

**1st Sunday of Lent
Year A**



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*

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS: If you require Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion please see Fr Michael *before* Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

Fr Anthony Joseph Daly
11 July 1949 - 29 February 2016
(Parish Priest 2008 - 2016)



Thank you to the Ruse Parish for your service for Tony. It's hard to believe it is a year since we lost our dear brother, uncle and great uncle and great great uncle. We miss him very much and hope you will always remember him in your prayers. Tony loved his work as your Parish Priest and we thank you so much for being so friendly to our family when Tony was sick 12 months ago. All our best wishes to all of you.

God bless you The Daly family (Josie)

And from Fr Tony's nephew - Neil

We would like to remember Tony for the love and kindness he showed every person and group in his parish. At his service I was astonished at the breadth of people he welcomed to the Ruse Parish.

Fr Tony was an important part of our family. We miss him terribly and wish he was still with us.

Thank you for remembering him.

RITE OF INSTALLATION: FATHER MICHAEL HEALY will be Installed as Parish Priest of Ruse by Bishop Peter Ingham DD **next Sunday, 12th March at the Sunday 9.00am Mass.**

There will be refreshments in the Parish Hall after the Installation.

If you are able to bring a plate to share it would be greatly appreciated.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Lina Cookson (R.D.), Ladislav Feher (Anniv), Falmata Lilian Wako (1st Anniv), Marie (Betty) White (Anniv), Fr Tony Daly, Mathew Cherian, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Josephine and Frank McKay, Genie Lynch, 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:* Frank Byron, Chris Reddy, Maureen Hennessy, Rosa Santos, Pio Byron, Elaine Hoffmann, Natalie Dwyer, Aimiti Seufatu, Robert Berthaly, Ken Flemming, John Hill, Liban (Wako) Family, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Ellen Healy, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

LENT TIMETABLE 2017

Stations of the Cross are every Thursday evening during Lent in the Parish Church at 7.30pm.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday 13th April: 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, then Altar of Repose till 10.00pm

Friday 14th April: GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am: Stations of the Cross

3.00pm: The Passion of the Lord

7.00pm: Stations of the Cross

Saturday 15th April: HOLY SATURDAY

7.00pm: Easter Vigil Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

Sunday 16th April: SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

9.00am: Easter Sunday Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER:

Each Saturday evening 5.00pm - 5.30pm

After the morning (9.30am) Masses of Holy Week

Holy Thursday (13th April) 11.00am - 12noon

Good Friday (14th April) after the Stations of the Cross

(10.00am) and then after the evening Stations of the Cross (7.00pm)

Easter Saturday (15th April) 10.00am - 11.00am

PASCHAL PRECEPT: Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (1 March 2017) and Trinity Sunday (11 July 2017) unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2017: Runs through the 6 weeks of Lent, Project Compassion raises both funds and community awareness about important global issues, empowering our neighbours across the world to build a brighter future. Our theme this year is **Love Your Neighbour. Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of envelopes.**

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Can you please supervise your children in the Church courtyard and Parish Hall. They are not permitted to climb the brick walls, the hand rails both leading into the Church and the Parish Hall, the surrounding trees and the garden in the courtyard. Supervision is your responsibility. We cannot accept liability for a child hurting themselves if they engage in these activities.

Parishioner's Birthday for this week:

9th: Brian Wyer

10th: Kerry Hennessy

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

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME: Is held in the Parish Hall every Tuesday during School Terms from 9.30am - 11.30am. Parents/Guardians/Grandparents if you have children including School aged and bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the children enjoy playtime activities. Gold coin donation. If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

PARISH LADIES GROUP: Will meet this Monday in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Any ladies of the Parish are very welcome to join, come and share a cuppa and get involved in various activities to assist around the Church. This month we will be organising an Easter Egg Raffle, the proceeds of which will go towards curtains for the hall. If you are able to bring a donation towards the raffle, this would be very much appreciated.

2016 PARISH AUDITOR'S REPORT: Is available on the main parish noticeboard, for Parishioners to peruse.

PARISH MAINTENANCE: A reminder regarding the Parish Maintenance book on the main table at the entrance of the Church. You can either write in the book or phone/email the Parish Office, if you are aware or notice anything that is in need of repair.

PARISH LITURGY MEETING FOR EASTER: Monday 20th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All Reader's, Musician's/Singer's/Sacristan's, Alcolye's, Powerpoint creator, Flower arrangers and any other interested Parishioners are invited/encouraged to attend this meeting in preparing for the Easter Liturgies.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for only \$2.00 each, many interesting articles for your perusal.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN OUR PARISH: Who is ill/or unable to come to Mass and would like to have Holy Communion please either inform Fr Michael or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We have 2 Acolyte's who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: OPEN DAY and OPEN EVENING: Wednesday 8th March. The Open Day session will be held at 9am and the Open Evening session at 7.00pm, both commencing in the School Hall. For more information please contact the School Office on: 4625 7565. **2018 Kindergarten Enrolments are due by Friday 7 April 2017.** Please take home a copy of the school newsletter and see what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

FRENCH MASS: is celebrated at St John's Parish Campbelltown every 2nd Sunday of the month and the next one will be on **Sunday 12 March, at 6:00pm.** The celebrant is Fr Jan Chrzczonowicz.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG
The Office of the Bishop is seeking to fill the position of an Administrative Assistant. The position is full time (35 hours per week), based in Wollongong. Remuneration for the position is based on the Clerks Private Sector Award 2010. **The Position Description is available at www.jobs.dow.org.au.** Send the letter and resume to the Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, Mary Hiscox at mary.hiscox@dow.org.au by **close of business, Friday 17 March 2017.** Or to PO Box 1239, Wollongong NSW 2500. Enquiries should be directed to Mary on 4222-2468.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF PARISH CHURCH AT OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH, VARROVILLE: Next weekend of 11/12 March. Commencing with Mass at 5pm Saturday 11 March followed by a dinner dance at the Campbelltown Catholic Club. For further information please call the parish office on 96037373.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish has a Parish Rosary Statue that Parishioners are able to have in their Home and pray the Rosary as a family. This Monday (6th March) the Parish Rosary Statue will be Prayed in the home of James and Carmel (address is on the main noticeboard) at 4.30pm. *If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry in 2017 and would like to find out more information please phone Bev on: 4625 0659.*

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR Vigil Mass: Saturday 11th March: Trish Newman & Maureen Molland
9.00am Mass: Sunday 12th March: Catherine Minogue & Helen Rawson
Vigil Mass: Saturday 18th March: Winnie Cameron & Bertha Barbari
9.00am Mass: Sunday 19th March: Fay & Junior Faamau

READERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 11th March: Bev McKenzie & May Michelutti
9.00am Mass: Sunday 12th March: Pesio & Noelle Aiga
Vigil Mass: Saturday 18th March: May Michelutti & Bev McKenzie
9.00am Mass: Sunday 19th March: Marian Cross & Elisapeta Misinale

USHERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 11th March: Carmel Munro
9.00am Mass: Sunday 12th March: Barry Daley
Vigil Mass: Saturday 18th March: Maureen Molland
9.00am Mass: Sunday 19th March: Helen Rawson HELP REQUIRED PLEASE

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 11th March: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau, Rosa and Manuel Herrera and Colleen Jablonskis
Saturday 18th March: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS: 19th March: Tongan Community

DIARY DATES:

Monday 6th March: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 7th March: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall
Thursday 9th March: Retiree's Social Group gathering is after the 9.30am Mass. *(Any Retirees over the age of 55 are warmly welcome to join this group).* Gathering is held in the Parish Hall. Come along and share a cuppa some laughs and meet other Parishioners.
Monday 13th March: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 14th March 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre

