

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year C
15th 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"

The Parishioners of our Parish would like to wish all the students at our Parish Schools all the very best for their last week of school for Term 3 and wish all those who are studying for their HSC all the very best.

BELATED BIRTHDAY'S FOR LAST WEEK:

11th: Marion Cross & Catherine Minogue
12th: Freda Miranda

PARISH BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:

14th: Ronald Fredericks
15th: Therese Berbari
20th: Yvonne Reddy

PARISH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK:

16th: Alfred and Maria Hill (32 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 DeVillie, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, John McCann and Ken Churchill.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Ruth Condan, Jean Barrett, Frances McCafferty, Edward Atkins, Bernard Hoffmann, John DeVillie, Violet Francisco, Eileen Daly, 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, Maurya Hutton, Jim McKenzie, Ronald Dawson, 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.

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.

PARISH DIARY DATES:

- **Tuesday 17th September Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre**
- **Tuesday 24th September St Vincent de Paul Society meeting at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre *new members are most welcome***
- **Thursday 26th 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)**

SEPTEMBER RETREAT IN MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE: 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. 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

COME, FOLLOW ME: God calls us out to be witnesses in our world. Some are called to consider priesthood, to serve God's people through ordained ministry. Why not contact your local priest or Fr Richard Healey, Vocations Director, on 0401 621 591, priesthood@dow.org.au.

TAKE PART IN THE NATIONAL LITURGY CONFERENCE – Wollongong 15-18 January 2014
REGISTER NOW! 15% EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS TILL END OF SEPTEMBER: This national conference is being held locally at Wollongong so we can take full advantage. Renowned composer and liturgist Fr Jan Michael Joncas leads a panel of four international Keynote speakers. We will hear from over thirty speakers, all leaders in their respective fields in liturgy and music. Full details of the conference and online registration process are now available at www.liftupyourhearts.com.au. GST free pricing for parishes and other members of the Catholic GST Group. Register now and save with early bird registration available until end of September.

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL OF LUKE:

Fridays, October 11 – November 15, 9:45am – 2pm, St Thomas More Church, Acacia Ave, Ruse
Come and spend some time with Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. In the Gospel of Luke we meet Jesus, the compassion of God. This gospel contains the great stories of the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son and the Walk to Emmaus. Through reflection on this Gospel we come to a deeper understanding of Pope Francis' call to be a church of and for the poor. Over six week we will explore and reflect upon the great treasures this Gospel holds for our lives today. **Registrations are essential to: Darren McDowell, cfl@dow.org.au or 4222 2463**

FOREST LAWN MEMORIAL PARK: Cemetery and Crematorium: Open Day 2013: **Saturday 26th October 2013 from 10.00am to 3.00pm.** Please see flyer on notice board for more information.

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: 21st: Bev and Julie McKenzie
28th: Pam and Phil Kenyon

9.00am Mass: 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: Help needed
9am Mass:

FLOWER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Carmel

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



'There is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.' If we get lost, God always sends a friend. Jesus comes to meet each one of us as a friend. Our friendship with Jesus convets our gifts to the service of all God's friends. Each one of us needs to repent of unwelcoming sins. No one can excuse us from it.

DO ALL YOU CAN
DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN,
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN,
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN,
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN,
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN.
-JOHN WESLEY

