

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

26<sup>th</sup> August 2012

### 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."*

**BISHOP PETER INGHAM DD:** Will be visiting our Parish over the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September. Bishop Peter will be celebrating at all Masses that weekend. You will have the opportunity to speak with the Bishop after all Masses and there will be a parish morning tea after the 9.30am Mass. Donations of food and help would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Peter to our Parish.

### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Kelly Berthaly, Ruth Condan, Mary Fredericks, Jean Nicholson, Marilyn Fabry, Kay Burton, Mary Pace, Alphonse Zammit, Ken Smith, Zanaba Liban, Lorraine Evans, Sitani Nasio, Marcia Davis, Jack O'Sullivan, Kevin Hardinge, Gino Stephen, Iris Stephen, Tina Boyd, Beryl Purcell, Gloria Eggert, Barbara DeVillie, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Theresa Cruz, Phillip Conroy, Alphonso Zammit, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, Amy Jablonskis, Siieli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

### PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

John DeVillie (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv), Lina Pereira (Anniv), Bernard Hoffman (Anniv), Derek Lovocah (Anniv), Kevin Spencer, Chris Conway, Ann McBeatty, Marie Ihlein, Maureen Stephens, Baby Callum Roberts, Thomas Griffin, David Dell, Ronald Cochrane, Joe White, Deborah Rix, Frank Zachulski, Maclovia Herrera, Agustin Gonzalez, Alice Harris, Joseph Rodrigues, Terry Martin, Limita Rodrigues, Patrica Barker, John Mayne, Mary Writer, Keith Gomes, Baptist D'Sa, Ladislav Feher, Maria Cabonara, Frank Mckay, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, John McFeeters, and Robert Deville.

### Parish Birthday for this week:

26<sup>th</sup>: Gloria Eggert

27<sup>th</sup>: Daniel McMurray and Jordan Andrews

### Wedding Anniversary for the week:

31<sup>st</sup>: Bill and Marilyn Fabry (44 years)

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Is to be conferred in our Parish Church on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 4.00pm by Bishop Peter Ingham DD. *Please keep our Candidates, their parents and the Sacramental Team in your prayers*

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community Siena Jade and Jacob Anthony Allen who were Baptised last weekend.

### Diary Dates:

- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, **new members are most welcome**, come along and see the good works of St Vincent de Paul
- **Retiree's Social Group** gathering after the 9.00am Mass, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August (**parishioners and friends over 55 are more than welcome**) come along for a chat, a cuppa and a good laugh
- **Baptism Preparation class** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Parish Ladies group meeting** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre (**new members are most welcome**) Ladies come along for a chat, good laugh and a friendly cuppa with supper

**PARISH LADIES GROUP FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE:** The Parish Ladies Group is holding a Father's Day raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 each and will be on sale at all Masses this weekend. **1st prize** is a 39cm HD Led LCD TV and the remaining 3 prizes are the winner's choice. (Kenneally's Funerals have also donated another two prizes). **Please support this parish fundraiser. The raffle will be drawn on Father's Day.**

### OUR PARISH PLANNED GIVING:

**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.**

**PARISH CENSUS FORMS:** If you have not yet completed the Parish Census forms to update our Parish records, could you please do so as soon as possible please. If you did not receive a form, they are available on the tables at the entrance of the Church. The completed forms can be either put in the collection baskets, given to Fr Tony or left at the Parish Office. **Thanking you in anticipation**

### 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

**SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY GROUP:** Invite Parishioners to join them in their Devotional Prayers in the Church from 1.00pm to 3.30pm every Sunday afternoon. For more information phone Maria 9603 5106 or 0404 929498. If you would like to help with donations of chips and/or poppers for their visit to Reiby Detention centre for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month it would be greatly appreciated.

**MARK THE DATE: (SUNDAY 21st OCTOBER) after the 9.30am Mass there will be a PARISH MULTICULTURAL FOODFARE in the Parish Hall:** If your group would like to have a stall, or for more information please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967. There is a clipboard on the table at the entrance of the Church, please put your name and contact details down with a suggestion of your group or what you would like to bring along to our Multicultural Foodfare. This is a fundraiser for our Parish so please come along and support this.

**PARISH GROUNDS WORKING BEE:** Thank you to the few people who helped in preparing our Parish grounds for Summer. Your time was greatly appreciated.

### NEW SUNDAY MISSAL AND OR WEEKDAY MISSAL:

If you would like to order one or either of these, please contact the Parish Office during Office hours (4628 2967).

### ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**NOTICES: Trivia Night:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 6.30pm till late in the School Hall. Tables are 8 to 10 person @ \$10. Per person. BYO nibbles and drinks, all parishioners are invited. So come along make up a table or 2 and support our Parish Catholic Primary School.

**Newletters:** Please take a copy home to read about what is happening in our Parish Primary School. Copies are available for parishioners at the entrance tables of the Church.

### 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.

### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

**CONVENTION:** Registrations are now open for this national event that is being hosted right here in our own Diocese from **Friday, 21 September to Sunday, 23 September 2012.** Head to acymc.org for more information or to register and make sure you check out the promo video at [www.youtube.com/acbcyouth](http://www.youtube.com/acbcyouth). If you have any further questions please contact Loretta on 4253 0809 or email [youth@dow.org.au](mailto:youth@dow.org.au).

### PILGRIMAGE OF GRACE 23-25 SEPTEMBER 2012

As part of the Year of Grace, the Church in Australia has organised a pilgrimage of a relic of Saint Francis Xavier throughout Australia. The pilgrimage aims to help us contemplate and imitate Christ by contemplating the life of Saint Francis Xavier, one of the foremost Church missionaries and evangelisers and a significant exemplar of the imitation of Christ. The pilgrimage will visit St Francis Xavier Cathedral **Wollongong**, St Thomas More **Ruse**, (Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September: Mass at 8.30pm followed by overnight veneration and leaving our Parish at 6.00am) St Francis Xavier **Berrima**, St Patrick's **Port Kembla**, Mary Mother of the Church **Macquarie Fields** and St Paul's **Camden**. For details of the pilgrimage, please see the flyer on the Church noticeboard.

### HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PRIESTHOOD?

Are you wanting to commit your life to Jesus Christ and to serve God's people? Priesthood is a fulfilling and challenging way of life. **To know more contact your Parish Priest or Fr Richard Healey on [priesthood@dow.org.au](mailto:priesthood@dow.org.au) or 0401 621 591, or visit <http://dow.org.au/priesthood>**

**The Parish Rosary Statue** will be in the home of **Steve and Catherine from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August until Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.** The family will say the Rosary on **Monday at 7.00pm.** Please see main notice board for the address details. *Please collect the statue from the church on the weekend and return it the following weekend. Thank you.*

### READERS FOR MASS FOR SEPTEMBER 2012:

**Vigil Mass:** James Munro & David Minogue  
**8.00am Mass:** Kerry Hennessy & Tim Logue  
**9.30am Mass:** May Michelutti & Therese Writer  
(Could the 2<sup>nd</sup> reader please also read the Prayers of the Faithful)

### USHER'S for next weekend:

**Vigil Mass:** Vicki Horne  
**8.00am Mass:** Cathy Bye  
**9.30am Mass:** Ellen Healy and Noel Laming

**Flowers:** Maree

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September (after the 9.30am Mass) for Bishop Peter Ingham Parish Visit, help and donations would be most grateful

**CHURCH CLEANERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:** Group 5: Samoan Divine Mercy

### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2012 Confirmation

(Children Year 6 and above who have made their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion)

**Classes** will conclude week beginning Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August. **Second Rite of Reconciliation** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm- Parish Church.

### Confirmation Practice:

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 5.00pm – Parish Church.

### Sacrament of Confirmation:

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September – 4.00pm

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER 21st Sunday Ordinary

In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God." In the Gospel too, the apostles must make a choice – who will they follow. They recognise Jesus as the source of eternal life, to whom else would they go? May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.