

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
5th August 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."

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 this weekend. If you know or aware of Parishioners who are unable to attend Mass this weekend, please have them phone the Parish Office (46282967) to record their vote.

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 DeVille, 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:

Maureen Stephens (R.D.), Baby Callum Roberts, Thomas Griffin, David Dell, Ronald Cochrane, Joe White, Deborah Rix, Frank Zachulski, Maclovina 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:

7th: Declan Astruc and Rosa Herrera,
8th: David Mahanay and **9th:** Jacqueline Cross

Please join your parishioners for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the 8.00am Mass



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.

Diary Dates:

- **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 (*Please note the change in Mass times for that Sunday only*)
- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 14th August at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, *new members are most welcome*
- **Retiree's Social Group** gathering after the 9.00am Mass, Thursday 16th August (*parishioners and friends over 55 are more than welcome*)

OUR PARISH PLANNED GIVING:

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*

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

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

PARISH PIETY STALL: The Piety stall will be at St Thomas More School Fete, all items will be on display. We have plenty of goods available for sale.

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Is to be conferred in our Parish Church on Saturday 8th September at 4.00pm by Bishop Peter Ingham DD. *Please keep our Candidates, their parents and the Sacramental Team in your prayers*

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 today Sunday 5th August from 9.00am. *Please come along and support our Parish Catholic Primary School, there are lots of rides, food stalls, etc.*
Trivia Night: Friday 14th September from 6.30pm till late in the School Hall. Tables are 8 to 10 person @ \$10. Per person. 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 10th Aug (7.30pm) and Sat 11 Aug (1pm & 7.30pm) Group tickets from \$30. Ph 9351 7940 or www.theword.org.au

CAMPELLTOWN 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. If you would like to attend the lunch, please phone the parish office (**by this Tuesday (7th)** 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.

PROCLAIM YOUTH RALLY: Want to come together with other young people and be ignited in the Catholic faith? Then come to the Proclaim Youth Rally on **Friday, 10 August 2012 from 7.30pm – 9.00pm at The Concourse, Chatswood.** Open to all youth and young adults. Be inspired by Fr Chris Ryan mgl as the guest speaker. You will experience great music by the Harvest Band, multimedia, drama, hip hop dance by Darrio Phillips and crew and prayer and reflection. For more information email therese.mgl@gmail.com or register on the 'proclaimconference/youthrally' website for this free event.

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, **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 **Eddie and Debbie** from **Monday 6th until Sunday 12th August.** The family will say the Rosary on **Monday at 5.00pm.** 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 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: Carmel Munro
9.00am Mass: Chantal Barbari

Flowers: Campbelltown Catholic Club

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: Sunday 19th August (after the 9.30am Mass) Carmel Munro, Rita Jowsey, Christine Foreman and Helen Rawson

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko, Kathy Donachie and Arthur Michelutti

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2012
Confirmation

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

Classes will commence today 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

Prayer through St Mary MacKillop

God of Vision, We Thank you for Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods who loved this land and its peoples. As we struggle to realise our hopes for a more just country.

May we witness to the meaning of fair play for people and land.

May we value the wisdom of indigenous peoples.

May we act to halt more damage to Earth.

"May we live simply, love tenderly and walk humbly".

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen

"Be Eager in your desires, but humbly patient in their Accomplishment" St Mary of the Cross, MacKillop

