

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

1st July 2012



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 wish all our Parish Children a safe and restful holiday.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Chris Comray, Mary Pace, Alphonse Zammit, Ken Smith, Jim Writer, Zanaba Liban, Lorraine Evans, Sitani Nasio, Marcia Davis, Jack O'Sullivan, Kevin Hardinge, Gino Stephen, Iris Stephen, Tina Boyd, Beryl Purcell, Gloria Eggert, Barbara DeVille, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Theresa Cruz, Phillip Conroy, Alphonso Zammit, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, Amy Jablonskis, Sioeli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

John Read (Anniv), Dulcie Munro (Anniv), Joseph Daly (Anniv), Frank Zachulski, Maclovía Herrera, Agustin Gonzalez, Gino Lumagui, Alice Harris, Joseph Rodrigues, Terry Martin, Limita Rodrigues, Patrica Barker, John Mayne, Mary Writer, Keith Gomes, Baptist D'Sa, Ladislav Feher, Maria Cabonara, Frank McKay, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, Lina Pereira, John McFeeters, and Robert Deville.

Diary Dates:

- **Baptism Preparation Class** Monday 2nd July at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Parish Ladies Group** meeting Monday 2nd July at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre, **new members are most welcome**
- **Retiree's Social Group** meeting Thursday 5th July after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall (**retiree's over 55 are most welcome**)
- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 10th July in the Parish Centre, new members are most welcome

Parish Birthday for this week:

30th: Kelvin (Jim) Eggert, Pauline Menzies, Pauline Daly, Jane Andrews, 1st July: David Nolan, 2nd: Tyrone Astruc and 8th: David Minogue

Fellow Parishioners.

Many thanks to all those, both new and old, who committed to the Reader's Ministry. We are not going to have a Commentary for a while so I would ask that the second reader do the Prayers of the Faithful. Today is the last opportunity to put your name on the roster and I am hoping that with no commentator and some new names, you will not feel tied down but happy with what you are doing.

I will let you know the date of the workshop.

Many thanks Julie

ST PAULS MISSALS: The new Sunday and Weekday Mass Missals are now available. Orders can be placed at the Parish Office. We have arranged a special price for a bulk order of \$35 per Sunday Missal and \$65 for the Weekday Missal. To take advantage of this special price arrangement, payment with your order is required.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE: Is on Sunday 5th August. Drop off days for the White Elephant stall are 28th July and 4th August. They do accept old TV's, white goods, VHS videos and stuffed toys. They will also accept donations of 2nd hand books and pre-loved clothes.

OUR CHURCH,

OUR PROBLEM,

OUR FUTURE

St Thomas More Church Ruse's Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils are united in their belief in the importance of our Church and the need to safeguard its future.

A joint meeting recently reinforced the thoughts that we cannot afford to be complacent or take what we have for granted. Instead, with the number of practicing Catholics on the decline – not just in our Parish and Diocese but Worldwide – we need to be on a constant lookout to keep our Church and beliefs vibrant and relevant.

We have to forget about the way things were or used to be done: the Church's message of Jesus' love and celebrating his 'real' presence amongst us to be delivered through methods and means significant to this generation. St Thomas More Parish, Ruse is renowned for its welcoming and friendly atmosphere. We ask that you continue that spirit of welcome, but also renew your commitment to give St Thomas More your emotional, physical and financial support - through Prayer, the Church Ministries and the Collections each week.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:

The Planned Giving Envelopes for next financial year are available at the entrance of the church. If you wish to join our Parish Planned Giving program, forms are available on the table near the envelopes. You can either drop the completed forms in the collection baskets or into the Parish Office.

FRENCH MASS: Sunday 8th July at 6.00pm at St John's Campbelltown (Cordeaux St) all parishioners are welcome to attend.

CATECHIST TRAINING: If you would like to join this Ministry, Level 11 training will be held at Micah House, Cordeaux St, Campbelltown on Monday 23rd July. Please phone Cindy Oliver on 46408550 for more details.

JOURNEY MAGAZINE: Find out what is happening in our Diocese, please take a copy home. They are the tables at the entrance of the Church

St Vincent de Paul – Winter Appeal:

For our Winter Appeal this year we are appealing for **cash and food**. There will be envelopes on the seats at Mass if people would like to leave a cash donation. Just put the envelope in the plate. We will also leave envelopes at the back of the church for the next few weeks. We are again collecting also food for the Nagle Centre in Campbelltown where they supply freshly made meals to the homeless, hungry and lonely. These meals are supplied every day at lunch time and on Wednesdays at dinner time. It is a service that is vital for our community and your donations will be very gratefully accepted. They would like donations of: Cans of tuna, Jars of bolognese sauce, Rice, Pasta, Tinned fruit and Tinned soup. Nappies are also a necessity and would be appreciated. There will be baskets at the back of the church for the next few weeks.

Thank you for your generosity.

THE NAGLE CENTRE: Are currently conducting a 'Sleeping Bag' drive for pre loved, new or donations to purchase. If you have spare blankets to donate they would be greatly appreciated. They can be dropped at the Nagle Centre, Iolanthe St, Campbelltown.

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION. You are invited to celebrate this occasion at our Annual Diocesan liturgical celebration on Sunday, 8 July 2012 from 2.00pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. This year's celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is entitled **By the Power of Faith, We shall be Healed**. The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday provides Catholic communities around the country with a timely opportunity to offer thanks to God for the wonderful contribution that Indigenous communities and individuals have made and continue to make to the cultural fabric of Australia in general and to Christian and Catholic communities in particular. **Please RSVP to Helen Bennett on (02) 4253 0934 or email helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au by this Monday, 2 July.**

The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Mary** from **Monday 2nd July** until **Sunday 8th July**. The family will say the Rosary on **Monday at 4.00pm**. Please see main notice board for the address details. *Please collect the statue from the church on the weekend and return it the following weekend. Thank you.*

READERS FOR MASS FOR JULY 2012:

Vigil Mass: Louise Phillips & Bev McKenzie

8.00am Mass: Jim and Julie Writer

9.30am Mass: Freda Miranda & Noel Laming

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

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne

8.00am Mass: Gwen and Brian Harris

9.30am Mass: Pesio Aiga

FLOWERS for next weekend: Maree

CHURCH CLEANERS for next weekend: Group 3: Brian O'Brien, Christine Foreman, Pauline Menzies, James and Carmel Munro

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: Sunday 15th July (after the 9.30am Mass) Maureen Molland, Pauline Menzies, Maryse Parisi Christine Goodall and Catherine Minogue

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2012

(Enrolment for all Sacraments will require the presentation of a Baptism Certificate)

Confirmation

(Children Year 6 and above who have made their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion)

Parent Information Night (Parents and Carers only)

Wednesday 1st August at 7.30pm – Parish Church
Classes will commence week beginning Sunday 5th August at 3.00pm – Parish Hall and will conclude week beginning Sunday 26th August.

Second Rite of Reconciliation Thursday 30th August at 7.30pm- Parish Church.

Confirmation Practice Friday 7th September at 5.00pm – Parish Church.

Sacrament of Confirmation Saturday 8th September (Mass time to be advised)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – 13th Sunday Ordinary Time

Stewardship spirituality is one of gratitude and generosity. We give thanks for what we have been blessed with by God and with a generous heart move out in action to support those who do not have even the essentials of life. We know however, that this is a balancing act, as St Paul in the second reading writes – "It is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need". Who is most in need in our lives, in our city and in our country and beyond, how are we balancing our goods and needs with theirs?

