



24th July 2016
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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 the 30th Anniversary of the opening of our Parish Church. 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. 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.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Peter Carl Thompson (R.D.), Mary Galvin (R.D.), Ern Munro (Anniv), John Towers, Mary Price, John Read, John Hennessy, Elaine Croft, 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, Alice Harris and Maria Cabonara. *May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

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

Parishioner's Birthdays this week:

24th: Carmel Bartolo and Tresora Wyer
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

WORLD YOUTH DAY RUSE REPRESENTATIVE:

Please pray for the safe travels of parishioner and STM school teacher Julie McKenzie who is currently on a 5- week pilgrimage throughout Europe and on to Krakow, Poland for the 2016 World Youth Day. Julie will be traveling with Bishop Peter Ingham throughout Poland.

Bon voyage, Julie.

MESSAGE FOR READERS: Due to unforeseen circumstances, the new Reader Co-ordinator is unable to take up the position so I am still looking for a replacement. The roster has been done till the end of July but I would like to put the clipboard out again for just this weekend. Hopefully, there are some parishioners who forgot to add their names to the list but would still like to do so. More names on the roster would certainly be of benefit. Please let me know if you would like to take over the role of Reader Co-ordinator or just add your name to the list if you would like to join this Parish Ministry. Thank you Julie

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Recommences this 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

ST THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME: Has returned and is held on Tuesday mornings during the School Terms, 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (Saturday 3rd September at 3.00pm):

The Information/Enrolment evening is this coming **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: 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.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Is available for sale for \$2.00 per copy (money goes in the red postbox on top of the Catholic Weekly). This religious paper is full of interesting articles and find out what is happening in the Catholic Church. Great price and great value

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

ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN THE SACRAMENTS OF MERCY Thursday 28 July, 7.30-9.30pm Tahmoor Inn, 2715 Remembrance Drive, Tahmoor. 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. The presentation covers scriptural and theological background, the insights of Pope Francis and the pastoral implications in this Year of Mercy. **Registration essential to Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@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:

*For the next two Mondays (25th July and 1st August), the Parish Rosary Statue will be in the Home of James and Carmel and will be prayed on Mondays 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:

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)
Monday 1st August: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre (all Parish Ladies (over 18) are most welcome to come along for a chat and share a cuppa and supper)
Tuesday 2nd August: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 30th July: Winnie Cameron & Bev McKenzie
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 31st July: Helen Rawson & Annette Read
Vigil Mass: 6th August: Trish Newman & James Munro
Sunday 7th August: Fay & Junior Faamau

READERS' FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

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 30th July: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Fay Faamau, Colleen Jablonskis, Rosa & Manuel Herrera
Saturday 6th August: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 30th July: Carmel Munro
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 31st July: Gwen & Brian Harris
Vigil Mass: Saturday 6th August: Vicki Horne
Sunday 9.00am Mass: Sunday 7th August: Chris Reddy and Helen Rawson

VOLUNTEER LAY MINISTERS: *Work that is instrumental to the operation of a parish. Without these Parishioners many of the things that happen in parish life would not be available eg: Flower arrangers, Church Cleaners, Sacristans, Extra-ordinary Ministers of Communion, Powerpoint Creators, Readers, Children's Liturgy, Ushers, Catechists, Ushers, Choir, Musician's, grounds people etc. If you would like to volunteer for any of these Parish Ministries, please either speak to Fr Andrew or contact the Parish Office.*

Many hands make light work.

The homily is a means of bringing the scriptural message to life in a way that helps the faithful to realise that God's word is present and at work in their everyday lives. Verbum Domini (2010) 59

