

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
22nd July 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: Jean Nicholson, Marilyn Fabry, Kay Burton, Chris Conway, 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, Siouli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Baby Callum Roberts (R.D.), Noel Lane (R.D.), Mick Howe (R.D.), Thomas Griffin (R.D.), David Dell (R.D.), Ronald Cochrane (R.D.), Joe White (Anniv.), Ern Munro (Anniv.), Deborah Rix, Frank Zachulski, Maclovio 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:

21st: Graham Clarke and Melanie Cox
24th: Brian Astruc, Carmel Bartolo and Tresora Wyer
25th: Declan Cox

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **Matthew Graham George Wilson** who was Baptised last weekend.

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*

Diary Dates:

- **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting Tuesday 24th July at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 24th July at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, *new members are most welcome*
- **Confirmation Information Night** Wednesday 1st August at 7.30pm in the Church for parents/carer's (for Candidates who are in Year 6 and above and who have made their Reconciliation and First Holy Communion)
- **Retiree's Social Group** gathering after the 9.00am Mass, Thursday 2nd August (*parishioners and friends over 55 are more than welcome*)
- **Baptism Preparation Class** Monday 6th August at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre, please phone the Parish Office for details/enquiries
- **Parish Ladies Group** meeting Monday 6th August at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre

ATTENTION READER'S: There are still some Reader's Rosters that are ready for collection on the table at the entrance of the church. 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 18th 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 462577 or the Parish Office to let me know you will attend the Workshop. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Thank you Julie

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:

There are still some Planned Giving Envelopes for this financial year ready for collection on the table at the entrance of the church. *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.*

WINTER APPEAL THANK YOU – From the St Vincent de Paul Society:

We would like to thank St Thomas More Parishioners for their very generous donations of food items and money given for our Winter Appeal. All items were taken to the Nagle Centre where nutritious meals will be served daily to the hungry and lonely. The Nagle Centre was very grateful. The baskets will be in the back of the church for a couple more weeks. We also raised \$632 from the envelopes that were in the church. This money will be used in our local Conference to help the needy. We really appreciate having such a support system in the parish.

DONATIONS OF STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS: Sisters of St Joseph and Sisters of the Mary MacKillop International Missions have sent thank you letters to our Parish thanking our Parishioners for your generous donations of stamps. These are greatly helping with the work of the Missions. Please continue to place your used stamps in the grey bin at the entrance of the Church. *Thanking you in anticipation.*

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.

PARISH PIETY STALL: If you would like to purchase Religious Goods, Rosary Beads etc please come and a look in our Parish Piety Stall. We have plenty of goods available for sale.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE: Is on Sunday 5th August. Drop off days for the White Elephant stall are 28th July and 4th August. They do accept old TV's, white goods, VHS videos and stuffed toys. They will also accept donations of 2nd had books and pre-loved clothes.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS: Copies are available for parishioners at the entrance tables of the Church to find out what is happening in our Parish Primary School

ANSWERING ATHEISM – DR EDWARD FESER IN THE DIOCESE: The misunderstanding about the relationship of faith and science has seen increasing numbers of people "shelving" belief in God. Professor and popular social commentator from the USA, Dr Edward Feser PH.D, will expose the fallacies of this world view including its inherent contradiction. **Thursday, 26 July at St John the Evangelist Parish, Campbelltown.** Talk from 7.30pm-8.30pm. Q&A 8.30pm-9.00pm followed by supper. Entry by donation. **RSVP essential to Jane on 4253 0899 or email jane.edwards@woll.catholic.org.au**

ORGAN MASTER CLASS – an afternoon with Godelieve Ghavalas (organist at St Patrick's Church Hill, Sydney on **Saturday, 28 July 2012** at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wollongong from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Pianists, who play organ in our churches, the aim of the afternoon is to cover the things about organ playing that every pianist needs to know. **RSVP essential to Helen Bennett on (02) 4253 0934 or email helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au by Monday, 16 July, 2012.**

ARTES CHRISTI presents FIDDLER ON THE ROOF! One of the all-time classic musicals returns to Sydney this August in this spectacular new production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. Performances: Fri 3rd Aug(8pm), Sat 4th Aug (1pm & 5pm), Fri 10th Aug (7.30pm) and Sat 11 Aug (1pm & 7.30pm) Group tickets from \$30. Ph 9351 7940 or www.theword.org.au

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY CONVENTION: Registrations are now open for this national event that is being hosted right here in our own diocese. Head to acymc.org.au for more information or to register make sure you check out the promo video at www.youtube.com/acbcyouth. If you have any further questions please contact Loretta on 4253 0809 or email youth@dow.org.au.

CAMPPELLTOWN CATHOLIC CLUB COMMUNION MASS AND LUNCH: Is being held on Sunday 12th August. The Mass will be held at our Parish Church at 11.00am, all Parishioners are invited to attend this Mass. Tickets for the Lunch to be held at the Catholic Club are \$15.00 per head and 10 persons per table. We have secured 3 tables at this stage. If you would like to attend the lunch, please phone the parish office during office hours 4628 2967 and payment is to be made as soon as possible. This is a very enjoyable occasion and a small way to thank Campbelltown Catholic Club for the support they give to our Catholic Schools and Catechists in our State Schools.

The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of from **Chris and Yvonne Monday 23rd July until Sunday 29th July**. The family will say the Rosary on **Monday at 6.00pm**. 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 JULY 2012:

Vigil Mass: Louise Phillips & Bev McKenzie
8.00am Mass: Jim and Julie Writer
9.30am Mass: Freda Miranda & Noel Laming
(Could the 2nd reader please also read the Prayers of the Faithful)

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Help needed
8.00am Mass: Janece Levi and Barry Daley
9.30am Mass: Christine Foreman

CHURCH CLEANERS for next weekend: Group 6: Tongan Youth Group

Flowers: Devine Mercy Group

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: Sunday 5th August (after the 8.00am Mass) Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie and Maureen Hennessy

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

Confirmation

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

Parent Information Night (Parents and Carers only) Wednesday 1st August at 7.30pm – Parish Church
Classes will commence week beginning Sunday 5th August at 3.00pm – Parish Hall and will conclude week beginning Sunday 26th August.

Second Rite of Reconciliation Thursday 30th August at 7.30pm- Parish Church.

Confirmation Practice Friday 7th September at 5.00pm – Parish Church.

Sacrament of Confirmation Saturday 8th September (Mass time to be advised)

Stewardship Corner

In today's Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.