

14th 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."

Prayer for our Parish

Heavenly Father, You have chosen our parish as the vehicle by which You encounter us in our daily lives. The parish is the assembly in which your Word is proclaimed, your Eucharist is celebrated, your people are united in a local community and subdivided into smaller groups so that they may become the agent of change for the betterment of the whole Church. Make our parishioners aware of the many opportunities and responsibilities that are theirs as witnesses of You to our age. Keep us open to our need of your love and fellowship. Let both religious and laity work together to serve You in others. Amen.

The Parishioners of our Parish would like to wish Fr Tony a very happy birthday for this Wednesday (11th July).



PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Jean Nicholson, Marilyn Fabry, Kay Burton, 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 DeVillie, 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, Dulcie Munro, Frank Zachulski, Maclovia 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.

Parish Birthday for this week:

8th: David Minogue, **9th:** Pam Egtberts, **11th:** Fr Tony and **12th:** Annabelle Francois

Diary Dates:

- **Choir Practice** at 7.00pm in the Church, this Tuesday 10th July, all singers are invited to come along
- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 10th July at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, new members are most welcome
- **Parish Finance Council** meeting Wednesday 18th July at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Retiree's Social Group** gathering (parishioner's over 55 are most welcome) in the Parish Hall after the 9.00am Mass

Fellow Parishioners,

We have a problem! I cannot do a Reader's'/Commentators' roster when I have insufficient names. To date we have only **three** volunteers for the Vigil Mass and **five** for 9.30am Mass. It is unfair on volunteers to tie them down every week-end but that is what happens when there are so few. **If you have the faith, please consider becoming a reader. God gave us all voices and He will give you the confidence if you have the faith.**

The clipboard is be at the back of the Church. If you have been away, just forgot or took some time to decide, please add your name to the list to become a reader or to continue in this ministry.

The workshop date will be in the bulletin.

Many thanks Julie

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 had books and pre-loved clothes.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:

There are still some Planned Giving Envelopes for this financial year ready for collection on the table 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.**

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. 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 bolognaise 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

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION. You are invited to celebrate this occasion at our Annual Diocesan liturgical celebration today, (Sunday, 8 July) 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.**

Mary MacKillop Place Pilgrimage Walk: Take some time to come and prayerfully reflect in the sacred spaces of Mary MacKillop Place, Thursday, 19th July 10 am - 2.30pm. Entry via 9 Mount Stree, North Sydney. Cost \$25 (includes morning tea, lunch and Pilgrimage booklet) Information and Bookings: mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au or 8912 4818

"COME TO THE FEAST" A WORKSHOP ON

HOSPITALITY – MORE THAN A CUPPA with Mr Chris Ehler, Archdiocese of Brisbane on **Saturday, 21 July in our Parish Hall from 10.00am – 2.30pm.**

Morning tea and lunch provided. Hospitality is fundamental to the life of any community. **This day is for all those involved in all ministries and indeed the whole community.** Mr Chris Ehler, will lead us in exploring the meaning of hospitality and assist us in developing ways for creating hospitable and welcoming communities in all areas of ministry and community life. We will also briefly discuss initiatives arising from the March Stewardship Renewal Day. **RSVP essential to Darren McDowell on (02) 4253 0985 or email darren.mcdowell@woll.catholic.org.au**

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.

ANSWERING ATHEISM – DR EDWARD FESER IN

THE DIOCESE: The misunderstanding about the relationship of faith and science has seen increasing numbers of people "shelving" belief in God. Professor and popular social commentator from the USA, Dr Edward Feser PH.D, will expose the fallacies of this world view including its inherent contradiction. **Thursday, 26 July at St John the Evangelist Parish, Campbelltown.** Talk from 7.30pm-8.30pm. Q&A 8.30pm-9.00pm followed by supper. Entry by donation. **RSVP essential to Jane on 4253 0899 or email jane.edwards@woll.catholic.org.au**

ORGAN MASTER CLASS – an afternoon with Godelieve Ghavalas (organist at St Patrick's Church Hill, Sydney on Saturday, 28 July 2012 at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wollongong from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Pianists, who play organ in our churches, the aim of the afternoon is to cover the things about organ playing that every pianist needs to know. **RSVP essential to Helen Bennett on (02) 4253 0934 or email helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au by Monday, 16 July, 2012.**

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS 2012: 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 at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on Sunday 29th July at 2pm, please phone Helen at the Office of the Bishop and an invitation will be sent to you. Please phone 4253 0934 or email helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au.

The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of Rui and Maria from **Monday 9th July until Sunday 15th July.** The family will say the Rosary on **Monday at 7.00pm.** 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: Maureen Molland
8.00am Mass: Francesca Chow & Karenne Harvey
9.30am Mass: Ellen Healy & Noel Laming

CHURCH CLEANERS for next weekend: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faailu Faamau, Leesha Bell, Lina Tino and Tino Maugututia

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
14th Sunday Ordinary Time

Today's psalm response invites us to fix our eyes "on the Lord till he shows us his mercy." Jesus is the great sign of the mercy of God, seen through his healing, teaching and compassion for all people. Through our words and actions we too show God's mercy to a world deeply in need of loving compassion and healing.