

## 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."*

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL FOR MORNING TEA  
AFTER THE 8.00am MASS

### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Fr Paul Dalwood, Ken Churchill, John Fenech, Phil Chesney, Pat Williams, Margaret Elphick, Bishop William Murray, Steve Whittaker, Terisita Avila, Sioeli Tupola, Martin Vince, Patrick Purcell and Giovanna Cancellieri.

**PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:** John Vaughan (R.D.), Ronald D'Souza, Hilda Abranches, Patria Santos, Patricia Stynes, Mary Malady, Bertha Pereira, Deborah Rix, Agustine Gonzalez, James Templeman and Peter Corey.

### READERS FOR MASS FOR SEPTEMBER 2008:

**VIGIL:** Chris and Rosalie Vine  
**8.00am:** Chris and Brian O'Brien  
**9.30am:** Carole Obereigner & Pauline Menzies

### COMMENTATORS FOR MASS 30<sup>th</sup> & 31st August 2008:

**VIGIL:**  
**8.00am:** Trish McGill  
**9.30am:** Joline Aiga

### USHERS FOR MASS FOR 30<sup>th</sup> & 31st August 2008:

**6.00pm:** Chantal Barbari  
**8.00am:** Francesca Chow, Madelen Sultana and Cynthia Rego  
**9.30am:** Chantal Barbari

### FLOWER ROSTER: 31st August: Otila Tankatelata

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: 21<sup>st</sup> September:** Rita Jowsey, Melanie Webb and Elaine Hoffman.

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER NEXT WEEK: Group 5:** Maureen Molland (**Group Leader**), Breige Glover, Gail Shearer and Janet Mataia.

**ROSARY STATUE:** The Rosary Statue will be in the home of Cora, 12 Conjola Cres, Leumeah. From the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> August. Parishioners are invited to pray with the family on Monday at 5.30pm.

*Birthdays for members of our Parish Family for this week are: 23<sup>rd</sup>: Owen Astruc, Cain Benes, Paul Martin & Michael Newman, 25<sup>th</sup>: Margaret Edgerton, 27<sup>th</sup>: Daniel McMurray, Georgia Evans and 28<sup>th</sup>: Emma Munro  
Wedding Anniversaries for this week are: 24<sup>th</sup>: James and Carmel Munro (23 years) and 27<sup>th</sup>: Kevin and Marie Moore (53 years).*

## DIARY DATES:

- ❖ Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm RCIA team meeting in the Parish Centre
- ❖ Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 7.45pm St Vincent De Paul Society meeting in the Parish Centre
- ❖ Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 8.00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the Parish Hall
- ❖ Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 8.00pm Parish Ladies group meeting in the Parish Hall
- ❖ Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September Retiree's to meet at the Church at 9.00am, then go into town to the Power House Museum
- ❖ Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September Parish Ladies Movie night at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start (see bulletin notice)
- ❖ Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September starting at 6.30pm WYD08 Sharing the Celebration (see bulletin notice)

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Is to be conferred at the Mary Shiel Centre, St Patrick's College, Campbelltown by Bishop Peter Ingham on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am. Please keep our candidates, their parents and the Sacramental team in our prayers.

### **AN INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO THE YOUTH OF OUR PARISH WHO ATTENDED THE WYD08 CELEBRATIONS:**

To meet with Fr Tony and discuss how they may share their experience with our Parish and also to start planning fund raising to assist those who wish to attend the next WYD11 in Madrid, Spain. The meeting will also hold discussions with the view of forming a Youth Group for our Parish. Please notify Fr Tony as soon as possible to arrange a convenient time to meet.

**BUSINESS ADVERTISING IN THE PARISH BULLETIN:** The parish would like to invite parishioners who have a business to advertise on the back page of the bulletin. The cost is \$275.00 (GST inclusive) a year for a business card size advert. If you would like to participate please see/contact Fr Tony, Barry Daley or Carmel in the Parish Office on 4628 2967.

**ST. THOMAS MORE RETIREE'S GROUP:** Our next outing is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September. We will meet at the Church at 9.00am then catch the train into the Powerhouse Museum. Please come along and join us, all over 55 years are most welcome. For further information please contact Elaine Hoffman on 4625 9919.

**CLAIM THE DATE:** The Parish Ladies group invite all the ladies and their friends of the parish to a **Movie Night "Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat"** on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2008 in our Parish Hall. Please put your name/names down on the clipboard on the table at the entrance of the Church for catering purposes.

**AN INVITATION TO WYD08 SHARING THE CELEBRATION:** All parishioners are invited to attend our Parish get together to share their experiences of WYD08, bring your photo's etc. The parish will supply a sausage sizzle. BYO salad and drinks. We look forward to a very rewarding evening. Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September commencing at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

**INVITATION: DIOCESAN LITURGY FOR REFUGEE AND MIGRANT SUNDAY:** The Annual Mass and Festival for Migrant & Refugee Sunday will be held next Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> August. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Peter

Ingham at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wollongong at 2.00pm followed by a concert, cultural displays and food sampling offered by various ethnic communities in the St Mary's College Hall. "As a multicultural community, this celebration is for all ethnic groups, including Anglo-Australians. I particularly ask that we make a special effort this year to search out and extend out invitation to any new refugees in our parishes." Bishop Peter Ingham. Enquiries Kim Mannix – Diocesan Parish Services 4253 0985

**ST VINCENT de PAUL ANNUAL DOOR KNOCK APPEAL: Can you give 3 hours?** The St Vincent de Paul Society will hold its Annual Macarthur Doorknock Appeal from August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, to raise funds for its vital work with local people in crisis. The Society needs hundreds of people willing to give 3 hours. Can you help? Can you encourage your friends and family to join you? **To register, please phone Robyn Presdee on 4627 9299 (Campbelltown Area) or Teresa Harm on 4627 9177 (Camden area).**

**WYD REUNION: PICS AND FLICKS:** Take part in this photo and film competition to celebrate World Youth Day 2008, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 6.00pm to 9.30pm at the McKinnon Theatre, University of Wollongong. Submit your seven minute film or photograph by the 29<sup>th</sup> August. Competition and event details are found at [www.youth.dow.org.au](http://www.youth.dow.org.au)

**WOLLONGONG CATHOLIC CURSILLO 2008:** Enhance your understanding of the Catholic Church, and your place in it. A Cursillo weekend for Women will be held from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2008 at Hartzler Park Retreat Centre, Bowral. For further details please phone Denise 9603 1171 or Andy on 4260 8500.

**2009 YOUNG CATHOLIC WOMENS INTERFAITH FELLOWSHIP:** Applications are invited from young Catholic women, aged from mid-20's to mid-30's for the above program to be held in Canberra from 30<sup>th</sup> January to 16<sup>th</sup> May 2009. A wonderful opportunity for formation in leadership and interfaith relations. Applications close 19<sup>th</sup> September 2008. For details visit [www.opw.catholic.org.au](http://www.opw.catholic.org.au) or [fellowship.opw@catholic.org.au](mailto:fellowship.opw@catholic.org.au) or phone 620 19864

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY INTERESTING ARTICLES IN THIS WEEKENDS EDITION:** This week every reader of the The Catholic Weekly gets a free print A3-sized print of Our Lady of the Southern Cross inside their paper. The Catholic Weekly is also offering a framing deal - \$45 including postage and handling.

**PALMS AUSTRALIA:** Is interested in meeting nurses, doctors, physiotherapists and other health professionals willing to share their skills for one to three years in Asia, Africa or the Pacific. For more info about volunteering contact Jennifer Murphy on (02) 9518 9551, email [jenni@palms.org.au](mailto:jenni@palms.org.au) or visit [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

**MACARTHUR CHRISTIAN NETWORK – ANNUAL LUNCH:** Parishioners are invited to this annual event on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September from 11.00am to 2.30pm hosted by Wedderburn Christian Campsite, 208 Minerva Rd, Wedderburn. \$20. per head or \$80. for a group of 5. The focus for the lunch will be on Unity in Jesus with discussion on Hospital Pastoral Care Service and Christian Scripture in schools. To book please either David Morris or Anne Willott on 4626 3033.

**ROSARY PROCESSION FOR WORLD PEACE:** In Honour of "Mary Help of Christians" 13<sup>th</sup> September 2008 starting at 11.00am from Lang Park (in front of St Patrick's Church, Church Hill Grosvenor St, Sydney) arriving at St Mary's Cathedral 12.00noon. Holy Mass will be at 12.10pm with Bishop Julian Porteous. For more details please phone (02) 9560 3212 or email [corneliuskeith@ozemail.com.au](mailto:corneliuskeith@ozemail.com.au)

**DIOCESAN MASS SUNDAY:** 5<sup>th</sup> October, St Thomas Aquinas Church Bowral at 11.00am. Featuring music from World Youth Day and a Mass arranged by Geoff Harvey. Any parishioner who would like to join a Diocesan choir is invited to do so for this special occasion. Rehearsals will be in Camden Church on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7.00pm starting 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> September. To register your interest please phone Diocesan Offices on 4253 0900

## *Time, Talent & Treasure*

*Fostering Stewardship as a Way Of Life*

### **Stewardship of Time & Talent Salute**

*In gratitude for God's Gift of Time and Talent to all of us, we gratefully acknowledge and salute:*

#### **Denis Wass**

Denis expresses his deep faith and commitment by Christian Service as a member of the Church Grounds Maintenance Team and a member of Church Cleaning.

*With deep gratitude, we thank you, Denis!*

*Thought for Today  
'God is in his holy dwelling; he will give a home to the lonely, he gives power and strength to his people.'*

*Prayer*

Jesus, our brother and our Lord, you have come to save us because [God](#) loves us with a deep and unending love. You have given us Mary, your mother, to be our mother too, and invite us to follow her example. On earth she was a [woman](#) of [faith](#) and prayer, of [obedience](#) to God's will, always ready to serve in any way. In [heaven](#) she continues to pray for us, so that we may serve [God](#) faithfully in our daily living.

Jesus, help us to ponder in our hearts over the many ways you show your love in our lives, and lead us to walk with your mother as we follow you each day.

Jesus, we praise you, for you are our [Lord](#) and our God for ever and ever.

*Amen!*