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THE YEAR OF MERCY

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."

*"Our Parish is wheelchair friendly. We have ramps going into the Church and into the Parish Hall. Please let your family and friends know.
"Anyone who welcomes you, welcome me and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me".
Matthew 10:40*

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS (ALTAR BREAD): If you require *Gluten Free Hosts* for Holy Communion please see the Acolytes before Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

PARISH 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF OUR CHURCH THANK YOU: The Parish Pastoral Council would like to thank all those who helped us to celebrate last Saturday night the 30th Anniversary of the opening of our Church. We are grateful to Bishop Peter for making time in his busy schedule for us, and to those Priests who were able to concelebrate Mass with the Bishop. A special thank you to Mr John Cox who travelled down from Muswellbrook to join us on the night. Many former parishioners came to celebrate with us, and were delighted to see the souvenir booklet that was published - thank you to those parishioners who responded to the bulletin notices calling for memories to be included. This booklet was a great talking point during the evening. Many people worked very hard behind the scenes - the flower arrangers, the musician and choristers, the sacristans and brass cleaner, the acolytes, Julie who so lovingly painted the new Altar frontal, those who prepared and served the food, and those who helped with setting up and cleaning afterwards - The list goes on and on. *A special thank you to Father Andrew for his guidance in preparing the celebration*

WISHING OUR PARISH School Children and families a very happy and relaxed holiday break.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Anthony Megale** and **Jamee Marie Arthur** who were Married in our Parish Church last weekend. Wishing them God's Blessings always.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The **many** sick in our Parish Community **including:** Ken Flemming, Bryce Smith, Ken Dewick, John Hill, Aubrey Elizabeth (preemie baby), Liban (Wako) Family, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Jeannie and George Nicholson, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Ellen Healy, Obeid Family, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Natalie Dwyer and Mary Fredericks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Read (Anniv), Dulcie Munro (Anniv), Paula Fanua, John Hennessy, Elaine Croft, Alice Harris, Angelina Cameron, Mary Writer, Fr Anthony (Tony) Daly, Betty White, Ladislav Feher, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Josephine and Frank McKay, Bernard Hoffmann and Maria Cabonara. *May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

WORLD YOUTH DAY RUSE REPRESENTATIVE: Please pray for the safe travels of parishioner and STM school teacher Julie McKenzie who will be embarking on a 5- week pilgrimage throughout Europe and on to Krakow, Poland for the 2016 World Youth Day. Julie was selected as one of only four primary school teachers to receive financial sponsorship by the Catholic Education Diocese of Wollongong and will be traveling with Bishop Peter Ingham throughout Poland.
Bon voyage, Julie.

Parishioner Birthday this week:
8th: David Minogue
If any Parishioner/s would like to have their Birthdays and or Wedding Anniversaries included in the bulletin, please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or ruse@dow.org.au

SACRAMENTAL TEAM VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers are sought to teach one lesson each week over a four week period, plus an information session (1 hour) for the parents and a practice session the week before Confirmation. Support and training is available to help with these lessons. If you are able to assist, please leave your name and phone number with the Parish Office and you will be contacted by a member of the Sacramental Team;

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (Saturday 3rd September at 3.00pm): The Information/Enrolment evening is on Wednesday 27th July at 7.00pm. The Candidates have to be in Year 6 and above and have to have made their Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Fr Tony's family are holding a service for Fr Tony Daly **next Saturday 9 July 2016 in Broken Hill NSW.** The service will be at the Sacred Heart Cathedral corner of Lane & Sulphide Streets at 10am. After the Service, there will be a brief service for Fr Tony's Ashes to be placed with his brother Peter Daly at the Broken Hill Cemetery at 72 Rakow St.
Following the services, people are most welcome to attend the Barrier Social Democratic Club (Demo Club) at 281 Argent St If you have any questions please contact Jim Daly 080 881783, Josie Hardinge 03 6244 2752 or Neil Johnston 0438 709 351 or email Neil at safety@sbsafety.com.au

PARISH PLANNED GIVING: ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR COLLECTION in the box at the entrance of the Church. Planned Giving is essential to the running costs of the Parish. Did you know that you can contribute in several ways: Weekly Envelopes, Direct Debit from your Bank Account, Direct Credit by electronically transferring funds (EFT) from your Bank Account direct to the St Thomas More Church Account. Irregular contributions. (The Direct Credit facility is new and means that you control when you contribute but you need to join the Planned Giving Program to ensure that your contribution is recognized in our Finance System.) **If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 46282867 or e-mail: ruse@dow.org.au. Thank you.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - WINTER APPEAL: Due to great need, the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will continue for a few more weeks. There are envelopes at the back of the Church for anyone wishing to make a cash donation. Most importantly we need food and personal items for the Nagle Centre, who provide warm meals to the homeless, needy and lonely people of our area. The Centre's **urgent** needs include: Tinned tuna/ meat/spaghetti/ baked beans/soup/ meals, Tinned fruit, Milk powder/ condensed milk, Long life full cream milk, Custard powder, Hot chocolate/ Milo, Tea/ coffee/ cordial, Plain and self-raising flour, Pasta sauce, Tomato paste, Beef stock cubes, Any herbs & spices. Nappies would be welcome as would new blankets, beanies, scarves, gloves and socks. If able, please think of these items when grocery shopping. There will be baskets at the back of the church for the next few weeks.
We thank you for your ongoing generosity and prayers.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take home a copy of our Parish Catholic Primary School newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Save the date: Sunday 7th August: School Fete. White Elephant Drop Off Days: Saturday's 23rd & 30th July 1-3pm plus Fete Set-Up Day (all day). NO white goods, stuffed animals, TVs, videos, junk and very old items.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Many interesting articles to read, great value for only \$2.00. Please purchase your copy from the table at the entrance to the Church.

ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN THE SACRAMENTS OF MERCY Tuesday 12 July, 7:30-9:30pm, St Thomas More Parish Hall. Paul Mason presents an exploration of the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and the Anointing of the Sick in the context of God's enduring mercy and the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. **Registration essential to Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au**

CATHOLIC MISSION ANNUAL APPEAL: Please consider partnering with us through a regular monthly gift to continue your support of our vital work. **Freecall: 1800 257 296 or catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia**

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL'S ANNUAL PARISH FIESTA - Sunday 17 July. The day begins with Mass at 10am, then the procession of Our Lady's statue followed by lunch of international cuisine (bring a plate). All are most welcome. **For more information contact the Parish office on 96037373 or email: varroville@dow.org.au**

ST GREGORY'S COLLEGE CAMPBELLTOWN 90TH YEAR MASS 9AM (at the College) FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2016 (Dinner 6.30pm): Tickets now on sale! It would be wonderful to see many Old Boys and friends of St Greg's attending this special event. RSVP and payment due by Friday 29 July. To find out more, please contact: Catherine Jeffcoate - St Gregory's College Development Officer on 4629 4133 or email: rsvp@stgregs.nsw.edu.au

PARISH ROSARY STATUE:
This Monday 4th July, the Parish Rosary Statue will be in the Home of Beverly and will be prayed on Monday at 5.00pm. The address is on the main noticeboard. If you would like to have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home, please phone Bev on: 4625 0659. Saying the Rosary, the family Rosary every day brings peace in the family. "The family that prays together, stays together".

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER:
Monday 4th July: 7.30pm Parish Ladies group meeting in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 5th July: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 12th July: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre (come along to hear about all their good works
Thursday 14th July: 9.30am Retiree's Social Group Gathering in the Parish Hall (Retired over 55's are most welcome)

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:
*Vigil Mass: Saturday 9th July: Winnie Cameron & James Munro
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 10th July: Helen Rawson & Julie Writer
Vigil Mass: Saturday 16th July: Trish Newman & Bev McKenzie
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 17th July: Fay & Junior Faamau*

READERS' FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:
*Vigil Mass: Saturday 9th July: Gabby and Pauline Menzies
Gospel: Bev McKenzie
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 10th July: Maureen Molland and Chris O'Brien. Gospel: Therese Writer
Vigil Mass: Saturday 16th July: James and Carmel Munro
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 17th July: Christine Foreman and Barry Daley. Gospel: Jim Writer*

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:
*Saturday 9th July: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Kathy Donachie and Eugene Wasko
Saturday 16th July: Group 3: Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro*

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
*Vigil Mass: Saturday 9th July: Carmel Munro
9.00am Mass: Sunday 10th July: Barry Daley
Vigil Mass: Saturday 16th July: Maureen Molland
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 17th July: Chris Reddy and Helen Rawson*

Refreshments after Sunday 9.00am Mass: Sunday 17th July: Tongan Community

