

1<sup>st</sup> June 2014  
The Ascension of the Lord



**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"*

**GLUTEN 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 last weekend:**

**"HEAL THE BROKEN-HEARTED":** Thank you for helping heal the broken-hearted in Rwanda through your kind gifts and prayers. Your generosity is making it possible for local priests and sisters to continue to offer practical, spiritual and emotional support to the Rwandan people. Please consider becoming a 'Friends in Faith' partner with a regular monthly gift to continue your support of our vital work.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Rwanda

**DATES OF PARISH SACRAMENTS FOR 2014:**

**This Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30pm.**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> September**

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

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community **Madeleine Rose Cromicz** who was Baptised last weekend.

**PARISH BIRTHDAYS for this week:**

5<sup>th</sup>: **Bill George and Eugene Menzies**

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY for this week:**

4<sup>th</sup>: **Maryanne & Ronald Fredericks (51 years)**

**ATTENTION READERS':** *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.

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

**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.

**PARISH PLAN GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2014-2015:**

The Planned Giving Envelopes for next financial year will be available at the entrance of the church from next weekend. If you wish to join our Parish Planned Giving program, forms are available on the table near the envelopes. You can either drop the completed forms in the collection baskets or into the Parish Office. We have two options you can either Direct Debit (once a month) or have the Planned Giving Envelopes. For more enquiries please contact the Parish Office during Office hours on 4628 2967. By being in our Parish Plan Giving we are able to plan for our Parish future, especially regarding repairs and maintenance.

**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.

**A CALL OF ASSISTANCE: Our Parish is in urgent need of Volunteers for the following:**

Church Cleaners', Flower Arrangers', Families to host the Parish Rosary Statue, Readers', Altar Servers', Children's Liturgy, Scripture Teachers', Scripture Helpers'. If any Parishioners have some spare time even half an hour, there are many things that need mending/repairing. As our numbers have decreased and our Parish Church is aging we really need the support of our Parishioners.

**ST VINCENT de PAUL – UPCOMING WINTER APPEAL Next Weekend: 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. 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 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Baked Beans, Tinned 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 TERRY 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.

**FRENCHMASS:** To be celebrated next Sunday 8 June, 6.00pm at St John the Evangelist, Catholic Church, Campbelltown (Cordeaux St).

**GROWING LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP:**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am – 2.00pm at St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Campbelltown. Parishioners are invited to attend this workshop. To register: Darren McDowell on 4222 2463 or [cfl@dow.org.au](mailto:cfl@dow.org.au). The workshop will help 'break-open' this emerging area of ministry life within our Diocese and answer the question what is lay pastoral ministry and how can it help my community?

**SPIRIT ALIVE YOUTH FESTIVAL: 14<sup>th</sup> June at Holy Spirit College, Bellambi from 5.00pm to 9.00pm. Ages: Year 9 to 35 years old.** The evening will include a Youth Mass, music led by youth musicians and singers, dinner (at a small cost), as well as time to connect with other young people from across our Diocese.

Brochures are available on the tables at the entrance of the Church with permission notes (for the youth wishing to attend under the age of 18). A great night to be enjoyed by all.

**Parish Diary Dates:**

- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:** Parish Ladies Group meeting at **7.30pm** in the Parish Centre
- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** Parish Liturgy Team meeting for Confirmation at **7.00pm** in the Parish Hall
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June:** Parent/Carer's Information night for Confirmation at **7.30pm** in the Church
- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June:** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at **7.30pm** in the Parish Centre (new members are most welcome)

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** The Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Kay** for 2 weeks commencing **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June**. The family will be praying the Rosary on the **Monday's at 4.00 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: 7<sup>th</sup> June: **Bev McKenzie**  
9.00am Mass: 8<sup>th</sup> June: **Catherine and David Minogue**

Vigil Mass: 14<sup>th</sup> June: **Bertha Barbari**  
9.00am Mass: 15<sup>th</sup> June: **Freda Miranda and Helen Rawson**

**READERS' FOR NEXT WEEK:**

Vigil Mass: 7<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> June: **Phil and Pam Kenyon**  
9.00am Mass: 8<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> June: **David Minogue and Maryse Parisi**

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

**CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT WEEK:**  
**Tongan Youth Group**

**FLOWER ARRANGERS' FOR NEXT WEEK:**  
**Samoan Divine Mercy Group**

**USHERS' FOR NEXT WEEK:**

Vigil Mass: **Carmel Munro**  
9.00am Mass: **Christine Foreman**

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 9.00am MASS:**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June: St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Year 3 Parents/Carer's and The Tongan Community**

