

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



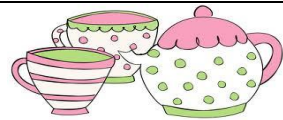
17th July 2016
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"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.



PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS ARE INVITED to share refreshments in the parish hall after Sunday Morning 9.00am Mass.



We Welcome back our Parish School Children for Term 3 and wish them well in their studies.

ST THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME: Returns this Tuesday (19th July) from 9.30am – 11.30am in our Parish Hall. Parents/Guardians/Grandparents, if you have children including School age children and bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the kids enjoy playtime activities including Bible Story time, songs, craft, outside/inside play and pray time. Gold coin donation. If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Will recommence next Sunday (24th July) during the Sunday 9.00am Mass. This is for School children from Kindergarten up to and including Year 6. If you would like more information on this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 0421802132

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*

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH: There are plenty of 30th Anniversary of the Opening of the Church, Souvenir booklets, Prayer Cards and Magnets available on the table at the Entrance of the Church. These can be given to any past or current Parishioners who were unable to attend our Parish Celebration.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community *Maxwell Thomas Bye and Hugh Xavier Edsall* who were Baptised last weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community *including:* Ken Flemming, Bryce Smith, Ken Dewick, John Hill, 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 Towers (R.D.), Mary Price, John Read, John Hennessy, Elaine Croft, Alice Harris, Angelina Cameron, Mary Writer, Fr 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 is 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:

20th: *Naomi Cross*

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.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING: There are still **ENVELOPES that have not been collected from 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: Your St Vincent de Paul conference wishes to express a very big THANK YOU to the Parish for a generous response to the Society's Winter Appeal. If parishioners wish to offer further cash donations, envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Simply place the completed envelope in either collection or deliver it to the Parish Office. Anyone still wishing to donate food etc. can deliver goods to the Parish Office during business hours. *We thank you again, for your ongoing generosity and prayers.*

PARISH LADIES GROUP: FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE: Tickets will go on sale during August. More details to follow.

PARISH LADIES GROUP: SAVE THE DATE: The Parish Ladies Group will be hosting a High Tea on Sunday 11th September 2016. Ladies, please keep this afternoon free. More details to follow.

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

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL'S ANNUAL PARISH FIESTA – Today 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:

Tomorrow, Monday 18th July, the Parish Rosary Statue will be in the Home of Cora 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:

Wednesday 20th July: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 26th July: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre (come along to hear about all their good works)
Wednesday 27th July: 7.00pm Information night for Confirmation (see notices for more information)
Thursday 28th 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 23rd July: Maureen Molland & Louise Phillips
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 24th July: Catherine Minogue & Annette Read
Vigil Mass: Saturday 30th July: Winnie Cameron & Bev McKenzie
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 31st July: Helen Rawson & Annette Read

READERS' FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 23rd July: Beverley McKenzie and Louise Phillips Gospel: James Munro
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 24th July: Elizapetah Misinale and Maria Feher Gospel: Julie Writer
Vigil Mass: Saturday 30th July: Pauline and Gabby Menzies Gospel: Louise Phillips
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 31st July: Pesio and Noelle Aiga Gospel: May Michelutti

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 23rd July: Group 3: Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro
Saturday 30th July: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Fay Faamau, Colleen Jablonskis, Rosa & Manuel Herrera

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 23rd July: Vicki Horne
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 24th July: Christine Foreman & Catherine Minogue
Vigil Mass: Saturday 30th July: Carmel Munro
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 31st July: Gwen & Brian Harris

