

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year B**  
**12<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."*

*The Parishioners of St Thomas More Catholic Church, would like to welcome Bishop Peter Ingham, the Director's and families of the Board of the Campbelltown Catholic Club, distinguished guests and the many visitor's to our Parish this weekend.*

*We would especially like to thank the Campbelltown Catholic Club for all their support to our Parish, St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, and the support they give to our Catechists to help spread "the good work" in our local parish State Schools.*

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY –**  
**Wednesday, 15 August The Feast of the Assumption –**  
**A sure hope for humanity**

*The Feast of the assumption is a holy day of obligation, meaning that we as Catholics are required to attend Mass on the day of obligation as we are required on a Sunday. The reason this feast is prescribed as a Holy day of obligation is its importance regarding God's message of salvation.*

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: 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, Sioeli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

**PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:**

Chris Conway (R.D.), Ann McBeatty (R.D.), Marie Ihlein (R.D.), 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, Patricia Barker, John Mayne, Mary Writer, Keith Gomes, Baptist D'Sa, Ladislav Feher, Maria Cabonara, Frank Mckay, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, Lina Pereira, John McFeeters, and Robert Deville.

**Parish Birthday for this week:**  
**13<sup>th</sup>:** James Munro

**Diary Dates:**

- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, **new members are most welcome**
- **Retiree's Social Group** gathering after the 9.00am Mass, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August (**parishioners and friends over 55 are more than welcome**)
- **Parish Grounds working bee** next Saturday (18<sup>th</sup> and the following Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August) after the 8.00am Mass
- **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

**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*

**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**

**ATTENTION READER'S:** Thank you to the parishioners who are continuing and are joining this Ministry for the first time, your time is greatly appreciated.

**There will be a Reader's Workshop on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August (in the Church) from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. If you are new to the Roster please try to come to this Workshop. Could you please phone either myself on 4625 7744 or the Parish Office to let me know you will attend the Workshop.**

**Looking forward to seeing you there.**

*Thank you Julie*

**USHER'S/GREETER'S ROSTER:** Is due to run out at the end of August. If you would like to join this Parish Ministry/and or continue, please put down your name, contact details and what Mass you prefer on the clipboard at the main table at the entrance of the Church.

**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 either Imeleta on 0401306117 or 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.

**PARISH PIETY STALL:** If you are looking for that special religious gift, prayer books, Rosary Beads please go and have a look at our Piety Stall, we have many items for sale.

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CANNOT COME TO MASS?** Members of our parish community visit parishioners and bring communion every week to those who are ill or elderly so are unable to come to Mass. Sometimes, it may be that someone could benefit from a lift. Please encourage them to contact our parish office either to arrange communion to be brought to them or to organize transport.

**PARISH LADIES GROUP FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE:** The Parish Ladies Group is holding a Father's Day raffle. Tickets will be \$1.00 each and will be on sale at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend. **1st prize** is a 39cm HD Led LCD TV and **2nd prize** is a chocolate goodies bag. Please support this parish fundraiser. The raffle will be drawn on Father's Day.

**PARISH GROUNDS WORKING BEE:** Will be held next Saturday and the following Saturday (18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> August) after the 8.00am Mass. Help is needed to prepare the garden beds and grass for Summer. **Parishioners please come and help to continue to make our Parish Church more welcoming and this is also a great way to meet other Parishioners.** Morning tea and refreshments will be provided.

**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:** Copies are available for parishioners at the entrance tables of the Church to find out what is happening in our Parish Primary School

**SELECTING MUSIC FOR SUNDAY MASS – Workshop for Music Directors and Coordinators of Music at Sunday Masses. Sunday, 19 August 2012, 1.30pm – 4.00pm.** This workshop, for Music directors, choir directors and music coordinators will review the available resources and proven processes for developing a coordinated parish liturgical music repertoire to meet the needs of the various assemblies at Sunday Masses, **RSVP essential to Helen Bennett on 4253 0934** or email helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au by **Friday, 10 August 2012.**

**WORLD YOUTH DAY RIO | July 2013**

Bishop Peter has booked his spot on our Diocesan Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Brazil. Are you going to join him? Come along to an information night, hear the latest about the Wollongong Diocesan itinerary and find out all you need to know about how you can get to WYD 2013 to celebrate with the Holy Father and young people from around the globe.

**WYD Info Night | Macarthur, Thursday, 23 August @ 7.30pm,** St John's Parish Hall Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown

**READERS FOR MASS FOR AUGUST 2012:**

Vigil Mass: Steve & Dominic Robinson  
8.00am Mass: Brian and Claire O'Brien  
9.30am Mass: Maryse Parisi & Vela Andrews  
(Could the 2<sup>nd</sup> reader please also read the Prayers of the Faithful)

**USHER'S for next weekend:**

Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro  
8.00am Mass: Gwen and Brian Harris  
9.30am Mass: Helen Rawson and Chris Reddy

**Flowers:** Christine Gomes

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS:** Sunday 19th August (after the 9.30am Mass) Carmel Munro, Rita Jowsey, Christine Foreman and Helen Rawson

**CHURCH CLEANERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:** Group 3: Brian O'Brien, Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro and Pauline Menzies

**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2012**  
**Confirmation**

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

**Classes** have already commenced and 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**

*The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah — food, water, rest, and encouragement were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?*

**Prayer of Self-Offering**

Receive, Lord, my entire freedom.

Accept the whole of my memory,

My intellect and my will.

Whatever I have or possess,

It was you who gave it to me;

I restore it to you in full,

And I surrender it completely

To the guidance of your will.

Give me only love of you

Together with your grace,

And I am rich enough

And ask for nothing more.

**Amen** *St Ignatius Loyola*