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."

Please keep in your prayers all the students who will be commencing their Higher School Certificate Exams this week.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Barbara Milanta, Len Donoghue, 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 DeVille, 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:

Chris Wagstaff, Ruth Condan, Christina Craig, Frank Davis, Laurie Keevers, Gilbert Rodrigues, Nypha Vaz, Emil Avila, John DeVille, 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:

Wedding Anniversary this week:

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community Jayde Louise Wallace who was Baptised last weekend.

Diary Dates:

- Parish Pastoral Council meeting Wednesday 17th October at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- Retiree's Social Group gathering after the 9.00am Mass, Thursday 25th October (parishioners and friends over 55 are more than welcome) come along for a chat, a cuppa and a good laugh
- St Vincent de Paul Society meeting Tuesday 30th October at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, new members are most welcome, come along and see the good works of St Vincent de Paul

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.

PARISH MULTICULTURAL FOODFARE: Will be held in our Parish Hall next Sunday after the 9.00am Mass. fundraiser for our Parish so please come along and support this.

<u>COUNTER'S AND REVISED READERS ROSTERS:</u> Are available for collection on the table at the side entrance to the Church.

MATER DEI SCHOOL, CAMDEN: Is in need of Casual Teachers who live in the Macarthur region. Experience in teaching students with special needs is not a pre requisite as the school offers support and guidance to new casual teachers. An application form can be downloaded from the school website www.materdei.org.au or you can contact Karen Taylor on 4654 8728 after Monday Oct 8 2012.

YOUNG MEN OF GOD NATIONAL CONFERENCE (Theme:

"The Lord is my Strength"), Friday 12 – Sunday 14 October 2012 at The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Park for men aged 16-35. Registration forms are available on the noticeboard near the Church kitchen.

MATER DEI COUNTRY FAIR: Come along to the

Mater Dei Country Fair on Sunday 14 Oct 2012. It has a great community spirit and you will be contributing to the education of children with intellectual disabilities.

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME: Has been broadcast by the Ten Network since August 1971. The show's basic premise is to allow viewers to connect with a Sunday Mass from their homes. It is viewed by thousands of people across Australia every Sunday at 6.00am and repeated on the Aurora Channel on Foxtel on Sundays at 10.00am and during the week. Viewers are often those who are isolated from the usual parish celebration: through age, distance, disability, illness or imprisonment. If you are unable to attend Mass for any reason, you may enjoy viewing this wonderful program and connecting with the Mass from home. Mass For You at Home is also Auslan Interpreted for the Deaf.

CatholicCare Pastoral Care Course: Every Monday for eight weeks from this Monday, 8th October, 2012 to 26th November, 2012. From 9.30 am to 3.30 pm at Micah House (next door to St John's Presbytery), Cordeaux St Campbelltown. If you would like to attend this course or would like more information: Please contact Carmen Karauda the Aged Care Advocate for the Wollongong Diocese. On 4640 8515, mobile 0448 930 287 or email carmenk@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au

Course topics include, what is pastoral care? communication and listening skills, grief and loss, dementia, spirituality and Eucharistic ministry, Spirituality and ageing and palliative care

MINISTRY TRAINING: "Preparing the Sacred Mysteries" – A Course for Sacristans will be held on Saturday, 20 October 2012 from 10.00am – 2.30pm at St Columbkille's Church, 99 Princes Highway, Corrimal. RSVP essential to Helen Bennett via email helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au or telephone 4253 0934. Morning tea provided. BYO lunch.

MINISTRY TRAINING: "Proclaiming the Word" – A Course for Readers : Macarthur and Southern Highlands: Saturday 3 November 2012, 10.00am – 2.30pm, St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Campbelltown RSVP essential to Helen Bennett via email helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au or telephone 4253 0934. Morning tea provided. BYO lunch.

MASS: Action of Christ

The celebration of Mass, as the action of Christ and the people of God arrayed hierarchically, is for the Church universal and local, as well as for each of the faithful, the centre of the whole Christian life. For the Mass contains the high point both of the action by which God sanctifies the world in Christ and of the worship that the human race offers to the Father, adoring him through Christ, the Son of God, in the Holy spirit. (GIRM 16)

<u>The Parish Rosary Statue</u> will be in the home of **Russell and Christine** from **Monday 8th October until Sunday 14th October**. The family will say the Rosary on **Monday at 6.30pm**. 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 OCTOBER 2012: (there is now a revised Reader's Roster due to the change in Sunday Mass times commencing Sunday 7th October)

Vigil Mass: Catherine and Nathaniel Robinson

9.00am Mass: (7th & 14th) Maria Feher and Cody Benes

 $(21^{\text{st}}\ \&\ 28^{\text{th}})$ Pearce Nelson

and

Sarah Wright (Could the 2nd reader please also read the Prayers of the Faithful)

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: 9.00am Mass:

Flowers: Christine and Carmel

<u>Church Cleaner's</u>: Group 5: Samoan Divine Mercy Group

HOLY COMMUNION

The more complete form of participation in the Mass by which the faithful...receive the Lord's body from the same sacrifice is strongly endorsed. (Vatican 11, SC 55) It is most desirable that the faithful...receive the Lord's body from hosts consecrated at the same Mass and that, in the instances when it is permitted, they participate in the chalice so that, even by means of the signs, communion will stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated. (GIRM 85)

<u>Prayer</u> My Choices and commitment

Lord, inspire me to live in such a way That my choices each day And my commitment to live in a positive way may transform The negative into something positive, And the ordinariness of daily life Into something extraordinary. Amen

