

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
9th September 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."



Our Parish would like to welcome Bishop Peter Ingham DD who is visiting our parish this weekend. Bishop will be available after all Masses, please make him feel welcome and come along and join him for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the 9.30am Mass.

PARISH NAME TAGS: Don't forget to wear your parish name tag (on the table at the main entrance of the Church), for welcoming Bishop Peter and making yourself known to other parishioners. If you require one please put your name down on the clipboard beside the name tag holders.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Kelly Berthaly, 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, Phillip Conroy, Alphonso Zammit, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, Amy Jablonskis, Sioeli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Ruth Condan (R.D.), Christina Craig (R.D.), Frank Davis (R.D.), Laurie Keevers (Anniv), Gilbert Rodrigues (Anniv), Nypha Vaz (Anniv), Emil Avila, John DeVillie, Lina Pereira, Bernard Hoffman, Derek Lovocah, Chris Conway, Joe White, Deborah Rix, Frank Zachulski, Maclovia Herrera, Agustin Gonzalez, Alice Harris, Joseph Rodrigues, Terry Martin, Limita Rodrigues, Patrica Barker, Mary Writer, Keith Gomes, Baptist D'Sa, Ladislav Feher, Maria Cabonara, Frank Mckay, Genie Lynch and Jim McKenzie,

Parish Birthdays for this week:

11th: Denise Goodall, Samuel McMurray,
12th: Nive Andrews and **14th:** Col Davis
Wedding Anniversary:
11th: John and Bertha (34 years)

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION for 48 Candidates. Was held this weekend (Saturday at 4.00pm) by Bishop Peter Ingham DD.

Please keep our Candidates, their parents and their sponsors in your prayers.

Thankyou to all who prepared the Candidates for this Sacrament to complete their initiation into full membership of the Catholic Church.

Thank you to the many people who prepared the Church, the Powerpoint, the Musicians and the Church grounds. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated. Fr Tony

Diary Dates:

- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 11th 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 13th 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: The winners of this raffle were: 1st Prize: Mrs G Amato (TV), 2nd Prize: Dexter Harris (donated prize for redraw), won by Fr Tony after-shave lotions, 3rd Prize: Bernie Walsh Darrel Lea Chocolate Bag and 4th: Men's dressing gown and miscellaneous men's pack. **Thank you to the many parishioners and visitors who supported this fundraiser.**

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**

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 3rd 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: Has been cancelled
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 COLLECTION: The fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue to support our priests in their work on our behalf and our sick and retired clergy, and to assist the work of promoting priestly vocations. You are still able to contribute by using the special envelopes provided. A credit card facility is available for your convenience. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please note that donations are **not** tax-deductible.

HOMESTAY FOR YOUTH MINISTERS.

At the end of September our diocese will host Youth Ministers from around the country at the Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention, being held at Campbelltown Catholic Club. If you're able to host a couple of delegates in your home (just bed/mattress and breakfast) from **Thursday, 20 September (evening) to Sunday 23 September (morning)** please contact Loretta at youth@dow.org.au

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. If you have any further questions please contact Loretta on 4253 0809 or email youth@dow.org.au.

PRO-LIFE PARISH SEMINAR. Family Life

International will be hosting a seminar day on **"The Defence of Life and Family in the 21st Century - a Christian Response"** at **Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 80 Demetrius Road, Rosemeadow** on **Saturday, 22 September 2012. The day will commence with Mass at 10.00am followed by talks, and conclude at 5.00pm.** Speakers will be: Paul Hanrahan, Executive Director of Family Life International (Australia); Eamonn Keane, Teacher, university lecturer, author; and Wanda Skowronska, registered psychologist, counsellor. The focus of the day will be 'Life, Marriage and Family' with special attention to the protection of life from conception to natural death. An invitation is extended to all parishes in the Macarthur Deanery and anyone else who may be interested. **BYO lunch, tea and coffee provided.**

STEWARDSHIP

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The good steward does not show favouritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom.

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

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 23rd 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.

CATHOLICCARE HAS A 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. 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 **Brian and Monica** from **Monday 10th until Sunday 16th 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 2nd reader please also read the Prayers of the Faithful)

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
8.00am Mass: Janece Levi
9.30am Mass: Chantal Barbari

Flowers: Melanie and Elaine

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: Sunday September (after the 9.30am Mass) for Bishop Peter Ingham Parish Visit, help and donations would be most grateful