



## St. THOMAS MORE FORUM

St. Thomas More:  
The Patron of Statesmen,  
Politicians and Lawyers

St. Thomas More Forum

**“How the Church should engage with  
our Parliaments and Public Opinion”.**



**Wednesday 12 May 2010 7.30 – 9.00pm**

**St. Thomas More Hall at 30 White Crescent, Campbell followed by light supper.**

Jointly Presented by

**Senator Barnaby Joyce**  
**Shadow Minister for Regional Development,  
Infrastructure and Water.**



**Senator Ursula Stephens**  
**Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and  
the Voluntary Sector**

### **The Speakers**

#### **Senator Barnaby Joyce**

Senator Joyce is one of a family of eight from a cattle and sheep business in southern New England. After graduating with a degree in accountancy, he practiced as an Accountant for some years before entering politics.

He was elected to the Senate in 2004 and then to the role of Nationals Leader in the Senate in September, 2008. In 2009 he was appointed Shadow Finance Minister. Senator Joyce was President (1998-2004) of the St George branch of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, is a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary, former serving member of the Australian Defence Force Reserves and is married to Natalie and has four daughters.

#### **Senator Ursula Stephens**

Senator Stephens was born in Ireland and migrated to Australia when she was seven. She grew up in Grafton and studied at the Teachers College in Goulburn. She taught in Sydney and Goulburn, and worked and studied in the Northern Territory for two years before returning to NSW. She ran her own executive development and training business for five years then joined the NSW public service. She has been Chair of the Rural Communities Consultative Council; a member of the NSW Rural Assistance Authority; a member of the NSW Board of Vocational Education and Training; and Deputy Chair of the NSW Women's Advisory Council.

She was elected to the Senate in November 2001. She completed her doctorate in Public Administration in 2005.

Ursula Stephens is married with four children, and is patron of the Goulburn Field Naturalist Society, the Goulburn Abbeyfield House group, and a patron of the restoration of the historic Sts Peter and Paul's Cathedral in Goulburn.

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Entry : \$10 per person and \$3 per student at school or university and concession card holders.

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The objective of the St Thomas More Forum is to promote thought, discussion and debate on the challenges of faith in the workplace, family and public life in the modern world.

The St Thomas More Forum is a Committee of St Thomas More Parish, Campbell  
Supported by Catholic Life of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

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## Speech Synopsis

As we head towards the 2010 Federal election, do the Churches have more or less influence in the public square? Where has the Church got it right in engaging in the debates on the day? Where has the Church gone wrong? How can the Church improve communication in the parliamentary and public arenas? What role can Catholics and Christians in the pews play in these debates? Or should it be left to our Bishops?

“How the Church should engage with our Parliaments and Public Opinion.”

The Forum has invited two Catholic Senators to present their views on this topic which is important to not only the Catholic Church but to Churches and faiths of all denominations. This will not be a debate but the presentation of two perspectives from both sides of politics. In an election year when it stated by some that only secular views have a right to be in the public square, those that believe that religion and faith are just as entitled to participate in the great political debates of the day will hear from two Senators who are in the front line.

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## ST THOMAS MORE FORUM PROGRAM

### 22 June 2010 St Thomas More Feast Day

#### Sixth Annual St. Thomas More Lecture Dinner - *Most Rev Philip Wilson*

*Archbishop of Adelaide, President Australian National Bishop's Conference*

### 1 September 2010

*The Hon Justice Susan Crennan - High Court of Australia*

### November 2010

*“The Faith of our Prime Ministers” - Prof John Warhurst, Professor of Political Science at ANU*

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## Booking Details

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