

**19th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Year C**

**11<sup>th</sup> August 2013**



**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 FOR 41**

**CANDIDATES:**

Was held this weekend (Saturday at 4.00pm) by Bishop Peter Ingham DD.

*Please keep our Candidates, their parents and their Sponsors in your prayers.*

*Thank you to all who prepared the Candidates for this Sacrament to compete their initiation into full membership of the Catholic Church.*

*Thank you to the many people who prepared the Church for the Sacrament of Confirmation and for us to Worship in each week: Sacristan's, Cleaner's, Grounds men, Musicians, Powerpoint. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated.*  
*Fr Tony*

**SPECIAL FEAST DAY THIS THURSDAY:**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August:**

7.30pm: Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (at our Parish Church)

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August:** (Holy Day of Obligation)

**Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.30am: Mass at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School  
7.30pm: at our Parish Church

**Prayer for the Assumption of Mary**

Father in heaven,  
all creation rightly gives you praise,  
for all life and all holiness come from you.  
In the plan of your wisdom  
she who bore the Christ in her womb  
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.  
May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness  
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**PARISH READERS:**

Many thanks to those people who volunteered as readers for the next 12 months and a grateful thank you also to the readers from the last roster who, for whatever reason, are unable to continue this year. Our workshop for new readers and anyone who hasn't done one will be on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August from 10.00am to 12noon. We are fortunate to have Mr Chris Vine assisting us again. Please put your name on the clipboard on the table at the main entrance to the Church. Hope to see you there.

*Julie*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community:  
John Fusco, Br Coman, Jack O'Sullivan, Kathryn Primmer, Mike Young, Irene Mahanay, Melanie Blessing, Mary Nelson, Yvonne Reddy, Diko Liban, Candice Walker, Ellen Healy, Tina Boyd, Colum Brennan, Len Donoghue, Kelly Berthaly, Mary Fredericks, Jean Nicholson, Mary Pace, Ken Smith, Zanaba Liban, Lorraine Evans, Sitani Nasio, Kevin Hardinge, Gino Stephen, Iris Stephen, Beryl Purcell, Gloria Eggert, Barbara DeVille, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:**

Joseph Mifsud, Jack Munro, Beryl Jones, George Dass, Robert Stevens, Richard Burne, Joan Riddell, Col, Ivy and Bill Foley, Lawrence Dickson, Kevin Shelley, Laurel Malloy, Reg Absolem, Kay Berton, Maclovia Herrera, Agustin Gonzalez, Alice Harris, Mary Writer, Nypha Vaz, Joseph Rodrigues, Limita Rodrigues, Carlos Carvalho, Cecil Moylan, Emily Wauchop, Michael Seufatu, Caroline D'Mello, Ladislav Feher, Stephen Vaz, Sioeli Salas, Robin Platt, Maurya Hutton, Jim McKenzie, Ronald Dawson, Anthony Jabbour, Dominic Pereira, Peter Pereira, Bernard Hoffman, Deborah Rix, Pat Purcell, Genie Lynch, Frank McKay, Frank Keevers, Laurie Keevers, John DeVille, Keith Gomes and Maria Cabonara and for anyone else who's Anniversary occurs at this time.

**IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN OUR PARISH**

**COMMUNITY:** Who is ill, and would like to have Holy Communion or would like a visit, please let Fr Tony or the Parish Office know on 4628 2967.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER APPEAL:**

Envelopes will continue to be available at the back of the Church for the remainder of Winter. These can be used for much needed cash or credit card donations at any time. **If you still have items of food you wish to donate, these can be delivered to the Parish office during office hours. Thank you for showing once again, how generous St Thomas More Parish continues to be.**

**THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Great value for only \$2.00 please don't forget to **buy** your copy, they are available on the table near the main entrance of the Church.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Is during the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall. This is recommended for children in Kindergarten up to and including Year 6. This runs during the School Terms

**SACRISTAN TEAM – HELP NEEDED:** This Ministry is in need of at least another 2 helpers (yes men would be greatly appreciated). The Sacristan Team assist in the Sacristy in the preparation for Mass and other celebrations. Before Mass the Sacristans remove all Altar clothes, cleans all brass and Communion Vessels. The Sacristan Team is responsible to ensure all lines, brass, vessels and candles are in excellent condition to and to reset the Altar for Mass and for any special liturgies. If you have a spare hour or 2 every week your time and talents would be greatly appreciated. For enquiries please contact Freda on: 4628 4907.

**PARISH BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:**

**13<sup>th</sup>:** James Munro

**CLAIM THE DATE: SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER:** The Parish Ladies Group will be hosting a wine and cheese night in our Parish Hall. All Parishioners and their friends over the age of 18 are invited. You will have an enjoyable night. More details to come. (Don't forget to save the date).

**OUR PARISH PLANNED GIVING:** If you wish to join our Parish Planned Giving program, forms are available on the tables at the entrance of the Church. (Direct Debit and the envelope system are available).

**As you are aware envelope monies pay for the running of the parish but the parish is more than bricks and mortar. We are constantly invited by the Lord to move from maintenance to mission.**

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS ROSTER:** Has now ended. If you would like to join/or continue this Parish Ministry please put your name down on the clipboard at the entrance of the Church. It is a great way to meet other Parishioners.

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Don't forget to take a copy of our Parish School Newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish School.

**MANY CULTURES ONE IN CHRIST Mass:** The annual celebration of the cultural diversity within our Diocese, also marking Migrant & Refugee Sunday, occurs on Sunday, 25 August, 2013 and will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Our Lady of Mount Carmel High School Hall. Contact Darren McDowell, 4222 2463 or darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au for further information.

**EXPLORING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY Aug 29:**

Mary Immaculate Parish, Eagle Vale, 10:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-3:00pm & MMC Macquarie Fields, 7:30-9:30pm  
Do you find joy in using your gifts and talents? Interested in learning and exploring a little more about the gifts for ministry you have been given? Would you like to become involved in your parish or school community but don't know where to start? For our parishes to become more vibrant and inclusive communities, we are all invited to discern our own calling to share our gifts for the good of our communities. These workshops are for everyone and will assist in answering these questions and much more. **For further information and to register please contact Darren McDowell on 4222 2463 or cfl@dow.org.au You can also follow us on facebook.com/cfldow or Twitter: @CFLDOW**

**PARISH DIARY DATES:**

- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August** St Vincent de Paul Society meeting at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre **new members are most welcome**
- **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August** Retiree's Social Group gathering in the Parish Hall a 9.30am (Retiree's over 55 are more than welcome to come along, for a cuppa, chat and lots of laughs)
- **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August** Reader's Workshop from 10.00am – 12noon in the Church
- **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August** Campbelltown Catholic Club Communion Luncheon – beginning with Mass at Mt Carmel Parish, Varroville followed by lunch at the Campbelltown Catholic Club at approx 12.30pm
- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August** Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August** Parish Finance Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of **John & Kathleen** for two weeks, commencing **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August.** The family will be saying the Rosary on Saturdays at 12noon. 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.**

**READERS FOR AUGUST:**

Vigil Mass: Bev and Julie McKenzie  
17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>: Pam and Phil Kenyon

9.00am Mass: Meli Mauga and Chris O'Brien  
18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>: Jim and Therese Writer

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

**USHER'S for next weekend:**

Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro  
9am Mass: Cathy Bye

**FLOWER'S FOR NEXT WEEK:** Maree

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

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**



**See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. By a daily habit of prayer, we keep watch for Jesus, and for what he asks of us. We have been gifted by the Holy Spirit with many gifts, are we alert for Jesus' call to use these gifts to build up the body of Christ.**

