

**Our Lord Jesus Christ Universal King**  
**Year B**  
**25<sup>th</sup> November 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.

**FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:** All the Masses will be offered for the deceased relatives and friends of all our Parishioners. We will record all the names that have been given in the Parish Book of Remembrance, set up in the sacred space. Please notify either Fr Tony or Carmel in the Parish Office should you wish to include deceased relatives and/or friends in the Book of Remembrance.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Maurya Hutton, Elaine Hoffman, Colum Brennan, Len Donoghue, Kelly Berthaly, Mary Fredericks, Jean Nicholson, 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, Phillip Conroy, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, Sioeli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

**Parish Birthday for this week:**

25<sup>th</sup>: Steven Robinson 27<sup>th</sup> Vicki Horne 28<sup>th</sup> John Nakasenh 29<sup>th</sup> Noel Laming

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community Olivia Jane Sawdy who was Baptised last weekend.

**DIOCESAN INCLUSION MASS FOR THE**

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DISABILITY:** There will be an Inclusion Mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 9.30am at St Paul's Parish, Tongarra Road, Albion Park. All people with special needs and their families and friends are welcome.

**Diary Dates:**

- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, **new members are most welcome**, come along and see the good works of St Vincent de Paul
- **RCIA TEAM & COORDINATOR GATHERING:** Wednesday, 28 November, 7.30pm - 9pm, in our Parish Hall.
- **Baptism Preparation Class** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Retiree's Social Group** gathering after the 9.00am Mass, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December (**parishioners and friends over 55 are more than welcome**) come along for a chat, a cuppa and a good laugh

**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.

**PARISH PIETY STALL:** Have for sale St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards \$7.00 per packet of 10 cards. **The Little Blue Book:** \$4.50 each) for Advent and Christmas Seasons 2012-2013. The book contains 6 minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Year C.

**EARLY NOTICE - CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL**  
**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Once again we are appealing for your generosity during our Christmas Toy Appeal which will begin in December during Advent when the Jesse Tree goes up in the church. With this early notice we hope to receive any toys early in Advent (1<sup>st</sup> December onwards) so we can sort and deliver them before the children break up from school. We also ask that you **don't** wrap the presents to make the sorting easier.

We are appealing for toys for babies through to 12 year olds. There are many needy families in our area who are all very appreciative of these gifts.

**Thank you for your generosity to the poor in our area.**

*Catholic Mission Pocket Diaries 2013* are available (free) from the front counter of Campbelltown Catholic Club.

**CLAIM THE DATE - Stamp Club Auction -**  
**Campbelltown Stamp Club Auction Night**

Please support the Stamp Club members whose annual auction of stamps, collectibles, bric-a-brac etc. will this year see 100% of all sales go to support the work of your local St Vincent de Paul Society Conference. **When:** Wednesday 12 December 2012 at 7.30pm for 8pm start. **Where:** St Thomas More Parish Hall, 43 Acacia Avenue Ruse.

**How you can help:**

**1. Donate** - Items such as stamps, books, collectibles, novelties and all sorts of bric-a-brac may be donated. Simply bring them to the hall after 6.45pm on the night of the auction. So start searching those cupboards!

**2. Attend** - This is a chance to meet new people, have some fun and perhaps to find a bargain amongst the goods being auctioned. The Stamp Club members will provide nibbles along with coffee and tea. To help make the night a success, why not bring a friend?

**PRAYER MORNING AT MARY MACKILLOP PLACE, 7 MOUNT STREET NORTH SYDNEY,** on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012 from 10.30 am - 12.30 pm.  
Cost \$15 (Concession \$10).

Bookings and further enquiries: 8912 4818 or [mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au](mailto:mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au) .

**St Vincent de Paul Society - Assist A Student Scheme -Year 2012.**

The members of the local conference of St Vincent de Paul wish to thank Fr Tony for his kind permission for a member to speak at Masses last week end and for the many parishioners who have taken a brochure to consider their support. The Scheme can be promoted with friends and members of the family and colleagues at work. For those of us who may want another brochure or missed out on one they are available in the stands at the back of the church. Thank you. *Conference of St Thomas More.*

**Natural Family Planning**

Did you know we offer telephone counselling for all those living in rural and remote areas? Our accredited tutors can assist you in planning your family naturally to achieve and control pregnancy. To speak to a tutor please call Free Call 1800 335 860

**The Parish Rosary Statue** will be in the home of Edmund & Daphne.

The family will say the Rosary on Monday at 7.00pm. 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 DECEMBER 2012:**

**Vigil Mass:** Louise Phillips and James Munro  
**9.00am Mass: (2nd & 9th):** Chris and Claire O'Brien  
**(16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>):** Noel Laming & Sinisita Filitoga

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

**USHER'S for next weekend:**

**Vigil Mass** Maureen Molland  
**9am Mass:** Chris Reddy & Helen Rawson

**FLOWERS:** Christine and Carmel

**CHURCH CLEANER'S: Group 6:** Tongan Youth Group

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am Mass: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - Rose Sunday):** Parish Family Mass: assistance and donations would be greatly appreciated.

**iWitness Conference**

Looking for somewhere to wind down from the year? Hoping to meet other young Catholics? Then come and join the hundreds of young adults (17-35yrs) headed to this year's iWitness Conference, from 6-9 December at Stanwell Tops. iWitness is organised for young people by young people - it brings together fantastic speakers, fun and games all just a few minutes from beautiful South Coast beaches. As well as meeting like-minded young people and hanging out at the beach, participants have a chance to deepen their relationship with God and meet other like minded young people. Full details can be found at [www.lifetothefull.com.au](http://www.lifetothefull.com.au)

**Advent Calendar 2012**

Learn, pray and act each day during Advent with Caritas Australia's Advent Calendar. There are 3 versions to choose from: online, PowerPoint or our new **iPhone app!** Get your thought for the day on the train or bus - even in the queue at the shops.

Featuring inspiring stories, photos and reflections from our partners and projects around the world. To view the calendar online, or download the PowerPoint or the iPhone app, go to: [www.caritas.org.au/advent](http://www.caritas.org.au/advent)



