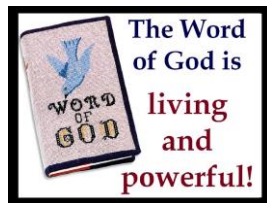


10<sup>th</sup> August 2014



19<sup>th</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"*

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

The classes are commencing this week for the Preparation of Candidates for the Sacrament of 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.**

**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.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** *This Friday (15<sup>th</sup> August) the Feast of the ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. The importance of a day in the liturgical calendar is determined by its rank (solemnity, feast, memorial); a Holy Day is simply a solemnity celebrated like a Sunday, that is, with obligation.*

**HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE TRIALS:** *The Parishioners of our Parish wish the students of our Parish currently sitting for the Higher School Certificate all the very best.*

**PARISH BIRTHDAYS for this week:**  
9<sup>th</sup>: Jacqueline Cross  
13<sup>th</sup> James Munro

**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.

**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.

**READERS:** There will be a Readers' Workshop on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, here at the Church from 10am – 12noon. If you are new to the Ministry or you have missed out in previous years, please come along. Either ring me on 4625 7744 or the Parish Office on 4628 2967 to let me know you will be attending.

Thank you. *Julie*

**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. Carol Toth (R.D.), 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.**

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

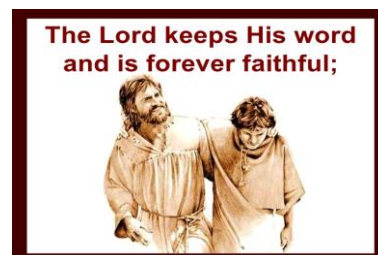
**FRENCH MASS:** Tonight (Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August) at 6.00pm at St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown (Cordeaux St, Campbelltown).

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO**

This week's "The Journey" Catholic Radio Program on 10 August features songs from Matt Maher, Keith Urban and Brooke Fraser. Sr Hilda speaks to us about "Fish in Water". We interview Thomas Waugh from CAEC about the visit of Dr Ben Wiker to Australia. We also hear from Bruce Downes - The Catholic Guy. Tune into PULSE 94.1 on Sun at 11am, repeated Wed 10pm or listen in via podcast anytime at [www.radio.dow.org.au](http://www.radio.dow.org.au)

**2014 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS:**

If you are celebrating 25, 40, 50 or 60 years of Marriage this year and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014 at 2.00pm at St John Vianney Fairy Meadow, please contact Helen Bennett on 4222 2403 or email [Helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:Helen.bennett@dow.org.au) at the Office of the Bishop by Monday 11 August and an invitation will be sent to you.



**MINISTRY TRAINING - Acolytes, Adult Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** For current ministers wishing to deepen their understanding of ministry, we are blessed to have Fr Paul Turner for an evening this Thursday, 14 August, 7:30 pm - 9 pm. **Attendance at this evening will qualify as ongoing ministry formation for the purposes of renewal of Five-Year Faculties for current Acolytes.**

**LITURGY - MINISTRY - MISSION** is also included in the above evening. All parish liturgy ministers are also invited to attend this evening. It is an opportunity to gain further insights into your ministry.

The evening with Fr Paul Turner is at the Main Hall, St Mary Star of the Sea, Harbour Street. Enquiries and RSVP to Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or [Helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:Helen.bennett@dow.org.au).

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

**August 22-24:** Vocation Weekend: A time to reflect on and pray about God's plan for me. Led by the Carmelite Team. Please phone the above Parish Office for more details

**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**

**Sunday 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.

**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 *Sybil* 1 week commencing **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August to Sunday 10<sup>th</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.**

*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 THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: 16<sup>th</sup> Aug: Bertha Barbari**  
**9.00am Mass: 17<sup>th</sup> Aug: Fay and Junior Faamau**

**Vigil Mass: 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug: Bev McKenzie**  
**9.00am Mass: 24<sup>th</sup> Aug: Karenne Harvey and Catherine Minogue**

**READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: 16<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> Aug: Robinson Family**  
**9.00am Mass: 17<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Aug: Maria Feher and Cody Benes**  
**(Could the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)**

**CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT WEEK: Group: 1**  
**Syro-Malabar Indian Community**

**FLOWER ARRANGERS' FOR NEXT WEEK:**  
**Christine Gomes**

**USHERS' FOR NEXT WEEK:**  
**Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland**  
**9.00am Mass: Karenne Harvey**

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SUNDAY 9.00am MORNING MASS (17<sup>th</sup> August) in the Parish Hall: Maureen Molland, Maryse Parisi, Yvonne Reddy, Catherine Minogue and Julie Writer.**

**Parish Diary Dates:**

- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August:** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre **new members are most welcome**
- **Thursday 14<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.
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August:** Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August:** Reader's Workshop at 10.00am – 12noon in the Parish Church.

