

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year C
4th August 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"

OUR PARISH CONFIRMATION for 2013

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION for 41 Candidates, will be held next (Saturday at 4.00pm) by Bishop Peter Ingham DD.

Please keep our Candidates, their parents and their sponsors in your prayers.

Please note: Reconciliation for Parishioners (next Saturday only) will be available from 11.00am to 12noon (not at 5.00pm – 5.30pm as per usual Saturday

SPECIAL FEAST DAY MASSES IN AUGUST:

There are some changes, please take note:

Thursday 8th August: Feast of Mary MacKillop

9.30am Mass at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School
7.30pm at our Parish Church

Wednesday 14th August:

7.30pm: *Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (at our Parish Church)*

Thursday 15th August:

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9.30am: Mass at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School
7.30pm: at our Parish Church

PARISH READERS:

Many thanks to those people who volunteered as readers for the next 12 months and a grateful thank you also to the readers from the last roster who, for whatever reason, are unable to continue this year. Our workshop for new readers and anyone who hasn't done one will be on Saturday 17th August from 10.00am to 12noon. We are fortunate to have Mr Chris Vine assisting us again. Hope to see you there

Julie

There are still some rosters that haven't been collected. They are available 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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Br Coman, 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, Jean Nicholson, Mary Pace, Ken Smith, Zanaba Liban, Lorraine Evans, Sitani Nasio, Kevin Hardinge, Gino Stephen, Iris Stephen, Beryl Purcell, Gloria Eggert, Barbara DeVille, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Joseph Mifsud, Jack Munro, Beryl Jones, George Dass, Robert Stevens, Richard Burne, Joan Riddell, Col, Ivy and Bill Foley, Lawrence Dickson, Kevin Shelley, Laurel Malloy, Reg Absolem, Kay Berton, Maclovia 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, 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 DeVille, Keith Gomes and Maria Cabonara and for anyone else who's Anniversary occurs at this time.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: Thankyou to the parishioner who gave of their time to distribute these to the Parishioners who had not been able to collect theirs.

There is a clipboard on the main table at the entrance of the Church if you would like to join our Parish Planned Giving. You have the envelope system or the Direct Debit – this comes out of your specified account once a month. This money goes towards the ongoing running costs of the Parish.

Thanking you all in anticipation.

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. 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

SACRISTAN TEAM – HELP NEEDED: This Ministry is in need of at least another 2 helpers (yes men would be greatly appreciated). The Sacristan Team assist in the Sacristy in the preparation for Mass and other celebrations. Before Mass the Sacristans remove all Altar clothes, cleans all brass and Communion Vessels. The Sacristan Team is responsible to ensure all lines, brass, vessels and candles are in excellent condition to and to reset the Altar for Mass and for any special liturgies. If you have a spare hour or 2 every week your time and talents would be greatly appreciated. For enquiries please contact Freda on: 4628 4907.

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.***

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 .

PARISH BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:

7th: Rosa Herrera
8th: David Mahanay
9th: Jacqueline Cross

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 today (Sunday) from 9.00am till 4.00pm. Come along and support our Parish Primary School, a fun day is promised to all.***

MANY CULTURES ONE IN CHRIST Mass: The annual celebration of the cultural diversity within our Diocese, also marking Migrant & Refugee Sunday, occurs on Sunday, 25 August, 2013 and will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Our Lady of Mount Carmel High School Hall. Contact Darren McDowell, 4222 2463 or darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au for further information.

EXPLORING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY Aug 29:

Mary Immaculate Parish, Eagle Vale, 10:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-3:00pm & MMC Macquarie Fields, 7:30-9:30pm Do you find joy in using your gifts and talents? Interested in learning and exploring a little more about the gifts for ministry you have been given? Would you like to become involved in your parish or school community but don't know where to start? For our parishes to become more vibrant and inclusive communities, we are all invited to discern our own calling to share our gifts for the good of our communities. These workshops are for everyone and will assist in answering these questions and much more. **For further information and to register please contact Darren McDowell on 4222 2463 or cfl@dow.org.au You can also follow us on facebook.com/cfldow or Twitter: @CFLDOW**

Diary Dates:

- **Sunday 4th August** St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Fete 9.00am – 4.pm
- **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
- **Tuesday 13th August** St Vincent de Paul Society meeting at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre ***new members are most welcome***
- **Thursday 15th August** Retiree's Social Group gathering in the Parish Hall a 9.00am (Retiree's over 55 are more than welcome to come along, for a cuppa, chat and lots of laughs)
- **Saturday 17th August** Reader's Workshop from 10.00am – 12noon in the Church
- **Sunday 18th August** Campbelltown Catholic Club Communion Luncheon – beginning with Mass at Mt Carmel Parish, Varroville followed by lunch at the Campbelltown Catholic Club at approx 12.30pm

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: 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: Vicky Horne
9am Mass: Gwen and Brian Harris

FLOWER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Francesca

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 6: Tongan Youth Group

The Parable of Responsibility

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody were members of a group.

There was an important job to do and Everybody was asked to do it.

Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody would have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody would do it, but Nobody realized that Anybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody, blamed Somebody, when Nobody did, what Anybody could have done.

Unknown author

