

**2nd Sunday of Lent**  
**Year B**  
**4<sup>th</sup> March 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."*

**WELCOME:** Our parish community warmly welcomes all visitors, and previous parishioners returning to the family home who are joining us over this weekend. Thank you for enriching our community with your presence.

*WELCOME*  
*FR JOHN STORK*

Our Parish would like to welcome Father John Stork who will be celebrating all our Masses this weekend.

Please join us in the Hall after the 8.00am Mass for Refreshments after Mass



**Lent**

Stations of the Cross will be every **Thursday** during Lent at 7.30pm in the Church

The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18<sup>th</sup> year, until the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year (CCL97, 1251f).

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised.

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community Chelsea Diane Hanzel and Brianna-Rose Kathleen Cameron who were Baptised last weekend.

**Parish Birthdays for this week:**

3<sup>rd</sup>: Janece Levi and 9<sup>th</sup>: Brian Wyer

**MARY MACKILLOP IN SYDNEY** - A day pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop Place and The Rocks.

**Date:** March 15<sup>th</sup> **Time:** 9.30am – 3pm

**Cost:** \$25 (includes morning tea, lunch & pilgrimage booklet)

For further information & bookings ring 028912 4845 or email [mmp.ministries@sosi.org.au](mailto:mmp.ministries@sosi.org.au)

**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2012**  
*(Enrolment for all Sacraments will require the presentation of a Baptism Certificate)*

**First Holy Communion**

*(Children Year 3 and above who have made their First Reconciliation)*

**Parent Information Night** (Parents and Carers only)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm – Parish Church  
**Classes** will commence week beginning Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00pm – Parish Hall and will conclude week beginning Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

**Second Rite of Reconciliation** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm- Parish Church.

Practice – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 5.00pm – Parish Church  
**Sacrament of First Holy Communion** - Weekend Masses 9/10<sup>th</sup> June (6.00pm (Vigil), Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am)

**Confirmation**

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

**Parent Information Night** (Parents and Carers only)

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 7.30pm – Parish Church  
**Classes** will commence week beginning Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 3.00pm – Parish Hall 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 (Mass time to be advised)

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Please remember and keep in your prayers the children who will be making their First Reconciliation on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

**2012 LENTEN PROGRAMME... "Living Faith".** Is a 6 week Lenten Program.

*The program reflects on the importance of faith in action, inviting us to base our own lived response in the person of Jesus Christ as experienced in the Lenten Gospels. It can be enriching to any individual or group asking the question: what does it mean to respond as a disciple to Christ's call? As such, it also offers a good foundation for reflecting on both the Year of Grace and Year of Faith in 2012. Our parish will be running 2 groups: one on Monday evenings at 7.30pm at James and Carmel's home 4627 1107 or in the Parish Hall on Wednesday's at 10.00am 4628 2967. Parishioners are most welcome*

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS ROSTER:** Is due to run out shortly.

*The hospitality of Refreshments after Mass is an important way to develop friendships with other parishioners. Currently, refreshments are being offered after the 8.00am and 9.30am Masses. If you would like to be part/continue of this Ministry please put your name down on the clipboard at the entrance of the Church, all you need is time, the ability to make a cup of tea/coffee and to be able to welcome parishioners.*

**CHURCH SURROUNDS**

*The lawns are still growing like crazy Any help any time in keeping them under control would be much appreciated.*

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2013:** Application forms are now available from the School Office. For enquiries please phone the School on 4625 6561.

**St Patrick's College,** Campbelltown invite you to **Open Day on Saturday 10 March 2012** from 10am – 2pm. All areas and facilities of the College will be on display and the program will include information sessions presented by the Principal on the theme **Benefits of Girl's Education in Macarthur.** Enrolment Packs will be available during the day or from the College Reception Desk from Monday 12 March.

*Please Note: Applications close on Friday 27 April 2012*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Will be on continue each Sunday of Lent (4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April) beginning at 3.00pm at the Franciscans Maryfields (opposite the Uni campus). All Parishioners are most welcome

**St Thomas More Catholic Parish Primary School,** along with other Macarthur Schools, will be assisting and leading Stations of the Cross on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at Maryfields. Bishop Peter will be in attendance. All Parishioners are Welcome.

**LENTEN RENEWAL: "STARTING AFRESH FROM CHRIST".** This Tuesday, 6 March 2012, Campbelltown Catholic Club, 10.00am – 1.00pm followed by lunch. Professor van Thanh Nguyen SVD will be the keynote speaker and will reflect on our role to evangelise in light of St Paul's approach to mission. Fr Nguyen is an internationally acclaimed biblical scholar, assistant Professor of New Testament Studies and Chair of the Catholic Theological Union. **RSVP IS ESSENTIAL. To register please contact Jane on 4253 0899 or email jane.edwards@woll.catholic.org.au**

**WIN \$5000 CASH - St Vincent de Paul Raffle**

For the next couple of weeks St Vincent de Paul members will be selling raffle tickets before and after Mass. The prizes are:  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$5000 Cash  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Couples weekend package (night in the city)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Family fun pack  
Tickets are \$2 each OR 3 tickets for \$5 OR \$20 a book of 15 tickets. To be drawn 23 April 2012.  
Please help support this worthy cause.

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

Today we might ask ourselves what we have done and what we can do to support the economic empowerment of women, and pray that they may find justice and meaning in all that they do.

**A French Mass** will be held every 2nd Sunday of the month at St John's Church Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown at 6pm. Everyone welcome.

**Diocesan Stewardship Renewal Day** Saturday 24 March 2012, 10.00am-2.30pm St Therese Primary School Hall 2 Powell St, West Wollongong .The day will be an opportunity to review where we have been, re-ignite the vision and discuss the future direction of Stewardship within the Diocese. RSVP by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March Darren McDowell 4253 0985 [darren.mcdowell@woll.catholic.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@woll.catholic.org.au)

**The Parish Rosary Statue** will be in the home of Hector & Hazel from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March until Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March .The family will say the Rosary at 5pm.Please see main notice board for the address details. **Pray the powerful prayer – "The Rosary" with the family and receive many blessings.** Please collect the statue from the church on the weekend and return it the following weekend. Thank you.

**READERS FOR MASS FOR MARCH 2012:**

Vigil Mass: Louise Phillips & Bev McKenzie  
8.00am Mass: Cody Benes & Maria Feher  
9.30am Mass: Jessica Aiga & Imelda

**COMMENTATOR'S for next weekend:**

Vigil Mass: Steve Robinson  
8.00am Mass: Pam Egtberts  
9.30am Mass: Meli Mauga

**USHER'S for next weekend:**

Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne  
8.00am Mass: Gwen and Brian Harris  
9.30am Mass: Noel Laming and Ellen Healy

**NO FLOWERS during Lent**

**CHURCH CLEANING for next weekend:** Group 3: Brian O'Brien, Pauline Menzies, Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March (after the 9.30am Mass): Carmel Munro, Yvonne Reddy, Christine Foreman, Rita Jowsey, Helen Rawson and Maria Byron

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Jim Writer, Sitani Nasio, Elaine Hoffmann, Maree Laming, Marcia Davis, Ginny Pereira, 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, Marion Hely, Amy Jablonskis, Sioli Tupola, Imelda Zamprognio, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

**PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:**

Cathy Pontin, Sean O'Neill, Gregory Jozwiak , Gwen Colmer, Trevor DeGoumois, Limita Rodrigues, Stephen Vaz, Rodriques and Vaz families, Ladislav Feher, Alan Skelton, Margaret Edgerton, Mary Writer, Maria Cabonara, Frank Mckay, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, L. Abreo, Lina Pereira, Dominic Pereira, Peter Pereira, John McFeeters, and Robert Deville.

**Diary Dates:**

- **Parish Ladies Meeting** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March in the Parish Centre, new members are most welcome
- **Liturgy Easter Meeting** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Sacristans, singers, reader's/commentator's are encouraged to attend
- **Stations of the Cross** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Church
- **St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March in the Parish Centre, new members are most welcome
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm - Candidates and their Families