

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
29th 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."

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Ruth Condan, Mary Fredericks, Jean Nicholson, Marilyn Fabry, Kay Burton, Chris Conway, Mary Pace, Alphonse Zammit, Ken Smith, 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, Siouli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Baby Callum Roberts, Noel Lane, Mick Howe, Thomas Griffin, David Dell, Ronald Cochrane, Joe White, Ern Munro, Deborah Rix, Frank Zachulski, Maclovio Herrera, Agustin Gonzalez, 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:

31st: Paul Newman

Diary Dates:

- **Confirmation Information Night** Wednesday 1st August at 7.30pm in the Church for parents/carer's (for Candidates who are in Year 6 and above and who have made their Reconciliation and First Holy Communion)
- **Retiree's Social Group** gathering after the 9.00am Mass, Thursday 2nd August (*parishioners and friends over 55 are more than welcome*)
- **Baptism Preparation Class** Monday 6th August at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre, please phone the Parish Office for details/enquiries
- **Parish Ladies Group** meeting Monday 6th August at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Campbelltown Catholic Club Communion Mass** 12th August at 11.00am in our Parish Church, followed by lunch at Campbelltown Catholic Club
- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 14th August at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, *new members are most welcome*

WEEKEND SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Fr Tony with the Parish Pastoral Council is currently re-assessing the Sunday Mass times to improve our Liturgy participation.

We wish to consult with Parishioners by asking all to indicate by voting on the options that will be presented at all Masses next weekend. If you know you will not be attending our Parish Church or aware of Parishioners also unable to attend Mass next weekend, please contact the Parish Office (46282967) to record your vote.

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.*

PARISH CENSUS FORMS: If you have not yet completed the Parish Census forms to update our Parish records, could you please do so as soon as possible please. If you did not receive a form, they are available on the tables at the entrance of the Church. The completed forms can be either put in the collection baskets, given to Fr Tony or left at the Parish Office. *Thanking you in anticipation*

WINTER APPEAL THANK YOU – From the St Vincent de Paul Society:

We would like to thank St Thomas More Parishioners for their very generous donations of food items and money given for our Winter Appeal. All items were taken to the Nagle Centre where nutritious meals will be served daily to the hungry and lonely. The Nagle Centre was very grateful. The baskets will be in the back of the church for a couple more weeks. We also raised \$632 from the envelopes that were in the church. This money will be used in our local Conference to help the needy. We really appreciate having such a support system in our parish.

ATTENTION READER'S: Thank you to the parishioners who are continuing and are joining this Ministry for the first time, your time is greatly appreciated.

There will be a Reader's Workshop on Saturday 18th August (in the Church) from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. If you are new to the Roster please try to come to this Workshop. Could you please phone either myself on 4625 7744 or the Parish Office to let me know you will attend the Workshop. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Thank you Julie

DONATIONS OF STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS: Sisters of St Joseph and Sisters of the Mary MacKillop International Missions have sent thank you letters to our Parish thanking our Parishioners for your generous donations of stamps. These are greatly helping with the work of the Missions. Please continue to place your used stamps in the grey bin at the entrance of the Church. *Thanking you in anticipation.*

SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY GROUP: Invite Parishioners to join them in their Devotional Prayers in the Church from 1.00pm to 3.30pm every Sunday afternoon. For more information phone either Imeleta on 0401306117 or Maria 9603 5106 or 0404 929498. If you would like to help with donations of chips and/or

poppers for their visit to Reiby Detention centre for the 3rd Sunday of the month it would be greatly appreciated.

PARISH PIETY STALL: If you would like to purchase Religious Goods, Rosary Beads, cards etc please come and a look in our Parish Piety Stall. We have plenty of goods available for sale.

USHER'S/GREETER'S ROSTER: Is due to run out at the end of August. If you would like to join this Parish Ministry/and or continue, please put down your name, contact details and what Mass you prefer on the clipboard at the main table at the entrance of the Church.

The Ministry of Welcome.... Please consider joining this Parish Ministry, if you have any questions please either see Fr Tony or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967

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 could benefit from a lift. Please encourage them to contact our parish office either to arrange communion to be brought to them or to organize transport.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NOTICES: Fete: Is next Sunday 5th August from 9.00am. The next drop off day for the White Elephant stall is next Saturday 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.

Trivia Night: Friday 14th September from 6.30pm till late in the School Hall. Tables are 8 to 10 person @ \$10. Per peron. BYO nibbles and drinks, all parishioners are invited. So come along make up a table or 2 and support our Parish Catholic Primary School.

Newletters: Copies are available for parishioners at the entrance tables of the Church to find out what is happening in our Parish Primary School

ARTES CHRISTI presents FIDDLER ON THE ROOF!

One of the all-time classic musicals returns to Sydney this August in this spectacular new production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. Performances: Fri 3rd Aug(8pm), Sat 4th Aug (1pm & 5pm), Fri 10th Aug (7.30pm) and Sat 11 Aug (1pm & 7.30pm) Group tickets from \$30. Ph 9351 7940 or www.theword.org.au

CAMPPELLTOWN CATHOLIC CLUB COMMUNION

MASS AND LUNCH: Is being held on Sunday 12th August. The Mass will be held at our Parish Church at 11.00am, all Parishioners are invited to attend this Mass. Tickets for the Lunch to be held at the Catholic Club are \$15.00 per head and 10 persons per table. We have secured 3 tables at this stage. If you would like to attend the lunch, please phone the parish office during office hours 4628 2967 and payment is to be made as soon as possible. This is a very enjoyable occasion and a small way to

thank Campbelltown Catholic Club for the support they give to our Catholic Schools and Catechists in our State Schools.

SELECTING MUSIC FOR SUNDAY MASS – Workshop for Music Directors and Coordinators of Music at Sunday Masses. Sunday, 19 August 2012, 1.30pm – 4.00pm. This workshop, for Music directors, choir directors and music coordinators will review the available resources and proven processes for developing a coordinated parish liturgical music repertoire to meet the needs of the various assemblies at Sunday Masses, including children, youth and young adults. **RSVP essential to Helen Bennett on 4253 0934** or email helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au by **Friday, 10 August 2012.**

The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Wilfred and Freda** from **Monday 30th July** until **Sunday 5th August**. The family will say the Rosary on **Monday** at **11.00am**. 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 AUGUST 2012:

Vigil Mass: Steve & Dominic Robinson
8.00am Mass: Brian and Claire O'Brien
9.30am Mass: Maryse Parisi & Vela Andrews
(Could the 2nd reader please also read the Prayers of the Faithful)

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
8.00am Mass: Maureen and Kerry Hennessy
9.30am Mass: Pesio Aiga

Flowers: Julie

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: Sunday 5th August (after the 8.00am Mass) Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie and Maureen Hennessy

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 – 4.00pm

Stewardship Corner

Today's readings speak of abundance through generosity. In both the First Reading and Gospel the people doubted that there was food enough to go around. However, in offering all they have to God and sharing generously what they have with others, there is found to be abundance for all. How true this is in our own lives: the more generously we give the more abundance we often find. In placing God's desire for generosity first, we come to know, with the psalmist, that the hand of the Lord truly does feed us and keep us safe.