

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year B**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> September 2012**

**FATHER'S DAY**

**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 next weekend (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September). Bishop Peter will be Concelebrating at all the 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 DeVille, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Theresa Cruz, Phillip Conroy, Alphonso Zammit, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, Amy Jablonskis, Sioli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

**PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:**

Eileen Therese Daly (Anniv), Violet Francisco (Anniv), Emil Avila (Anniv), John DeVille, Lina Pereira, Bernard Hoffman, Derek Lovocah, 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:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Caitlin Hobbins, **4<sup>th</sup>:** Peter Barbari  
**And 7<sup>th</sup>:** Maureen Molland

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Is to be conferred in our Parish Church next 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 **Cassidy Megan Van Deinsen, Kimberley Anderson and Shania Anderson** who were Baptised last weekend.

**Diary Dates:**

- **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
- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 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 13<sup>th</sup> September (*parishioners and friends over 55 are more than welcome*) come along for a chat, a cuppa and a good laugh

**PARISH LADIES GROUP FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE:** Thank you to the many parishioners and visitors who bought tickets. The winners will be in the bulletin next weekend.

**READER'S WORKSHOP:** Thank you to all those who attended the Reader's Workshop last Saturday and a special thank you to Chris Vine for his camera work. Just a reminder that a copy of your reading can be obtained from Carmel (Parish Office) or me so that you can practice and be confident when it's your turn to read. Remember also that a new roster is necessary because of the change in Mass times and will be available soon. *Julle*

**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.

**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:** Father's day is traditionally a day when we pray in thanksgiving for our fathers. Again this year Bishop Ingham wishes to use this day as an appropriate one on which to acknowledge those who through the priesthood are called "Father". Today 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 are provided for this collection and a credit card facility is available for your convenience. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please note that donations are *not tax-deductible*.

**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](http://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.

**ALTAR SERVERS CONFERENCE:** The Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers will hold its altar servers' camp from **Monday 24 to Wednesday 26 September** (first week of school holidays) at **The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops**. Open to all Altar Servers from Year 5 and above, the youth

camp will celebrate the Year of Grace. Day participants possible. Final day held in Jamberoo. For more details, see Parish Office for a form or contact the National Secretary, Miss Karen Man, on 0433 765 400 or Fr Danai Penollar 0417-259-617. [www.guildofststephen.org.au](http://www.guildofststephen.org.au)

**CatholicCare has a brand new Program:** CatholicCare is looking for suitably qualified people to work as Pastoral Support Workers delivering a range of non-therapeutic welfare, faith-formation, spiritual and emotional support to students, families and staff of Catholic primary schools. If you think you have something to offer and would like further information, please visit [www.catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au). Specific enquiries should be directed to Peter Burgoyne on 4254 9354 during business hours.

*Working Together to Make Difference in People's Lives*

**The Parish Rosary Statue** will be in the home of **Joe and Christine** from **Monday 3rd** until **Sunday 9th September**. The family will say the Rosary on **Monday at 7.30pm**. 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:** Maureen Molland  
**8.00am Mass:** Karen and David Mahanay  
**9.30am Mass:** Helen Rawson and Chris Reddy

**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

*A Prayer for Fathers*

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the **God of compassion** walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

*Amen*