

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



7th August 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.

WE WELCOME: Fr Carl Schafer ofm and Fr John Roberts (Guardian) ofm to our Parish this weekend. The Fathers will be Celebrating our Parish Masses this weekend.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 7 - 14 AUGUST: Today we celebrate and give thanks for the many joys and gifts that the Priesthood and Consecrated Life bring to society. We pray for those called to these vocations. Is God calling you to explore your vocation? "In each one of you there is a chest, a box, and inside there's a treasure. Your job is to open the chest and pull out the treasure, make it grow, give it to others, and receive the treasure of others." Pope Francis. Contact Fr Richard Healey, Vocations Director, on 0401 621 591 or priesthood@dow.org.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: James Strath (R.D.), Peter Thompson, John Read, John Hennessy, 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:* Rodney Scott, 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, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Natalie Dwyer, Jeannie and George Nicholson, and Mary Fredericks.

Parishioner Birthday this week:

7th: Rosa Herrera

8th: David Mahanay

9th: Jacqueline 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

MESSAGE FOR READERS: A roster has been done for August and September. My apologies if your name appears too often. Names will be in the bulletin, as usual, two weeks in advance. I am still hoping someone would like to become the Reader Co-ordinator. Many thanks for your support during my time in this position. Julie

WE WELCOME: Into our Parish Community Porsha Rose Samaha who was Baptised on the 24th July.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Is held at the Sunday morning 9.00am Mass and is for School aged 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: 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.

PARISH LADIES GROUP: FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE: Tickets will go on sale before/after all Parish Masses on the weekends 20th/21st and 27th/28th August. Tickets are \$1.00 each. Please support this Parish Fundraiser.

PARISH LADIES GROUP: SAVE THE DATE: The Parish Ladies Group will be hosting a High Tea on Sunday 11th September 2016. *Invitations are being handed out over the coming weeks. Please support this Parish Fundraiser. Please place your name and numbers on the clipboard on the main table.*

PARISH 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF OUR CHURCH THANK YOU: *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.*

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

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*

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.*

CONFIRMATION: Please continue to keep the Candidates, their families and teachers in your prayers. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Saturday 3rd September 2016 at 3.00pm.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE: Today Sunday 7th August: School Fete – Family Fun Day. 9am-4pm. *Please come and support our Parish Catholic Primary School. Please take home a copy of the School Newsletter and to keep up to date with their happenings. These are on the tables at the entrance of the Church.*

AUSTRALIAN CENSUS 2016: It is important that individuals mark the faith they identify with when participating in the National Census. Identifying your faith; Helps to determine the allocation of resources to faith groups in their contribution to society in education, healthcare and social services; Enables religious organisation to credibly contribute to public debate on important issues; Highlights the importance of interfaith harmony; Allows for effective planning for places of worship and the many 'good works' of Religions. *Stand up and be counted* when you participate in the Census this Tuesday 9 August 2016.

THE INDIAN COMMUNITY will be celebrating the feast of the Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary at Mt Carmel Church (Varroville) at 12.30pm on the 14th of August. There will be a solemn mass followed by events and food. Also celebrating India's Independence day. All are invited (please bring a plate to share)."

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:



The next two Monday's (8th & 15th 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 9th August: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre (come along to hear about all their good works)
Tuesday 9th August: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall
Thursday 11th August: 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 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 13th August: Louise Phillips & Bev McKenzie
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 14th August: Helen Rawson & Annette Read
Vigil Mass: 20th August: Bertha Barbari & Maureen Molland
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 21st August: Faye & Junior Faamau

READERS' FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 13th August: Bev McKenzie & May Michelutti
Gospel: James Munro
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 14th August: Maureen Molland & Feyise Writer
Gospel: Chris O'Brien
Vigil Mass: 20th August: Andrew James & Pauline Menzies
Gospel: Julie McKenzie
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 21st August: Elisapeta Misinale & Marian Cross
Gospel: Jim Writer

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 13th August: Tongan Youth Group
Saturday 20th August: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 13th August: Carmel Munro
Sunday 9.00am Mass: Sunday 14th August: Christine Foreman and Catherine Minogue
Vigil Mass: Saturday 20th August: Help required
Sunday 9.00am Mass: Sunday 21st August: Gwen and Brian Harris

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SUNDAY 9.00AM MASS: Sunday 14th August: (Morning Tea is served from the finish of Mass until 10.45am) Julie Writer, Maryse Parisi, Catherine Minogue, Dianne Gould and Yvonne Reddy

Prayer

Loving and generous God, so often our world values people and life in terms of money and power. Help us always to value relationships and community as essential to life. We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen