

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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14th July 2013



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"

We're Going Back To School



The Parishioners of St Thomas More Catholic Parish, would like to welcome the School children back from their school holidays and wish them well for Term 3

Diary Dates:

- **Tuesday 16th July Parish Pastoral Council meeting** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- **Thursday 18th July Retiree's Social Group** gathering in the Parish Hall after the 9.00am Mass (Retiree's over 55 are more than welcome to come along, for a cuppa, chat and lots of laughs)
- **Thursday 18th July (note change in day) Parish Finance Council meeting** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Tuesday 23rd July St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre *new members are most welcome*

CONFIRMATION 2013

Confirmation classes have begun, there are no lessons during the School holidays.

They will re-commence today Sunday (14th July).

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be Saturday 10th August 2013 at 4.00pm

Please keep the Candidates and their families in your prayers.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:

14th: Jack O'Sullivan
15th: Miguel Martin & Lillie Nolan
17th: Jaylene Andrews

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN OUR PARISH: Who is ill, and would like to have Holy Communion please let Fr Tony or the Parish Office know on 4628 2967. Or if you would like a visit from Fr Tony please notify Fr Tony or the Parish Office .

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Irene Mahanay, Barry Daley, Melanie Blessing, Mary Nelson, Yvonne Reddy, Diko Liban, Candice Walker, Ellen Healy, Tina Boyd, Colum Brennan, Len Donoghue, Kelly Berthaly, Mary Fredericks, Jean Nicholson, Mary Pace, Ken Smith, Zanaba Liban, Lorraine Evans, Sitani Nasio, Kevin Hardinge, Gino Stephen, Iris Stephen, Beryl Purcell, Gloria Eggert, Barbara DeVillie, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Kevin Shelley (R.D.), Laurel Malloy (R.D.), Reg Absolem (R.D.), Kay Berton, Joseph Daly, Maclovia Herrera, Agustin Gonzalez, Alice Harris, Mary Writer, Joseph Rodrigues, Limita Rodrigues, Nypha Vaz, Carlos Carvalho, Cecil Moylan, Emily Wauchop, Michael Seufatu, Caroline D'Mello, Ladislav Feher, Stephen Vaz, Sioli Salas, Robin Platt, Maurya Hutton, Jim McKenzie, Ronald Dawson, Anthony Jabbour, Dominic Pereira, Peter Pereira, Bernard Hoffman, Deborah Rix, Pat Purcell, Genie Lynch, Frank McKay, Frank Keevers, Laurie Keevers, John DeVillie, Keith Gomes and Maria Cabonara and for anyone else who's Anniversary occurs at this time.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:

There are a still some Planned Giving Envelopes for this 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. **We have two options you can either Direct Debit (once a month) or have the Planned Giving Envelopes. For more enquiries please contact the Parish Office during Office hours on 4628 2967**

READERS: The current readers' roster will expire at the end of July and if you have been a reader, please continue. **This also includes "old readers"**.

If you have ever considered joining this Ministry now is the time to do so. New readers on our last roster, including several young people, **have done a great job.** Remember, we are never alone at the lectern – **the Holy Spirit is with us always.**

The new roster will be followed by a readers' workshop and anyone who has not done one is invited to participate. There is a clipboard at the back of the Church. Please put your name and contact details (even the "old Readers) under your choice of Mass times. How often you read will depend on the number of people on the roster.

Thanking you all

Julie

THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for only \$2.00 please don't forget to **buy** your copy, they are available on the table near the main entrance of the Church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER APPEAL – Thank You :

To everyone who supported the Winter Appeal, we would like to say a very big THANK YOU! We have been able to deliver a large quantity of essential food to the Nagle Centre, as well as much needed nappies. The level of cash donations was also well up and you can be assured, this money will be put to good use.

Envelopes will continue to be available at the back of the Church for the remainder of Winter. These can be used for much needed cash or credit card donations at any time.

If you still have items of food you wish to donate, these can be delivered to the Parish office during office hours. Thank you for showing once again, how generous St Thomas More Parish continues to be.

DIVINE MERCY: Every Sunday the Samoan Divine Mercy prayer group begins at 1.00pm in our Parish Church. All parishioners are most welcome. For more information please phone Maria on 9603 5106 or 0404929498.

The Divine Mercy group also visit the Reiby Detention Centre in Airds on the 4th Saturday of the month. If you would like to donate chips and/or poppers that the group can take to the Detention Centre to share with the boys, it would be greatly appreciated. **The Devine Mercy Group would like to give a huge thanks to the Parishioners who have given/and continue to give donations for the Reiby Detention Centre.**

MISSING TEA TOWELS FROM THE PARISH HALL: Once again many tea towels have disappeared from the Parish Hall. If you have taken them home to wash, could you please return them. You can leave them either in the Church kitchen or drop them into the Parish Office during Office Hours. Thanking you in anticipation.

JOURNEY: News from the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong.

The Winter edition is now available on the tables at the entrance of the Church. May sure to take a copy home so as you can be updated with what is happening in our Diocese.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL FEAST DAY 14 JULY AT 10AM:

Please come and share the feast day celebration for our Patron Saint on Sunday 14 July 10am Mass to be followed by a procession carrying Our Lady's Statue. International lunch, concert and children's activities in the afternoon. Entry is free, please bring a picnic to share. Venue: 193 St Andrews Road, Varroville. Please RSVP via parish office on 9603 7373.

FRENCH MASS: Will be celebrated on today (Sunday 14th July) at 6.30pm at St John's Catholic Church, Campbelltown.

ANNOUNCING DIOCESAN CHOIR FORMATION: The Diocese is forming a Diocesan Choir to support major Diocesan liturgies and has appointed Robyn O'Dea as its inaugural Choir Conductor. The Choir's first event is the Anniversaries Mass on 8 September at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow. We are now seeking choristers from around the Diocese to be a part of the inaugural event. Please contact Paul Mason 4222 2462 or Helen Bennett on 4222 2403, or provide details at <http://tin>

CAMPBELLTOWN CATHOLIC CLUB COMMUNION LUNCHEON:

Will be held on Sunday 18th August 2013. Mass will be celebrated At Mt Carmel Catholic Church, Varroville at 11.30am followed by the Communion Luncheon at the Catholic Club at 1.00pm. Tickets are \$15.00 per head. If you would like to be on the Parish Table please put your name and details down on the clipboard at the entrance of the Church. We need to know numbers ASAP as there are no reserved tables.

EXPLORE THE SCRIPTURES: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE : 2nd August: To be held in our Parish Hall from 1-3pm;

What questions do you have about the Bible? Would you like to know more about the Scriptures, their contents and themes? These workshops will provide an introduction to the Bible and begin to explore your questions about these texts. Also on display will be further resources and opportunities to develop your interest in this area of faith formation. For further information and to register contact Darren McDowell, 4222 2463 or cfl@dow.org.au

CATECHIST UPDATES (for anyone who is interested in becoming a Catechist or Catechist helper: **Catechists and others who work** with Children in Ministry are encouraged to attend a Child Protection Training day being run by CCD Wollongong. This Course will run on Monday, 15th July at Micah House, Campbelltown from 9.30am – 12.00pm. Catechists/helpers are also encouraged to attend a SmartBoard Training day being run by CCD Wollongong. This Course will run on Monday, 22nd July at Micah House, Campbelltown from 9.30am – 12.00pm.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS 2013:

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, 8 September 2013 at 2.00pm**, please contact **Helen Bennett 4222 2403** or email helen.bennett@dow.org.au. At the Office of the Bishop by Friday 26 July and an invitation will be sent to you.

ELECTION STATEMENT: Australia's Catholic Bishops have produced an election statement to focus attention on some key issues of vital concern to the Australian community. You can find the statement here: www.catholicvote2013.org.au and download it as a PDF or to your iPhone, iPad or Android device. Copies are available in the church.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Carmel & James** for two weeks, commencing **Monday 15th July to Sunday 28thth July.** The address is on the Main notice board at the side of the Church. **Please collect the statue from the Church on the weekend and return it the following fortnight.**

READERS FOR JULY:

Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Louise Phillips
9.00am Mass: Julie Writer and Noel Laming
(Could the 2nd Reader please also read the Prayers of the Faithful)

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
9am Mass: Karenne Harvey

FLOWER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Julie Writer

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 3:
Brian O'Brien, Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro



