

29th June 2014



Sts Peter and Paul

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 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Please keep in your Prayers the Candidates who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, their families and teachers who are preparing them for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Sacrament of Confirmation for our Parish will be on Saturday 26th July at 3.30pm. Celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham DD

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Wednesday 6th 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 13th /14th September.

The Parishioners of our Parish would like to wish all the School Children of our Parish very safe, restful and happy holidays.

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. John (Jack) William McConnell (R.D.), Joseph Daly (Anniv), Kay Berton (Anniv), Milad (Peter) Yacoub, Agustin Gonzalez, Maclovia Herrera, 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.**

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.

CURRENT READERS and POTENTIAL READERS:

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to be a reader. If you are still considering – today is your last chance. I believe that the Holy Spirit is with us when we read and with information, practice and His help we can do it. The new rosters will available after the school holidays and I will announce in the bulletin when the workshop will be held. If you missed out on hearing yourself read at the last workshop, Chris has promised he will be at this one, so "old" readers who would like to join new readers would be very welcome. **Many thanks again Julie**

PARISH BIRTHDAY for this week:

30th: Pauline Menzies

ST VINCENT de PAUL – WINTER APPEAL

Our St Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal finishes this weekend. There are envelopes on the seats if you prefer to make a cash donation. Simply put the completed envelope on the plate at either the 1st or 2nd collection. Envelopes may be taken away and returned next week. They will also be available at the back of the Church, for the remainder of Winter. We continue to collect 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, Any herbs & spices. Nappies are also a necessity and would be welcome as would be new blankets and socks. Boxes are again available at the back of the Church this weekend. Late donations will continue to be gratefully accepted and these can be left at the Parish office, during business hours. **We thank you again, for your ongoing generosity and prayers.**

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.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CANNOT COME TO MASS?:

We currently have **2 Acolyte's** from our parish community visiting parishioners and bringing Holy 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.

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.

HEARTWORKS RETREAT - A weekend of prayer, reflection and friendship Sat 5 – Sun 6 July

Heartworks will be running a retreat focusing on Prayer: "Seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened". The retreat is run by Young adults, for young adults in the Heartworks building at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park. Invitation to all young adults (18+) in the Illawarra and surrounds (under 18's are allowed to attend for the day, but will not be able to stay overnight). We would love to see you there! We would also love everyone to keep the group and the retreat in your prayers, as this is the work of God and we can't do it on our own. Enquiries and RSVP to heartworks.msc@gmail.com.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL FEAST DAY: To be celebrated on Sunday 13 July commencing with 10am Mass, followed by procession, international lunch, concert and children's activities. All welcome. Please bring a plate to share. Novena of Masses from Friday 4 July – Saturday 12 July at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 193 St Andrews Rd, Varroville. For more information and RSVP please call 96037373

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.

LUNCH FOR CATHOLIC DEAF COMMUNITY-Campbelltown Catholic Club: Thursday 17th July at 12.00noon:

All members of the Deaf community, friends and those interested in learning Auslan (Australian Sign Language) very welcome. Please RSVP to Rebecca Miller 0419 152 310 or Rebecca.miller@dow.org.au by Monday 14 July.

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. 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

DATE CLAIMER: SPIRIT ALIVE YOUTH FESTIVAL – FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER, VARROVILLE PARISH HALL: Start planning to attend! Contact our Youth office on youth@dow.org.au or 4222 2460 for more information.

Parish Diary Dates:

- **Thursday 3rd 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 7th July:** Baptism Preparation class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Monday 7th July:** Parish Ladies Group meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre **new members are most welcome**
- **Tuesday 8th July:** St Vincent de Paul Conference 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**. 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: **James Munro**
9.00am Mass: **Fay Faamau and Junior Faamau**

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

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

Vigil Mass: **12th July: Bev and Julie McKenzie**
9.00am Mass: **13th July: Maria Feher and Cody Benes**

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

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 4:
Maureen Molland, Fay Faamau and Colleen Jablonskis

FLOWER ARRANGER FOR NEXT WEEK:
Francesca

USHERS' FOR NEXT WEEK:

Vigil Mass: **Carmel Munro**
9.00am Mass: **Helen Rawson and Chris Reddy**



SOLEMNITY OF Ss PETER & PAUL

Saints Peter and Paul worked tirelessly to spread the Gospel. Not all can be apostles, but we, too, must be good stewards of our vocations, using the gifts we've been given in the service of God's kingdom.

