

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year C
8th September 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"

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00AM MASS: Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments after today's 9.00am Mass



Today is also known as Child Protection Sunday:

'Church Workers know, understand and respect the physical and emotional boundaries of adults, children and young people' "Provide pastoral support in places that offer sufficient safe, open and visible environments".

Did you Know? The above excerpts are from *"Integrity in the Service of the Church"* – principles of conduct for any lay person who performs paid or unpaid work in the service of the Catholic Church.

The principles and standards in this document parallel those for religious and clergy in *"Integrity In Ministry"*.

Both documents can be found on the Australia Catholic Bishops' Conference website at:
http://www.catholic.org.au/index.php?option=com_docman&Itemid=180

DIOCESAN CLERGY SUPPORT FUND – FATHERS DAY

COLLECTION: The fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue to support our priests in their work on our behalf and our sick and retired clergy, and to assist the work of promoting priestly vocations. You are still able to contribute by using the special envelopes provided. A credit card facility is available for your convenience. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please note that donations are **not tax-deductible**.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:

7th: Maureen Molland
11th: Denise Goodall & Samuel McMurray
12th: Nive Andrews

PARISH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK:

11th: John and Bertha Berbari (35 years)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Br Coman, Trish Harris, Jack O'Sullivan, Ellen Healy, Kathryn Primmer, Mike Young, Melanie Blessing, The Liban family, Candice Walker, Tina Boyd, Colum Brennan, Len Donoghue, Kelly Berthaly, Mary Fredericks, Jean Nicholson, Mary Pace, Ken Smith, 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 and Ken Churchill.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Ruth Condan (1st Anniv), Jean Barrett, Frances McCafferty, Edward Atkins, Bernard Hoffmann, John DeVille, Violet Francisco, Eileen Daley, Emil Avila, Derek Lavocah, Irene Mahanay, Gloria Carlon, Lina Pereira, Antonio Alefosio, Emanuele Alefosio, Paul Alefosio, Valelia Fao fua, Irene Mahanay, John Fusco, Beryl Jones, George Dass, Richard Burne, Joan Riddell, Ivy and Bill Foley, Kevin Shelley, Laurel Malloy, Reg Absolem, 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, Sioeli Salas, Robin Platt, Maurya Hutton, Jim McKenzie, Ronald Dawson, Anthony Jabbour, Dominic Pereira, Peter Pereira, Deborah Rix, Pat Purcell, Genie Lynch, Frank McKay, Frank Keevers, Laurie Keevers, Keith Gomes and Maria Cabonara and for anyone else who's Anniversary occurs at this time.

PARISH WORKING BEE: *"Many hands make light work". Next Saturday morning (14th September) there will be a Parish Working bee, commencing at 8.30am there are many jobs to be done. We need as many people as possible to help to complete them. If you are able to spare ½ hour, an hour your time would be greatly appreciated.*

OUR PARISH PLANNED GIVING: If you wish to join our Parish Planned Giving program, forms are available on the tables at the entrance of the Church. (Direct Debit and the envelope system are available). *As you are aware envelope monies pay for the running of the parish but the parish is more than bricks and mortar. We are constantly invited by the Lord to move from maintenance to mission.*

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. 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.

CLAIM THE DATE: SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER: The Parish Ladies Group are hosting a wine and cheese night in our Parish Hall. All Parishioners and their friends over the age of 18 are invited. A great night will be enjoyed by all. For catering please put your name down on the clipboard at the entrance of the Church. A great night is promised. See you there

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Don't forget to take a copy of our Parish School Newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish School.

WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY: Tuesday 10th

September: A Suicide Awareness Seminar is being held at Campbelltown Catholic Club this Tuesday 10th September commencing at 9.15am. to approx. 1.00pm. Please register ASAP with Kenneally Funerals on 4648 1680. Guest speakers are: Margaret Appleby OAM, Allan Sparkes CV VA plus many more.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Take time out to consider God's call for your life and what each of the Vocations offer: single life, marriage, ordained ministry, Consecrated Life. Men and women aged 16-35 wanting to deepen their relationship with god and reflect on where they are going in life are invited to attend an Encounter Evening at **Xavier Centre Conference Rooms, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong on Thursday 12 September 2013 commencing 7pm until 9.30pm.** RSVP: Jenny Raposio 4222 2411 or jenny.raposio@dow.org.au.

September Retreats in Mount Carmel Retreat Centre.

- Day Retreat:** Saturday 14 September "Abiding Faith in a Secular Age" led by Fr Greg Burke, OCD. We will explore how an abiding faith can help us flourish in our secular age.
Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Tea/ Coffee provided, Bring your own lunch) Retreat Contribution: \$ 20
- Weekend Retreat:** 20-22 September (Friday PM – Sunday after lunch) "Turning to God" Conversion is at the heart of the Gospel. We will explore the Christian journey as an invitation to turn to the Father of Jesus led by Fr. Aloysius Rego, OCD. Location: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St. Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW 2566 For Booking, please call the secretary at (02) 8795-3400 or email us at: retreats@carmelite.com / visit our website: www.carmelite.com

ISTAND GENERATION Camp 25 – 27 September 2013

Are you aged between 14-18? Do you know someone in this age bracket? Then this is for you! Youth Mission Team Wollongong is holding their final iSTAND camp for the year from Wed 25th- Fri 27th September 2013. This is a great opportunity to meet with other young people, doing archery, "Challenge Valley", games, interactive activities, dramas, recreation, talks, great music, Mass, good food & lots of fun! Cost \$98 includes accommodation, food and Activities at "Cataract Scout Park Appin". For further details, please contact YMT Wollongong Manager, Christopher Brennan on 02 4284 1635 or 0433 636 359 or wollongong@ymt.com.au Hope to see you there!

CARERS NEEDED: CatholicCare's Foster Care Program is currently looking for a foster carer to provide long-term care for an 11 year old boy who has complex needs. We are looking to recruit carers with high level experience and knowledge which would enable them to provide long-term care for this boy who has come into our care due to a history of trauma and abuse. The trauma is exhibited as complex behavioural needs and the carers will need to be loving, caring, consistent, firm and kind to meet this child's needs. Carers will receive generous carer allowance and reimbursement of costs. If you feel you are able to give this boy the love and care he so deserves, please ring Annette Rearden on 4628 0044 or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au

PARISH DIARY DATES:

- Tuesday 10th September St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre **new members are most welcome**
- Thursday 12th September Retiree's Social Group** gathering in the Parish Hall a 9.30am (Retiree's over 55 are more than welcome to come along, for a cuppa, chat and lots of laughs)
- Tuesday 17th September Parish Pastoral Council meeting** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue is in the home of Cora Parnell for two weeks, commencing **Monday 9th to Sunday 22nd September.** The family will be saying the Rosary on **Monday at 7.00pm.** 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 SEPTEMBER:

Vigil Mass: **14th & 21st:** Bev and Julie McKenzie
28th: Pam and Phil Kenyon

9.00am Mass: **15th & 22nd:** Maryse Parisi and David Minogue
29th: Agnes Serfatu and Noel Laming
(Could the 2nd Reader please also read the Prayers of the Faithful)

USHER'S FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Vigil Mass: Vicky Horne
9am Mass: Helen Rawson and Chris Reddy

FLOWER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Christine and Carmel

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*"None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions'
Jesus spedaks from his personal experience. We each have chosen a unique path of discipleship, with its own gifts and sacrifices. Christian disciples require freedom from the selfish spirit of this world, and freedom to serve Jesus Christ in all we think and say and do. We all have to ask, "What do I own, and what owns me?"*

