

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year C

25th 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"

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: 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 DeVillie, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Gloria Carlon (R.D.), Lina Pereira (Anniv), Antonio Alefosio, Emanuele Alefosio, Paul Alefosio, Valelia Fao fua, Irene Mahanay, John Fusco, Beryl Jones, George Dass, Richard Burne, Joan Riddell, 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 DeVillie, Keith Gomes and Maria Cabonara and for anyone else who's Anniversary occurs at this time.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:

27th: Daniel McMurray & Jordan Andrews

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.

CLAIM THE DATE: SATURDAY 12th 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. A great night will be enjoyed by all. 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.

USHER'S/GREETER'S ROSTER: The Ministry of Welcome... Please consider joining this Parish Ministry, if you have any questions please either see Fr Tony or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967.

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.

DIOCESAN CLERGY SUPPORT FUND – THE BISHOP'S FATHERS DAY APPEAL: Again this year Bishop Ingham wishes to use Fathers Day (next Sunday) as the day on which there will be a **special collection to support the clergy of our Diocese.** The collection is a practical way in which we can acknowledge the tireless efforts of our priests on our behalf, support our sick and retired clergy, and assist the work of promoting priestly vocations. Special envelopes will be provided for this collection and a credit card facility is available for your convenience. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

MANY CULTURES ONE IN CHRIST MASS:

The annual celebration of the cultural diversity within our Diocese, also marking Migrant & Refugee Sunday, occurs on (today) **Sunday, 25 August, 2013 at 2pm** and will be held **at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Our Lady of Mount Carmel High School Hall Varroville.** Contact Darren McDowell, 4222 2463 or darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au for further information.

BBO WITH BISHOP PETER INGHAM

An informal evening for young men wanting to find out more about the priesthood. Share a meal and conversation with Bishop Peter Ingham on Thursday, 29 August 2013 at 7pm at St John the Evangelist Parish, 24 Jerematta Street, Dapto. RSVP: Jenny Raposio 4222 2411 or jenny.raposio@dow.org.au.

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*

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER A relationship enrichment weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Weekend date: 6 - 8 September at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe, 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au Information: website www.wwme.org.au

September Retreats in Mount Carmel Retreat Centre.

• **Day Retreat:** Saturday 14 September "Abiding Faith in a Secular Age" led by Fr Greg Burke, OCD. We will explore how an abiding faith can help us flourish in our secular age.

Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Tea/ Coffee provided, Bring your own lunch) Retreat Contribution: \$ 20

• **Weekend Retreat:** 20-22 September (Friday PM – Sunday after lunch) "Turning to God" Conversion is at the heart of the Gospel. We will explore the Christian journey as an invitation to turn to the Father of Jesus led by Fr. Aloysius Rego, OCD. Location: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St. Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW 2566 For Booking, please call the secretary at (02) 8795-3400 or email us at: retreats@carmelite.com / visit our website: www.carmelite.com

iSTAND GENERATION Camp 25 – 27 September 2013

Are you aged between 14-18? Do you know someone in this age bracket? Then this is for you! Youth Mission Team Wollongong is holding their final iSTAND camp for the year from Wed 25th- Fri 27th September 2013. This is a great opportunity to meet with other young people, doing archery, "Challenge Valley", games, interactive activities, dramas, recreation, talks, great music, Mass, good food & lots of fun! Cost \$98 includes accommodation, food and Activities at "Cataract Scout Park Appin". For further details, please contact YMT Wollongong Manager, Christopher Brennan on 02 4284 1635 or 0433 636 359 or wollongong@ymt.com.au Hope to see you there!

PARISH DIARY DATES:

- **Tuesday 27th August** St Vincent de Paul Society meeting at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre **new members are most welcome**
- **Wednesday 28th August** Parish Finance Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Thursday 29th 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)
- **Monday 2nd September** Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm
- **Tuesday 3rd September** (please note change of day/date) Parish Baptism Preparation Class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Rodney and Yvonne** for two weeks, commencing **Monday 26th August to Sunday 8th September.** The family will be saying the Rosary on **Mondays at 7.30pm.** 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: Pam and Phil Kenyon
August 31st: Bill George & Julie Writer

9.00am Mass: Jim and Therese Writer

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

READERS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Vigil Mass: 7th: Bill George and Julie Writer
14th & 21st: Bev and Julie McKenzie
28th: Pam and Phil Kenyon

9.00am Mass: 1st & 8th: Rosalie and Chris Vine
15th & 22nd: Maryse Parisi and David Minogue
29th: Agnes Serfatu and Noel Laming

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Help required
9am Mass: Christine Foreman

FLOWER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 3: Brian O'Brien, Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because many will try to enter and will not succeed.' To conquer any challenge in life, we must move to a deeper level of our goals and our gifts. Jesus always has goals and gifts for us, especially as his disciples. Jesus wants us to succeed and have a full life.

