

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year C
30th June 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"

Wishing all the School Children of our Parish a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

Next Sunday (7th July) the Diocese will be celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

CONFIRMATION 2013

Confirmation classes have begun, there are no lessons during the School holidays. **They will re-commence Sunday 14th July.**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be Saturday 10th August 2013 at 4.00pm

Please keep the Candidates and their families in your prayers.

Diary Dates:

- **Monday 1st July** Baptism Preparation Class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Monday 1st July** Parish Ladies Group get together at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, **new members are most welcome**
- **Thursday 4th July** Retiree's Social Group (**over 55 retiree's are most welcome**) gathering after the 9.00am Mass **Tuesday 9th July St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre **new members are most welcome**

PARISH BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:

30th June: Kelvin (Jim) Eggert, Pauline Menzies & Jane Andrews

1st July: David Nolan

2nd: Tyrone Astruc

PARISH ANNIVERSARY FOR THIS WEEK:

5th July: Alan and Christine Scott (44 years)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: 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:

Kay Berton (R.D.), Joseph Daly (Anniv), Maclovia Herrera, Agustin Gonzalez, Peter Daly, Fr Richard Mirovski (OFM Conv), Delma Hooton, Wilfred (Bill) Ford, Alice Harris, Mary Writer, Joseph Rodrigues, Limita Rodrigues, Nypha Vaz, Carlos Carvalho, Cecil Moylan, Emily Wauchop, Michael Seufatu, Caroline D'Mello, Ladislav Feher, Stephen Vaz, Siouli 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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:

The Planned Giving Envelopes for next financial year are available at the entrance of the church. 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**

READERS: The current readers' roster will expire at the end of July and if you have been a reader, please continue. **This also includes "old readers"**.

If you have ever considered joining this Ministry now is the time to do so. New readers on our last roster, including several young people, **have done a great job.** Remember, we are never alone at the lectern - **the Holy Spirit is with us always.**

The new roster will be followed by a readers' workshop and anyone who has not done one is invited to participate. There is a clipboard at the back of the Church. Please put your name and contact details (even the "old Readers) under your choice of Mass times. How often you read will depend on the number of people on the roster.

Thanking you all

Julie

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. **Some articles of interest are:** Countdown to Rio: World Youth Day Special, Changing the guard: from papal protector to priest, plus many more of interest.

WHATS HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH CATHOLIC PRIMARY:

Please take home a copy of their School Newsletter
Claim the Date: Annual School Fete is on Sunday 4th August. For more details of donations etc please contact the School on 4625 6561.

DIVINE MERCY: Every Sunday the Samoan Divine Mercy prayer group begins at 1.00pm in our Parish Church. All parishioners are most welcome. For more information please phone Maria on 9603 5106 or 0404929498. The Divine Mercy group also visit the Reiby Detention Centre in Airds on the 4th Saturday of the month. If you would like to donate chips and/or poppers that the group can take to the Detention Centre to share with the boys, it would be greatly appreciated.

ST VINCENT de PAUL - Winter Appeal

Your St Vincent de Paul Society conference is conducting a Winter Appeal in the Parish from Sunday 16 June to 7 July 2013.

This year we are again appealing for **cash and/or food**. There will be envelopes on the seats at Mass on each weekend during the Appeal, if you prefer to make a cash donation. To do this, simply put the completed envelope on the plate at either the 1st or 2nd collection. There will also be envelopes at the back of the church for the remainder of Winter.

We are again collecting food for the Nagle Centre, who provide freshly made meals to the homeless, hungry and lonely people of our area. These meals are supplied every day at lunch time and on Wednesdays for dinner. It is a service that is vital to our community and any donations will be gratefully accepted.

The Centre specifically needs tinned tuna, pasta, tinned fruit, tinned soup, tinned vegetables, tomato sauce, long life milk and cordial. Nappies are also a necessity that would be welcome.

There will be boxes at the back of the church on the Appeal weekends of 16 June to 7 July, where you may place food and nappy donations.

If able, please think of these items when grocery shopping. We thank you for your ongoing generosity and prayers.

ANNOUNCING DIOCESAN CHOIR FORMATION: The Diocese is forming a Diocesan Choir to support major Diocesan liturgies and has appointed Robyn O'Dea as its inaugural Choir Conductor. The Choir's first event is the Anniversaries Mass on 8 September at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow. We are now seeking choristers from around the Diocese to be a part of the inaugural event. Please contact Paul Mason 4222 2462 or Helen Bennett on 4222 2403, or provide details at <http://tin>

'JOURNEY INTO CHRIST' - WORKSHOPS ON SUPPORTING MINISTRIES OF INITIATION:

Thursday 11 July 2013, 2:30pm - 5:00pm "Ministries of Initiation in a Regional Context" 7:30pm - 9:30pm "Catechesis: Practicalities & Resources" both of these will be held in our Parish Hall. How do we support those who are becoming Catholic? This will be the central theme of these two workshops presented by nationally renowned speaker and educator Fr Elio Capra. These two workshops will explore the various ministries involved in supporting the journey of initiation and the practicalities and resources available for catechesis and instruction of those who join our Catholic faith. You are invited to attend either one or both workshops. For further information and to **book your place contact Darren McDowell, 4222 2463 or darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au**

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL FEAST DAY 14 JULY AT 10AM:

Please come and share the feast day celebration for our Patron Saint on Sunday 14 July 10am Mass to be followed by a procession carrying Our Lady's Statue. International lunch, concert and children's activities in the afternoon. Entry is free, please bring a picnic to share. Venue: 193 St Andrews Road, Varroville. Please RSVP via parish office on 9603 7373

CHILD PROTECTION FOR CATECHISTS AND OTHERS WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN IN MINISTRY:

are encourage to attend a Child Protection and SmartBoard Training day being run by CCD Wollongong. The Child Protection Course will run on Monday, 15th July at Micah House Campbelltown Friday, from 9.30am - 12.00pm. There is no cost involved with this course. Morning tea is provided. For bookings please contact Mrs Cindy Oliver on 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au

EXPLORE THE SCRIPTURES: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE: 2nd August: To be held in our Parish Hall from 1-3pm;

What questions do you have about the Bible? Would you like to know more about the Scriptures, their contents and themes? These workshops will provide an introduction to the Bible and begin to explore your questions about these texts. Also on display will be further resources and opportunities to develop your interest in this area of faith formation. For further information and to register contact Darren McDowell, 4222 2463 or cfl@dow.org.au

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS 2013:

If you are celebrating **25, 40, 50 or 60 years** of marriage this year and wish the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham at **St John Vianney C** on **Sunday, 8 September 2013 at 2.00pm**, please contact **Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au** at the Office of the Bishop by Friday 26 July sent to you.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Mary Pospesel** for two weeks, commencing **Monday 1st July to Sunday 14th July.** The address is on the Main notice board at the side of the Church. The Rosary will be on **Mondays at 3.00pm.** **Please collect the statue from the Church on the weekend and return it the following fortnight.**

READERS FOR JULY:

Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Louise Phillips
9.00am Mass: 7th & 14th: Barry Daley & Bill Fabry
21st & 28th: Sinisiti Filitoga and Noel Laming

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

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
9am Mass: Chantal Berbari

FLOWER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

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

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 9.00am MASS: Sunday 21st July: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Francesca Chow and Maria Hill.

