

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year C
28th 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"

CONFIRMATION 2013

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

Please keep the 40 Candidates and their families in your prayers.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:
31st: Paul Newman

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE SITTING THEIR TRIAL EXAMS FOR THEIR HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE ALL THE VERY BEST. May God send his Blessing upon them, their family and teachers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community:
Br Comans, Jack O'Sullivan, Kathryn Primmer, Mike Young, Irene Mahanay, Melanie Blessing, Mary Nelson, Yvonne Reddy, Diko Liban, Candice Walker, Ellen Healy, Tina Boyd, Colum Brennan, Len Donoghue, Kelly Berthaly, Mary Fredericks, Mary 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:

Joseph Mifsud (R.D.), Jack Munro (R.D.), Beryl Jones (R.D.), George Dass (R.D.), Robert Stevens (R.D.), Eileen O'Donoghue (R.D.), Richard Burne (Anniv), Joan Riddell (Anniv), Col, Ivy and Bill Foley (Anniv's), Lawrence Dickson, Kevin Shelley, Laurel Malloy, Reg Absolem, Kay Berton, Maclovina Herrera, Agustin Gonzalez, Alice Harris, Mary Writer, Nypha Vaz, Joseph Rodrigues, Limita Rodrigues, Carlos Carvalho, Cecil Moylan, Emily Wauchop, Michael Seufatu, Caroline D'Mello, Ladislav Feher, Stephen Vaz, Siouli 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**

PARISH READERS: Your rosters are available for collection on the main table at the entrance of the Church. If you would still like to join this Parish Ministry, please contact Julie on 4625 7744

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.**

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Is during the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall. This is recommended for children in Kindergarten up to and including Year 6. This runs during the School Terms

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 .

DIVINE MERCY: Every Sunday the Samoan Divine Mercy prayer group begins at 1.00pm in our Parish Church. 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.**

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Don't forget to take a copy of our Parish School Newsletter and keep upto date with what is happening in our Parish School. **A reminder that the School Fete is next Sunday (4th August). See newsletter for details.**

WHAT'S A LIFE FOR? JOIN US FOR A DISCERNMENT

WEEKEND: This retreat is designed for those who are single and are discerning their life direction, Married, Single, Religious, Priest. It will offer time to pray, reflect and discover more about yourself and God's call. **For Men:** Fri 2 Aug – Sun 4 Aug & Fri 20 Sept – Sun 22 Sept; **For Women:** Fri 9 Aug – Sun 11 Aug, St Mary's Towers Retreat House, Douglas Park, NSW. To find out more please contact Fr Peter Hendriks msc 0408 299 170 or discern@whatsalifefor.com or visit www.facebook.com/whatsalifefor or www.whatsalifefor.com

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

THE BIG CHILL OUT: Will be held at St Joseph's Catholic High School Albion Park on Friday 2nd August, 2013. Keynote speaker is Paul Power, Chief Executive Officer of the Refugee Council of Australia and Bishop Peter Ingham will be leading the Prayer Vigil to conclude the formalities of the evening. Come along and join in a night of fundraising activities, music and friendship. Registration is \$10. For any further details please contact Josie Cooks on 4253 0836 or Josephine.cooks@dow.catholic.edu.au

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.

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 2nd August and an invitation will be sent to you.

Diary Dates:

- **Thursday 1st August** 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 1st August** Sacramental Team meeting (for Confirmation) at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Sunday 4th August** St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Fete
- **Monday 5th August** Baptism Preparation Class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Monday 5th August** Parish Ladies Group at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Saturday 10th August** The Sacrament of Confirmation Mass at 4.00pm
- **Tuesday 13th August** St Vincent de Paul Society meeting at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre **new members are most welcome**

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Sybil** for two weeks, commencing **Monday 29th July to Sunday 11th August**. The family will be saying the Rosary on Monday at 2.00pm. 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 AUGUST:

Vigil Mass: 3rd & 10th: Bev and Julie McKenzie
17th & 24th: Pam and Phil Kenyon

9.00am Mass: 4th & 11th: Meli Mauga and Chris O'Brien
18th & 25th: Jim and Therese Writer

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

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
9am Mass: Barry Daley

FLOWER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Christine Gomes

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 5: Samoan Divine Mercy Group

Official Prayer of World Youth Day 2013



Oh Father, You sent Your Eternal Son to save the world, and You chose men and women, so that through Him, with Him and in Him, they might proclaim the Good News of the Gospel to all nations. Grant us the necessary graces, so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the joy of being the evangelists that the Church needs in the Third Millennium may shine in the faces of all young people.

Oh Christ, Redeemer of humanity, the image of Your open arms on the top of Corcovado, welcomes all people. In Your paschal offering, You led us, by the Holy Spirit, to encounter the Father as His children. Young people, who are nourished by Eucharist, who hear You in Your word and meet You as their brother, need your infinite mercy to walk along the paths of this world as disciples and missionaries on the New Evangelization.

Oh Holy Spirit, Love of the Father and of the Son, with the splendor of Your Truth and the fire of Your Love, shed Your Light upon all young people so that, inspired by their experience at World Youth Day, they may bring faith, hope and charity to the four corners of the earth, becoming great builders of a culture of life and peace and catalysts of a new world.

Amen

"Go and make disciples of all nations"

(Matthew 28:19)

