

25TH May 2014



6th Sunday of Easter

48th World Communications Day
'Communication at the Service of an Authentic Culture of Encounter'

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"

GLUTTEN 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.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL this weekend:

"HEAL THE BROKEN-HEARTED": 20 years on from the Rwandan genocide, the people still carry deep wounds and are in desperate need of practical, spiritual and emotional support. By supporting the Catholic Mission Church Appeal today or by becoming a **'Friends in Faith'** Partner with a monthly gift, you are helping the broken-hearted of Rwanda to forgive, heal and unite.
Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Rwanda

TO CELEBRATE THE 48TH WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference communications Office has created a digital storytelling project entitled 'Stiring Hearts'.media@catholic.org.au or phone 0450 348 597.

SICK LIST: Please pray for the **many** sick in our Parish Community including: Beryl Purcell, Candice Walker, Carmel Welsh, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Maree Laming, Marie Moore, Margo Haines, Melanie Blessing, Tina Boyd and Tomas Laming .

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Jack O'Sullivan (R.D.), Gertrude Peters, George Pew, 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.

REQUIEM MASS for Parishioner JACK O'SULLIVAN: This Monday (26th May) at 2.00pm in our Parish Church

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **Henry Douglas Zammit** who was Baptised last weekend.

BELATED PARISH BIRTHDAY FOR LAST WEEK:

20th: **Jerry Jones**

PARISH BIRTHDAYS' for this week:

26th: **Zachary Vossen**

27th: **Karen Mahanay**

29th: **Patrick Berbari**

30th: **Karin Daley**

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

ATTENTION READER'S: *This is a special invitation to all those who wish to be part of something very important – the Readers' Ministry. Those who are already involved will agree, it is a very special experience. Most will also say that they were very nervous to begin – but the Holy Spirit works wonders! There will also be a Readers' workshop for added confidence building.*

The more names added to the list on the clipboard the few times your name will appear on the roster. For the 9am Mass at present, a name appears on 2 consecutive Sundays 3 times a year but for the Vigil Mass it's about every 6 weeks. More names for the Vigil Mass would allow more time between readings.

Please consider becoming a reader. There will always be help available if you need it and whether you commit or not I thank you for considering it.

Julie ☺

DO YOU SOMEONE WHO CANNOT COME TO MASS?:

Members of our parish community visit parishioners and bring communion every week to those who are ill or elderly so are unable to come to Mass. Sometimes, it may be that someone who could benefit from a lift. Please encourage them to contact our parish office (4628 2967) either to arrange communion to be brought to them or to organize transport to Mass.

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.

The School is asking for help in maintaining the School gardens, if you have any free time your assistance would be greatly appreciated. For details please contact the School Office on: 4625 6561

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF FR JOHN

THERRY: Today, Sunday 25th May Fr John Therry was a Pioneer Chaplain to the Colony of New South Wales from 1820 and resident priest in Campbelltown from 1835-1838. Fr Therry's cottage, where he stayed when in Campbelltown, is now located in the grounds of Bethlehem Monastery, 170 Narellan Road, Campbelltown and will be open for viewing from 10-12-am and 2:30-4:30pm today (Sunday 25th May).

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: Over the Sunday's of this year we will be listening to Matthews' Gospel. Like each of the gospels, Matthew presents Jesus in his own unique way. Jesus is the one who fulfills 'the law and the prophets', he is the Messiah of Israel, the king and savior of the world. He comes before us as the teacher & lawgiver, greater even than Moses. And of course he is pre-sented as the son of man giving his life for us all.

Over the course of 2014 Darren McDowell will be offering a series of 'stand alone' sessions exploring the rich themes found in this gospel. **Our parish will be hosting a session this Friday 30th May from 9.45am-1.00pm in our Parish Hall. To register (by Monday 26th May) please contact Darren McDowell on 4222 2463 cfl@dow.org.au facebook.com/cfldow Twitter: @CFLDOW**

ST VINCENT de PAUL – UPCOMING WINTER APPEAL:

Sundays 8 June to 29 June 2014. Our Parish St Vincent de Paul Society will once again be conducting a Winter Appeal in the Parish from This year we will again be appealing for **cash and food.**

Winter is an especially hard time for the needy and homeless in our community. There will be envelopes on the seats at Mass on each of these weekends, if people prefer to make a cash donation. Simply put the completed envelope on the plate at either the 1st or 2nd collection. There will also be envelopes at the back of the church for the remainder of Winter 2014.

We are again also collecting food for the Nagle Centre, where homeless, hungry and lonely people of our area can receive filling meals. It is a service that is vital to our community and any food donations will be gratefully accepted.

The Centre specifically needs donations of: Tinned tuna, Spaghetti, baked beans, and 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.

There will be boxes at the back of the church on the Appeal weekends of 8 June to 29 June, where you may place donations. If able, please think of these items when next out grocery shopping.

We thank you for your ongoing generosity and prayers. St Vincent de Paul Society

JOHN THERRY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, ROSEMEADOW:

Are holding an information evening for Year 11 enrolments for 2015 on Monday 2 June 2014 at 7.00pm. All enquiries welcome. Enrolments are still being taken regarding Year 7 2015.

DATES OF PARISH SACRAMENTS FOR 2014:

Wednesday 4th June: 7.30pm in the Parish Church:

Parent/Carer's Information night for **Confirmation** (for Catholic Baptised Children in Years 6 and above who have made the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion). **The Sacrament of Confirmation will be Celebrated on Saturday 26th July at 3.30pm.**

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**

Parish Diary Dates:

- **Tuesday 27th May:** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at **7.30pm** in the Parish Centre (new members are most welcome)
- **Monday 2nd June:** Baptism Preparation Class at **7.00pm** in the Parish Centre
- **Monday 2nd June:** Parish Ladies Group meeting at **7.30pm** in the Parish Centre
- **Tuesday 3rd June:** Parish Liturgy Team meeting for Confirmation at **7.00pm** in the Parish Hall
- **Wednesday 4th June:** Parent/Carer's Information night for Confirmation at **7.30pm** in the Church
- **Thursday 5th June:** 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

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Kay** for 2 weeks commencing **Monday 26th May to Sunday 8th June.** The family will be praying the Rosary on the **Monday's at 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:	31 st May:	Bertha Berbari
9.00am Mass:	1 st June:	Freda Miranda and Karenne Harvey
Vigil Mass:	7 th June:	Bev McKenzie
9.00am Mass:	8 th June:	Catherine and David Minogue

READERS' FOR NEXT WEEK:

Vigil Mass:	31 st :	Julie and Bev McKenzie
9.00am Mass:	1 st June:	Rosalie and Chris Vine

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

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

FLOWER ARRANGER FOR NEXT WEEK: Melanie and Elaine

USHERS' FOR NEXT WEEK:

Vigil Mass:	Help Required
9.00am Mass:	Helen Rawson and Chris Reddy

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 9.00am MASS: Sunday 15th June: The Tongan Community

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Jesus' commandment Is to 'love one another as I have loved you'! Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

