

24<sup>th</sup> August 2014



21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

**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"*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (The Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist):**

Please keep the Candidates, their families and teachers in your prayers.

**The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be: Celebrated on the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> September, at both the Parish Masses and the main First Holy Communion Mass will be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am.**

*Jesus Christ is truly present in our midst. For Catholics, the Eucharist, or Holy Communion, (one of the three Sacraments of Initiation) is the most profound way we encounter the real presence of Jesus Christ.*

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

**WE WELCOME:** *Visitor's, Parishioners and families of our Year 2 Students from our Parish Catholic Primary School who are celebrating at the Masses this weekend.*

**Refreshments after the 9.00am Mass today**



*Please come and join Parishioners and Visitors in the Parish Hall for a 'cuppa' and a chat.*

**PARISH BIRTHDAYS for this week:**

26<sup>th</sup>: *Gloria Eggert*

27<sup>th</sup>: *Daniel McMurray*

**THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Many interesting articles to read, great value for only \$2.00. Please purchase your copy from the back table at the main entrance to the Church.

**IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN OUR PARISH:** Who is ill/or unable to come to Mass and would like to have Holy Communion please either let Fr Tony know or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967.

**SICK LIST:** Please pray for the *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr David Catterall, Ann Webster, Beryl Purcell, Carmel Welsh, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Maree Laming, Marie Moore, Margo Haines, Natalie Dwyer, Scott Chesney and Tomas Laming.

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:** Please pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Rita Simbulan (R.D.), Carol Toth, Trevor Kingsley, Jack McConnel, Colin Foley, James Singh, Tina Boyd, Joy St Claire Jones, Henry Supierz, Wilfred (Bill) Ford, Thelma Harpley, Marie Lamiel, Sandra Aslan, Maria Kelly, Vera Spithill, Deborah Rix, Frank Keevers, Alice Harris, Jack O'Sullivan, Mary Writer, Stan Nasio, Michael Seufatu, Ladislav Feher, Philip Mills, Josephine McKay, Frank McKay, Genie Lynch and Maria Cabonara.  
**May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and May perpetual light shine upon them.**

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL:** Is a consultative body providing advice and recommendations to Fr Tony concerning the stewardship of the parish's fiscal and temporal resources, including long range financial planning to support the Mission of the Parish.  
**The members of the Parish Finance Council are: Fr Tony, Barry Daley (Chairman), Bill George, Karen Mahanay, David Minogue, Carmel Munro and Steve Noyce.**  
The Council has the responsibility of reviewing monthly financial information pertaining to the operation of our Church and Parish School. Fr Tony appoints members of the Parish Finance Council.

**PARISH LADIES GROUP FATHERS DAY RAFFLE:** The Parish Ladies Group are selling raffle tickets at all Masses for the next 2 weekends for \$1.00 per ticket. There are many great prizes to win. Please support this Parish fundraiser, as all funds go back into purchasing things for our Parish Church.

**DISABILITY AWARENESS MASS:** Will be celebrated at the Sunday Vigil Mass (6.00pm Saturday) 6<sup>th</sup> September. The aim of the Mass is to help us to recognise the dignity of each person made in the image and likeness of God and to affirm the importance of welcoming everyone regardless of ability or disability, to all aspects of parish life and celebration. This will be followed by Supper in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to come along. If you would like to participate in the Mass eg: reading, offertory, or welcoming please contact Sr Ruth on 0417 279 529.

**EMBRACING ABILITY – A Workshop Making a Difference:** A 2 hour awareness/hospitality workshop will be held on Wednesday evening 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in our Parish Hall. If you would like to take participate in the workshop please ring St Ruth – Disability Advocate on 0417 279 529.

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Please take home a copy of our Parish Primary School newsletter and see what is happening.

**JOURNEY MAGAZINE:** Please take home a copy, to read and find out what is happening in our Diocese of Wollongong. This edition features the Royal Commission's consideration of a diocesan case, what happens in the life of a seminarian, plus plenty more interesting articles.

**MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE:** 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville. Contact number: (02) 8795 3400 or [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com). **Desert Tuesdays and God's Space:** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month – accommodation and simple lunch provided. Booking essential.

**GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRISON MINISTRIES**  
**Monday August 25:** August 25th is IPCA's Global Day of Prayer for Prison Ministries. This day is set aside each year to remember those who minister in prisons throughout the world. The International Prison Chaplains Association (IPCA) encourages you to remember Prison Chaplains, prisoners, ex-offenders, their families, volunteers, and their faith communities throughout the world. It is a time to be grateful for those who have been called to this challenging yet rewarding work.

**MANY CULTURES ONE IN CHRIST MASS: Sunday 31 August 2:00pm St Francis Xavier Cathedral**  
This annual celebration of our wonderful cultural diversity, also marking Migrant & Refugee Sunday, will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Sunday 31 Aug at 2pm. Refreshments and celebrations will then be held at the St Mary Star of the Sea College Main Hall. Contact Darren McDowell: [darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au) or 4222 2463 for further information.

**CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY – BISHOP & BREAKFAST**  
**Saturday 6 September 8.30am-9.45am (Assembly 10am-2pm) FREE FOOD!! RSVP ESSENTIAL Flyer Attached**  
On Saturday 6 September the Diocese will be holding a Diocesan Assembly, a chance for YOU to have a say in what happens in your Diocese. CYM will be holding a FREE BREAKFAST beforehand at Varroville Parish Hall, right around the corner from the Assembly! BISHOP PETER will be coming to breakfast to meet YOU and hear what YOU have to say before we get stuck into the main event. You will be given the chance for you to meet the new Catholic Youth Ministry staff that will be hired in the coming weeks! RSVP ASAP to Louisa - [youth@dow.org.au](mailto:youth@dow.org.au) OR 4222 2460. Not to be missed!

**DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY Saturday 6 September 10am – 2pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic High School Hall:** Bishop Peter Ingham and the Diocesan Pastoral Council invite Clergy, Parish Pastoral Councils, Catholic School Leadership Teams, all parishioners and other interested people to gather and participate in an assembly focusing upon parish and diocesan plans for 2015. The assembly will also be a time for parishes, schools and agencies to share their own initiatives as we seek to live our call as *Bearer's of Christ's Love*. Please contact Darren McDowell 4222 2463 or [darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au) for further information. **RSVP is essential, please contact Helen Bennett via email [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) by Wednesday, 3 September 2014.**

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** The Rosary Statue will be in the home of for *Yvonne* commencing **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August**. The Family will be praying the Rosary at home. 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.**

**EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: 30<sup>th</sup> Aug: Bertha Barbari**  
**9.00am Mass: 31<sup>st</sup> Aug: Freda Miranda and Helen Rawson**

**Vigil Mass: 6<sup>th</sup> Sept: Bev McKenzie**  
**9.00am Mass: 7<sup>th</sup> Sept: Faye and Junior Faamau**

**READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: 30<sup>th</sup> Aug: Ethan and Tony Billett**  
**9.00am Mass: 31<sup>st</sup> Aug: Ben Markham and Maureen Molland**

**Vigil Mass: 6<sup>th</sup> Sept: Maria Samaha and Maureen Molland**

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

**CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group**

**USHERS' FOR NEXT WEEK:**

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

**Parish Diary Dates:**

- **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August:** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre *new members are most welcome*
- **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August:** Parish Finance Council meeting at 7.3pm in the Parish Centre
- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August:** 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 1<sup>st</sup> September:** Baptism Preparation Class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September:** Parish Ladies Group meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, new members are most welcome

**Thank you prayer for Family and Friends**

*Blessed are You, loving Father,  
For all your gifts to us.  
Blessed are You for giving us family and friends  
To be with us in times of joy and sorrow,  
To help us in days of need,  
And to rejoice with us in moments of celebration..*

*Father,  
We praise You for Your Son Jesus,  
Who knew the happiness of family and friends,  
And in the love of Your Holy Spirit.  
Blessed are you for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

