 2nd August**, from 9.00am to 4.00pm on the School Grounds. There will be plenty of food stalls, raffles, rides plus plenty more. A fun day is promised to all.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Keep up to date with the happenings in our Parish Catholic Primary School. The School Newsletter is available at all the tables at the Entrance of the Church to take home.

2015 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 20 September 2015 at 2.00pm, please contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403/email helen.bennett@dow.org.au by this Monday 3rd August and an invitation will be sent to you.

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP DIOCESAN MASS:

The celebration of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Diocesan Mass will be held at **Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Kiama on Saturday 8 August 2015, commencing at 11.00am**, to be followed by light lunch in the parish hall. Bishop Peter will be the principal celebrant. All are welcome.

SCIENCE & RELIGION: PARTNERS IN KNOWING GOD, THE UNIVERSE & LIFE: Wednesday 12 August 7:30-9:30pm at St John the Evangelist Parish Hall Campbelltown.

Rev. Dr. Anthony Gooley is back, this time presenting on *Science & Religion*. In popular imagination and media science and religion (Christianity) are often pitted against each other as opposing forces. When we look at the relationship between them, especially Christian theology, we are surprised to learn just how close they are to one another and yet each has its own limits and proper way of doing things. We will look, at the origins and development of the universe. **Registration is essential to Helen 4222 2403 or elen.bennett@dow.org.au** Cost is \$10. Enquiries to **Darren McDowell, 4222 2463 or cfl@dow.org.au**

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY 5 SEPTEMBER – MERCY AND HEALING:

Our next diocesan assembly will be at Mt Carmel Catholic College, Varroville on Saturday 5 September, 9.30am registration for 10am start. It is a very practical assembly giving you an opportunity to partake in workshops with a focus on the upcoming Year of Mercy and our focus on Healing for 2016. Please reserve a spot in your calendar. More details available soon.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue is currently in the home of Cora Purnell. *The family will be praying the Rosary on Monday evening at 6.00pm.* The address is on the main noticeboard of the Church.
If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry please phone Bev on: 4625 0659

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Monday 3rd August: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre, all ladies are most welcome. Come along and enjoy a cuppa and a chat
Tuesday 4th August: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 11th August: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in the Parish Centre, new Members are most welcome
Thursday 13th August: 9.30am Retiree's Social Group gathering in the Parish Hall (Retiree's over 55 are most welcome) come along for a cuppa, chat and a laugh.

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 8th August: Winnie Cameron and James Munro
9.00am Mass: Sunday 9th August: Helen Rawson and Julie Writer
Vigil Mass: Saturday 15th August: Trish Newman and Bev McKenzie
9.00am Mass: Sunday 16th August: Fay Faamau and Junior Faamau

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

(Could the 2nd Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)
Vigil Mass: Saturday 8th August: Gabby Menzies and Andrew James
9.00am Mass: Sunday 9th August: Maureen Molland And Therese Writer
Vigil Mass: Saturday 15th August: Julie and Bev McKenzie
9.00am Mass: Sunday 16th August: Maria Samaha and Maria Feher

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 8th August: Group5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group
Saturday 15th August: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 8th August: Carmel Munro
9.00am Mass: Sunday 9th August: Chris Reddy and Helen Rawson
Vigil Mass: Saturday 15th August: Maureen Molland
9.00am Mass: Sunday 16th August: Christine Foreman

CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGER'S FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Saturday 8th August: Christine Gomes

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS:

Next Sunday -10th August: Group 3: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Maria Hill and Colleen Jablonskis.