

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year C
21st July 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"

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **Lisi Muteni** and **Daniel Peter Matthew Griffin** who were Baptised last weekend.

Diary Dates:

- **Tuesday 23rd July** St Vincent de Paul Society meeting at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre *new members are most welcome*
- **Friday 26th July** Mass for Grandparents Day at 9.30am at the School – all Parishioners are invited
- **Thursday 1st August** Retiree's Social Group gathering in the Parish Hall after the 9.00am Mass (Retiree's over 55 are more than welcome to come along, for a cuppa, chat and lots of laughs)
- **Thursday 1st August** Sacramental Team meeting (for Confirmation) at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Sunday 4th August** St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Fete
- **Monday 5th August** Baptism Preparation Class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Monday 5th August** Parish Ladies Group at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

CONFIRMATION 2013

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

Please keep the 40 Candidates and their families in your prayers.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:

- 20th: Naomi Cross
- 21st: Melanie Cox
- 24th: Brian Astruc, Carmel Bartolo and Tresora Wyer
- 25th: Declan Cox

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN OUR PARISH: Who is ill, and would like to have Holy Communion please let Fr Tony or the Parish Office know on 4628 2967. Or if you would like a visit from Fr Tony please notify Fr Tony or the Parish Office .

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Jack O'Sullivan, Kathryn Primmer, Mike Young, Irene Mahanay, Barry Daley, 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:

Lawrence Dickson (R.D.), Kevin Shelley, Laurel Malloy, Reg Absolom, Kay Berton, Joseph Daly, Maclovia Herrera, Agustin Gonzalez, 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, 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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:

There are a still some Planned Giving Envelopes for this 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**

PARISH READERS: Your rosters are available for collection on the main table at the entrance of the Church. If you would still like to join this Parish Ministry, please contact Julie on 4625 7744

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER APPEAL – Thank You:

To everyone who supported the Winter Appeal, we would like to say a very big THANK YOU! We have been able to deliver a large quantity of essential food to the Nagle Centre, as well as much needed nappies. The level of cash donations was also well up and you can be assured, this money will be put to good use. 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: Will resume this weekend during the 9.00am Mass. This is recommended for children in Kindergarten up to and including Year 6.

DIVINE MERCY: Every Sunday the Samoan Divine Mercy prayer group begins at 1.00pm in our Parish Church. 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. **The Devine Mercy Group would like to give a huge thanks to the Parishioners who have given/and continue to give donations for the Reiby Detention Centre.**

JOURNEY: News from the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong. The Winter edition is now available on the tables at the entrance of the Church. May sure to take a copy home so as you can be updated with what is happening in our Diocese.

CATECHIST UPDATES (for anyone who is interested in becoming a Catechist or Catechist helper: Catechists/helpers are encouraged to attend a SmartBoard Training day being run by CCD Wollongong. This Course will run this Monday, 22nd July at Micah House, Campbelltown from 9.30am – 12.00pm.

AN INCLUSION MASS for people with disabilities and their families will take place this coming weekend - Saturday 27th July at the 6pm Mass at Mount Carmel Parish, St Andrews Rd., Varroville. All are welcome.

WHAT'S A LIFE FOR? JOIN US FOR A DISCERNMENT

WEEKEND: This retreat is designed for those who are single and are discerning their life direction, Married, Single, Religious, Priest. It will offer time to pray, reflect and discover more about yourself and God's call. **For Men:** Fri 2 Aug – Sun 4 Aug & Fri 20 Sept – Sun 22 Sept; **For Women:** Fri 9 Aug – Sun 11 Aug, St Mary's Towers Retreat House, Douglas Park, NSW. To find out more please contact Fr Peter Hendriks msc 0408 299 170 or discern@whatsalifefor.com or visit www.facebook.com/whatsalifefor or www.whatsalifefor.com

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

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>

THE BIG CHILL OUT: Will be held at St Joseph's Catholic High School Albion Park on Friday 2nd August, 2013. Keynote speaker is Paul Power, Chief Executive Officer of the Refugee Council of Australia and Bishop Peter Ingham will be leading the Prayer Vigil to conclude the formalities of the evening. Come along and join in a night of fundraising activities, music and friendship. Registration is \$10. For any further details please contact Josie Cooks on 4253 0836 or Josephine.cooks@dow.catholic.edu.au

CAMPBELLTOWN CATHOLIC CLUB COMMUNION LUNCHEON:

Will be held on Sunday 18th August 2013. Mass will be celebrated At Mt Carmel Catholic Church, Varroville at 11.30am followed by the Communion Luncheon at the Catholic Club at 1.00pm. Tickets are \$15.00 per head. If you would like to be on the Parish Table please put your name and details down on the clipboard at the entrance of the Church. We need to know numbers ASAP as there are no reserved tables.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS 2013:

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 at **St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on Sunday, 8 September 2013 at 2.00pm**, please contact **Helen Bennett 4222 2403** or email helen.bennett@dow.org.au. At the Office of the Bishop by Friday 26 July and an invitation will be sent to you.

ELECTION STATEMENT: Australia's Catholic Bishops have produced an election statement to focus attention on some key issues of vital concern to the Australian community. You can find the statement here: www.catholicsvote2013.org.au and download it as a PDF or to your iPhone, iPad or Android device. Copies are available in the church.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Carmel & James** for two weeks, commencing **Monday 15th July to Sunday 28th July**. The family will be saying the Rosary on Tuesday at 7.00pm. 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 JULY:

Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Louise Phillips
 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer and Noel Laming
 (Could the 2nd Reader please also read the Prayers of the Faithful)

READERS FOR AUGUST:

Vigil Mass: 3rd & 10th: Bev and Julie McKenzie
 17th & 24th: Pam and Phil Kenyon
 9.00am Mass: 4th & 11th: Melia Mauga and Chris O'Brien
 18th & 25th: Jim and Therese Writer
 (Could the 2nd Reader please also read the Prayers of the Faithful)

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Help required
 9am Mass: Helen Rawson & Chris Reddy

FLOWER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Christine and Carmel

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faaia Faamau, Leesha Bell, Lina Tino and Tino Mautgututia

