

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year B**  
**21st October 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."*

**YEAR OF GRACE, YEAR OF FAITH**

While planned independently of each other (the Year of Grace is an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops in response to local issues, while the Year of Faith announced by Pope Benedict is a call to the universal Church) both have as their goal a renewal of faith in Jesus Christ. The Year of Grace invites us into a spiritual journey of encountering Christ afresh in our lives through prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, celebrating liturgies, repenting of our failures and listening to the voice of the Spirit. The Year of Faith (commenced on 11 October) calls us into a deep renewal of our faith through retracing the history of our faith, studying the Catechism, praying the Creed and seeking to be an active witness of what we believe. These two impulses of the Holy Spirit complement each other and provide opportunities for us to discover and nurture the gifts of 'grace' and 'faith' at work in our lives.

**Please keep in your prayers all the students who are continuing their Higher School Certificate Exams this week.**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Colum Brennan, 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, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, Amy Jablonskis, Sioeli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

**PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:**

Special intentions for the Chomicz family, Robert Brown, Chris Wagstaff, Ruth Condan, Christina Craig, Frank Davis, Laurie Keevers, Gilberto 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:**  
**Belated Birthday: 14<sup>th</sup>:** Ronald Fredericks

**Birthdays for this week:**

**20<sup>th</sup>:** Jean Barrett & Yvonne Reddy  
**22<sup>nd</sup>:** Christopher Muhn  
**23<sup>rd</sup>:** Seta Berbari & Imogen Astruc  
**25<sup>th</sup>:** Christine Goodall

**Wedding Anniversary this week:**

**25<sup>th</sup>:** Paul and Trish Newman (39 years)

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community **Harry Thomas Fitzsimons** who was Baptised last weekend.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To **Adam Michael Bye** and **Lyndell Marie Bailey** who were married last weekend. We wish them God's blessings and a lifetime of happiness.

**Diary Dates:**

- **Parish Food Fair** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October in the Parish Hall after the 9.00am Mass
- **Retiree's Social Group** gathering after the 9.00am Mass, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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

**PARISH MULTICULTURAL FOODFAIR:** Will be held in our Parish Hall today after the 9.00am Mass. This is a fundraiser for our Parish so please come along and support this. Some examples of food that will be for sale are: Indian, Chinese, Tongan, cakes etc. There will be tea coffee and cordial will also be for sale. **We look forward to seeing you all in the Parish Hall to support this Parish Fundraiser.**

**PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS NEEDED:** This Parish Ministry is held during the 9.00am Mass during School Terms. Currently we have 3 ladies who are members of this Ministry. We need a few more members so we are able to continue this Ministry at all 9.00am Masses (during the School Terms). For more information please phone Christine on: 4626 7475. Thank you to those who will give of their time for the Children's Liturgy, all the information is provided.

**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.

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Newsletter is available on all the tables at the entrance of the Church. Please take one and find out what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR PARISH BULLETIN:** Please see Fr Tony or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967 during business hours for more details.

**PARISH PIETY STALL:** We now have available for sale St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards \$7.00 per packet of 10 cards. Get in early while we have plenty of stock. Come and see Bertha and John for any assistance.

**DO YOU 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 who could benefit from a lift. Please encourage them to contact our parish office (4628 2967) either to arrange communion to be brought to them or to organize transport to Mass.

**PARISHIONERS – A TIME TO GET INVOLVED:** Being involved in one of our parish ministries or groups provides the chance to get to know some of the people you see across the aisles at Mass. Please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or see Fr Tony, for details about the many ways you can get involved.

**MISSION SUNDAY "Restore Hope Share Grace":** Will be next Sunday (27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>), so there will be an extra collection.

**NAGLE CENTRE, CAMPBELLTOWN URGENT REQUEST:** The Nagle Centre in Iolanthe St, is in urgent need of volunteers to work in the Kitchen – day kitchen coordinators are needed also. The kitchen is open for breakfast and lunch Monday to Friday 8.30am – 2pm. Training and orientation is provided. For more information please phone the Manager at the Nagle Centre Jan St John on 4628 2928. The Nagle Centre is a special work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. The Nagle Centre kitchen provides a place for people to eat and chat, a safe haven from the street, shelter from outdoors.

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

**VATICAN II CONFERENCE – AN EVENT OF GRACE** To mark 50 years since the second Vatican Council, our Diocese is gathering for a screening of the recent national e-conference featuring keynote speakers Bishop Michael Putney and Sr Maryanne Confoy RSC. Topics will include "Vatican II: A new relationship with God" and "The Baptismal call to holiness – a call to personal and communal ministry." There will be opportunity for local sharing and discussion. Please note in your diary **Saturday 17 November from 10.00am to 3.00pm, Chevalier College, Bowral.** BYO Lunch, Morning Tea provided.

Cost: Gold coin donation. **Please RSVP to Jane Edwards on 4253 0899 or jane.edwards@woll.catholic.org.au**

**MENALIVE DIOCESAN WEEKEND FOR MEN IS SOON! – REGISTER NOW.** At times living out your faith can be pretty tough and most of us need help. Some 8500 men throughout Australia have already been on a menALIVE Weekend. It involves a full day Saturday (go home Saturday Night) and again Sunday, finishing at lunch time. Come along and be inspired and encouraged to renew your faith and rediscover God's purpose for your life. If you are a man over 15 up to 85+ consider this: on **Saturday, 17 to Sunday 18 November.** Experienced leaders from Brisbane will be running a menALIVE weekend for the Wollongong Diocese. Hosted by the West Wollongong Parish it will be held in the Parish school hall, 2 Powell Street, West Wollongong. For further details and registration forms contact Jeff 0422 000 623 or Vince 0413 126 095.



**The Parish Rosary Statue** will be in the home of **Ginny and Tony** from **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October until Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November.** (Please note that the family will be having the **Rosary Statue for 2 weeks**). The family will say the Rosary on **Monday at 4.00pm.** Please see main notice board for the address details. **Please collect the Rosary Statue from the church kitchen on your weekend and return it the following fortnight. Thank you.**

**READERS FOR MASS FOR OCTOBER:** (there is now a revised Reader's Roster due to the change in Sunday Mass times)

**Vigil Mass: Catherine and Nathaniel Robinson**  
**9.00am Mass: 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Pearce Nelson and Sarah Wright**

(Could the 2<sup>nd</sup> reader please also read the Prayers of the Faithful)

**READERS FOR MASS FOR NOVEMBER 2012:**

**Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Bill George**  
**9.00am Mass: (4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>) Barry Daley and Michael Bye (18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>) Maureen Molland and Christine Foreman**

**USHER'S for next weekend:**

**Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne**  
**9.00am Mass: Chantel Berbari**

**Flowers: Maree**

**Church Cleaner's: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Community**