

**22nd June 2014**  
**BODY and BLOOD OF CHRIST**  
**(Corpus Christi)**



**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"*

**GLUTEN FREE HOSTS:** If you require these for Holy Communion please see Fr Tony before Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

**PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF**

**CONFIRMATION:** Is well underway, please keep in your Prayers the Candidates, their families and teachers.

**PARISH BIRTHDAYS for this week:**

22<sup>nd</sup>: *Chloe Radzieta*  
24<sup>th</sup>: *Barry Daley*  
25<sup>th</sup>: *Gil Rae*  
26<sup>th</sup>: *Gabbie Menzies*

**SICK LIST:** Please pray for the *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Ann Webster, Beryl Purcell, Carmel Welsh, Carmen Wells, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Maree Laming, Marie Moore, Margo Haines, Melanie Blessing, Michael Trimboli, Natalie Dwyer, Scott Chesney, Tina Boyd, Tomas Laming and Vera Rose .

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:** Please pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Milad (Peter) Yacoub (Anniv), Agustin Gonzalez (Anniv), Maclovio Herrera (Anniv), Frank Keevers, Peter Daly, Sharon Murray, Marcel Farrash, Delma Hooton, Alice Harris, Jack O'Sullivan, Hubertina (Tina) Van Der Burg, Mary Writer, Sitani (Stan) Nasio, Michael Seufatu, Ladislav Feher, Philip Mills, Josephine McKay, Charles Dows, Stuart Eldridge, Frank McKay, Genie Lynch and Maria Cabonara. *May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and May perpetual light shine upon them.*

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CANNOT COME TO**

**MASS?:** We currently have 2 *Acolyte's* from our parish community visit parishioners and bring communion every week to those who are ill or elderly and unable to come to Mass. Sometimes, or it may be that someone who could benefit from a lift. Please encourage them to phone our Parish Office on 4628 2967 either to arrange Communion to be brought to them or to organize transport to Mass.

**PARISH PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2014-2015**

*The Planned Giving Envelopes for next financial year are available at the entrance of the Church. We would like more Parishioners 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.*

*By being in our Parish Planned Giving we are able to plan for our Parish future, especially the ever increasing running costs.*

**ATTENTION READERS':** *Thank you to all those people who have added their names to the roster. Just remember, if you are a current reader it is still essential that you put your name on the clipboard so that I know that you wish to continue.*

*If the 9am Mass is your regular Mass but you wouldn't mind coming occasionally to the 6pm Mass, please consider adding a tick to the Vigil column. I would really like to be able to give Vigil readers a longer break.*

*If you are committing for the first time or you think you need a refresher, there will be a workshop in the Church where you will have the opportunity to learn, to practise, to read then to see and hear yourself at the Lectern.*

*The clipboard will be out for a couple more weeks so if you have ever considered becoming a reader, please add your name to the list and I look forward to seeing you.*

*Julie ☺*

**St Vincent de Paul – Winter Appeal**

The St Vincent de Paul Society is running the usual Winter Appeal up until 29 June 2014, seeking donations of cash and/or food.

There are envelopes on the seats at Mass on each weekend during the Appeal, if you prefer to make a cash donation. To do this, simply put the completed envelope on the plate at either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> collection. Importantly, we are again collecting food and personal items for the Nagle Centre, who provide warm meals to the homeless, hungry and lonely people of our area. **The Centre specifically needs: Tinned tuna, Tinned spaghetti, Tinned baked beans, Tinned fruit, Milk powder, Custard powder, Hot chocolate, Plain flour, Self raising flour, Beef stock cubes and any herbs & spices.** Nappies are also a necessity and would be welcome as would be new blankets and socks.

*If able, please think of these items when grocery shopping.*

*There will be boxes at the back of the church at each Mass until 29 June 2014.*

*We thank you for your ongoing generosity and prayers.*

**CHILDRENS' LITURGY:** Is for school aged children in kindergarten to and including Year 6 (at the 9.00am Mass) during School Terms.

**THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Great value for only \$2.00. Please purchase your copy from the back table at the main entrance to the Church.

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

Please take a copy home and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Primary School. They are on the tables at the entrance of the Church.

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Rosemeadow will be holding their Annual Procession in honour of the Blessed Sacrament on Feast of Corpus Christi, today (Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June) at 2.30pm. Included will be Scripture Readings, Rosary, Procession and Benediction. Bishop Peter Ingham will preside and preach. Please join in this witness to our Eucharistic Lord among us.

**MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE:** 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville. Contact number: (02) 8795 3400 or retreats@carmelite.com

**July 5 day retreat:** 'You have kept the good wine until now'. *Presenter:* Fr Gerard Moran, OCD. Cost: \$20

Please bring your own lunch (tea and coffee provided).

**July 25-27 Weekend Retreat:** "The Light of Faith (Lumen Fidei)" Prayerful reflection on Pope Francis' first encyclical.

*Presenter:* Fr Gabriel Maliakkal, OCD

Cost: \$220 (Concessions available)

August 8-10 Weekend Men's Retreat: "The Crucified is No Stranger" *Presenter:* Sebastian Moore OSB) Please phone the office for more details.

**CURSILLO MEN'S WEEKEND:** For those men who feel the need to review the Spiritual meaning of their life and enjoy the fellowship of other men, we invite you to attend a 3 day Cursillo weekend. A team of parishioners from various parishes in the Wollongong Diocese, under the leadership Lester Smith from the Rosemeadow parish, is training in preparation for our next 3 day Cursillo weekend to be held at The Venue, Bellambi. The weekend, starts on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm and concludes Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> around 4pm. This is a Men only weekend. Our spiritual director is Father Chris Roberts, the parish priest from Kiama. Please contact, Lester on 0415562808 or Dianne 0418640373 for further information.

**LIVE STREAMING AND UPDATES ON THE ROYAL**

**COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING:** The Diocese of Wollongong Royal commission Public Hearing will be streamed live on the Commission website between 24 June and 4 July at: [www.childabusecommission.gov.au](http://www.childabusecommission.gov.au). For updates from the Catholic Church's Truth, Justice and Healing Council during the public hearing including summaries of hearing room proceedings, a weekly blog from CEO, Francis Sullivan, a weekly newsletter providing information on the hearing including links to schedules, transcripts and other related materials, please visit [www.tjhcouncil.org.au](http://www.tjhcouncil.org.au)

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

*The Scriptures today remind us that "we, many though we are, are one body for we all partake of the one loaf. "How are we using our gifts of time and talent to build up the Body of Christ?"*

**DATES OF PARISH SACRAMENTS FOR 2014:**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August: 7.30pm in the Parish Church:** Parents/Carers Information night for **First Holy Communion** (for Catholic Baptised Children in Years 3 and above who have made the Sacrament of Reconciliation). **The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be: Celebrated on the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Parish Diary Dates:**

- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June:** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre *new members are most welcome*
- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June:** Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Retiree's Social group gathering *after the 9.00am Mass*, all Retiree's over 55 are encouraged to come along (*come along for a cuppa, laugh, chat and companionship*) in the Parish Hall
- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July:** Baptism Preparation class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July:** Parish Ladies Group meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre *new members are most welcome*

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** The Rosary Statue will be in the home of *Glen and Anna* for 2 weeks commencing **Monday 23rd June to Sunday 6th July June**. The Family will be praying the Rosary on the **Monday's at 7.30 pm**. 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.*

*Have you considered celebrating praying the Rosary at home and inviting other parishioners to share this special time with you? Those interested in having the Rosary Statue (and/or would like more details) can contact the parish office on 4628 2967 to arrange a suitable time you and your family would like to have our Parish Rosary Statue in your home.*

**EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

**Vigil Mass:** 28<sup>th</sup> June: *Bertha Barbari*  
**9.00am Mass:** 29<sup>th</sup> June: *Catherine Minogue and Karenne Harvey*

**READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass:** 28<sup>th</sup> June: *Julie Writer and Bill George*  
**9.00am Mass:** 29<sup>th</sup> June: *Agnes Serfatu and Noel Laming*

**Vigil Mass:** 5<sup>th</sup> July: *Bev and Julie McKenzie*  
**9.00am Mass:** 6<sup>th</sup> July: *Maria Feher and Cody Benes*

(Could the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader please also read the Prayers of Intercession)

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

**FLOWER ARRANGER FOR NEXT WEEK:**

*Christine Gomes*

**USHERS' FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Vigil Mass:** HELP REQUIRED  
**9.00am Mass:** *Brian and Gwen Harris*

