

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

**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, Sioeli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

**PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:**

Kevin Spencer (R.D.), Alfred (Tossil) Harris (R.D.), Catherine (Denbar) Creswell (R.D.), Fr Victor Bonello (R.D.-ofm conv) Lena Pereira (Anniv), 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, Lina Pereira, John McFeeters, and Robert Deville.

*Please join your fellow parishioners for Refreshments after the 9.30am Mass*



**Parish Birthday for this week:**

**20<sup>th</sup>:** Emily Vossen and **23<sup>rd</sup>:** Owen Astruc & Gail Foster

**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 **Breanna Marie Kerr** who was Received into the Catholic Church last weekend.

**Diary Dates:**

- **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- **Parish Grounds working bee** next Saturday (25<sup>th</sup> August) after the 8.00am Mass
- **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 will be \$1.00 each and will be on sale at all Masses over the next two weekends. **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.**

**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.

**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:** 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 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 (continuing) WORKING BEE:** Will be continuing next Saturday (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 are 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:** 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.

**SELECTING MUSIC FOR SUNDAY MASS – Workshop that was scheduled for today has been postponed. You will be advised of the new date shortly.**

**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

**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).

**The Parish Rosary Statue** will be in the home of Brian and Tresora from **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> until Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August.** 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:** Help Required  
**8.00am Mass:** Francesca Chow & Karenne Harvey  
**9.30am Mass:** Christine Foreman

**Flowers:** Francesca

**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 4: Maureen Molland, Leesha Bell, Fa'aiu Faamau, Lina Tino & Tino Maugututia

**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**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

The Gospel reminds us that in the Eucharist we have been given the greatest of gifts – Jesus' body and blood leading to everlasting life. How might we respond? Both the first and second readings implore us as disciples to live lives worthy of this gift, seeking the wisdom of God and walking in his ways. Thus we are always to "give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

**Prayer to Our Lady of Good Health**

*Mary, our Mother, is the protector of the sick. All over the world, millions of people obtain the help of Our Lady of Good Health to ask Our Lord Jesus Christ for their prompt recuperation.*

*Most Pure Virgin, you are the health of the sick, the refuge of sinners, the consolation of the afflicted and the dispenser of all graces. In my illness, I appeal today to the treasures of the mercy of your Divine Son, and I desire to call you by the sweet name of Mother.*

*Yes, O Mother, attend me in my infirmity, give me bodily health, so that I may do my duties with vitality and joy, and with that same disposition may I serve your Son Jesus and give thanks to you, health of the sick. Our Lady of Good Health, pray for us. Amen*

Amen.

O Mary, conceived without sin,  
pray for us who come to you!