

13<sup>th</sup> July 2014



15<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"*

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Please keep in your Prayers the Candidates who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, their families and teachers who are preparing them for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

*The Sacrament of Confirmation for our Parish will be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30pm. Celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham DD*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

**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.*



**Welcome back to School Term 3:**

*The Parishioners of St Thomas More Catholic Parish would like to welcome back this week the School Children of our Parish. We wish them well in their studies for Term 3.*

**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.

**PARISH BIRTHDAYS for this week:**

12<sup>th</sup>: **Annabelle Francis**

15<sup>th</sup>: **Miquel Martin & Lillie Nolan**

**WE WELCOME** Into our Parish Community:

**Robert John Bernard Wrona** who made the Sacraments of: Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation last Friday (11<sup>th</sup> July).

**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.

Please encourage them (or a friend/family member) to phone our Parish Office on 4628 2967 either to arrange Communion to be brought to them and/or a visit from Fr Tony.

**ST VINCENT de PAUL – WINTER APPEAL**

Your St Vincent de Paul conference wishes to express a very big **THANK YOU** to the Parish for what has once again been an extremely generous response to the Society's Winter Appeal.

If any parishioners wish to offer further cash donations, envelopes will be available at the back of the Church. Simply place the completed envelope in either collection or deliver it to the Parish Office. Anyone still wishing to donate food etc. can deliver goods to the Parish Office during business hours.

**We thank you again, for your ongoing generosity and prayers.**

**SICK LIST:** Please pray for the **many** sick in our Parish Community including: Fr David Catterall (Parish Priest, Albion Park), Ann Webster, Beryl Purcell, Carmel Welsh, Carmen Wells, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Maree Laming, Marie Moore, Margo Haines, Melanie Blessing, Michael Trimboli, Natalie Dwyer, Scott Chesney, Tina Boyd, Tomas Laming and Vera Rose .

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:** Please pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Desmond (Des) White (R.D.), Thelma Harpley (R.D.), Marie Vic Lamie (R.D.), Sandra Aslan, Maria Kelly, Vera Spithill, Jenny Jones, Deborah Rix, Dulcie Munro, Darren Todd, Eileen Morris, John McConnell, Joseph Daly, Kay Berton, Agustin Gonzalez, Maclovia Herrera, Frank Keevers, Peter Daly, Sharon Murray, Marcel Farrash, Delma Hooton, Alice Harris, Jack O'Sullivan, Hubertina 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.**

**PARISH PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:** If you would like to join our Parish Planned Giving Program, there are Direct Debit forms and Parish Envelope forms available on the table at the Entrance of the Church. If you need to update your family records there are also Parish Census Forms on the same table. The completed forms can be placed in the collection baskets at Mass, or given to Father Tony or left at the Parish Office. **Thanking you in anticipation.**

**PIETY STALL:** The Parish Piety Stall has many assortments of Religious Goods available for sale. If you require any purchases and the stall is not on display please see either Bertha or John. Come and have a look what is available.

**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.

**LUNCH FOR CATHOLIC DEAF COMMUNITY-Campbelltown**

**Catholic Club: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 12.00noon:** All members of the Deaf community, friends and those interested in learning Auslan (Australian Sign Language) very welcome. Please RSVP to Rebecca Miller 0419 152 310 or Rebecca.miller@dow.org.au by Monday 14 July.

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

**July 25-27:** Weekend Retreat: "The Light of Faith (Lumen Fidei)" Prayerful reflection on Pope Francis' first encyclical. **Presenter:** Fr Gabriel Maliakkal, OCD  
Cost: \$220 (Concessions available)

**August 8-10:** Weekend Men's Retreat: "The Crucified is No Stranger" **Presenter:** Sebastian Moore OSB) Please phone the office for more details.

**CAMPBELLTOWN CATHOLIC CLUB 2014 COMMUNION LUNCH:**

Will be held in the Cube at Campbelltown Catholic Club on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2014. The doors open at 11.45am. The tickets are \$15.00 per head, which includes a 2 course meal and drinks. We still have tickets available. If you would like to purchase some please come to the Parish Office during Office hours.

**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 on 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.**

Training for new ministers not previously trained will be provided for the Macarthur and Southern Highlands on **21 February 2015. Enquiries and RSVP to [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au).**

**FAITH MINISTRY SPIRITUALITY FORMATION CALENDAR**

**2014 July - December:** Copies of these Calendars, they are available on all the tables at the entrance to the Church. Please take a copy home to see what is happening in our Diocese.

**DIOCESAN CHOIR - Upcoming Diocesan Events:** Attention all choristers: You are invited to join the Diocesan Choir in supporting the Diocesan Mass Celebrating Bishop Peter Ingham's Golden Jubilee of his Priesthood (Friday 8 August, 5 pm @ St Francis Xavier Cathedral), as well as the Diocesan Significant Marriage Anniversaries (Sunday 21 September), and the Diocesan Catechist Mass (Saturday 15 November). Initial rehearsals are scheduled for Wednesday 31 July and 6 August, 7pm - 8:15 pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. To register for the Diocesan Choir, go to <http://www.liturgydow.org.au/diocesan-choir.html> or contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au).

**Parish Diary Dates:**

- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** Parish Pastoral Council meeting at **7.30pm** in the Parish Hall
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July:** Readers' Workshop at **3.15pm** in the Church (please contact Julie Writer for more details)
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July:** Parish Finance Council meeting at **7.30pm** in the Parish Centre
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** 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 22<sup>nd</sup> July:** 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 **James and Carmel** for 2 weeks commencing **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July.** The Family will be praying the Rosary on **Monday at 7.30 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 THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

- Vigil Mass: 19<sup>th</sup> July: **Bertha Barbari**  
 9.00am Mass: 20<sup>th</sup> July: **Fay and Junior Faamau**  
 Vigil Mass: 26<sup>th</sup> July: **Bev McKenzie**  
 9.00am Mass: 27<sup>th</sup> July: **Catherine Minogue and Helen Rawson**

**READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

- Vigil Mass: 19<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> July: **Pam and Phil Kenyon**  
 9.00am Mass: 20<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> July: **Therese and Jim Writer**

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

**CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 6: Tongan Youth Group**

**FLOWER ARRANGER FOR NEXT WEEK: Melanie and Elaine**

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

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00AM MASS: (Next Sunday) 20<sup>th</sup> July: Carmel Munro, Christine Foreman, Rita Jowsey, Helen Rawson and Amanda Romeiro**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

In our use of our time, talent, and treasure are we among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred – or sixty – or thirty-fold!

