

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



14<sup>th</sup> 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.



**PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED:** To Refreshments in the Parish Hall after the 9.00am Sunday morning Mass. Come and share a cuppa and a chat and meet other Parishioners and visitors to our Parish.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:** Please pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: James (Ray)Strath, 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:* Mike Young, 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:**

**13<sup>th</sup>: James Munro**  
*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](mailto: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*

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL VACANCIES:** Due to 2 members of the Parish Pastoral Council moving out of the area, we have vacancies for 2 new Parishioners to join our Parish Pastoral Council.  
*The Parish Pastoral Council share the responsibility for building a vibrant community that is embedded in the Eucharist and built on faith, hope and charity. The Parish Pastoral Council is an advisory body to the Parish Priest. Members are baptised people in full communion with the Church and participate fully within the life of the Parish. Members will normally hold office for 2 years.*  
If you would like more information or are interested in becoming a member please contact either Fr Andrew or the Parish Office on 2628 2967.

**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 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF OUR CHURCH THANK YOU:** *There are plenty of 30<sup>th</sup> 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.*

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

**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 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 office hours.*

**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](mailto:ruse@dow.org.au)*

**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

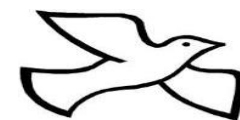
**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** *Please take home a copy of the School Newsletter and to keep up to date with their happenings. These are on the tables at the entrance of the Church.*

**THE INDIAN COMMUNITY** will be celebrating the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Mt Carmel Church (Varroville) at 12.30pm today. 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)."

**2016 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS:** If you are celebrating 25, 40, 50 or 60 years of marriage this year and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on **Sunday, 18 September 2016** at 2.00pm, please contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or email [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) at the Office of the Bishop **ASAP** and an invitation will be sent to you.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FR KEVIN GOODE ofm:** Here in our Parish on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 10.00am followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. All Parishioners are most welcome.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR EXCITING NEW YOUTH MINISTRY INITIATIVES – APPLY NOW!** If you're aged 18-35 and interested in music, sound, lighting, events, teaching, preaching, dance, drama, leadership or just want to lend a hand, call Seth Harsh on 4222 2460 or email [seth.harsh@dow.org.au](mailto:seth.harsh@dow.org.au). Don't miss this opportunity to share and develop your gifts by being part of Catholic Youth initiatives that are set to transform the face of youth ministry in this Diocese and beyond!



**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](mailto:rsvp@stgregs.nsw.edu.au)

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:**



*Tomorrow Monday (15<sup>th</sup> August), the Parish Rosary Statue will be in the Home of James and Carmel and will be prayed on 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 23<sup>rd</sup> August: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre (come along to hear about all their good works)  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August: 7.30pm** Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August: 9.30am** Retiree's Social Group Gathering in the **Parish Centre** (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: 20<sup>th</sup> August: Bertha Berbari & Maureen Molland**  
**Sunday 9.00am Mass: 21<sup>st</sup> August: Faye & Junior Faamau**  
**Vigil Mass: 27<sup>th</sup> August: Winnie Cameron & Trish Newman**  
**Sunday 9.00am Mass: 28<sup>th</sup> August: Catherine Minogue & Julie Writer**

**READERS' FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: 20<sup>th</sup> August: Andrew James & Pauline Menzies**  
**Gospel: Julie McKenzie**  
**Sunday 9.00am Mass: 21<sup>st</sup> August: Elisapeta Misinale & Marian Cross**  
**Gospel: Jim Writer**  
**Vigil Mass: 27<sup>th</sup> August: Gabby Menzies & Carmel Munro**  
**Gospel: Bev McKenzie**  
**Sunday 9.00am Mass: 28<sup>th</sup> August: Therese Writer & Brian O'Brien**  
**Gospel: Bill George**

**CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August: Syro-Malabar Indian Community**  
**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Eugene Wasko & Barry Daley**

**USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August: Help required**  
**Sunday 9.00am Mass: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August: Gwen and Brian Harris**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August: Carmel Munro**  
**Sunday 9.00am Mass: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August: Barry Daley**

**An anonymous saying for thought:**  
*Seven days without prayer makes one weak.*  
**Silence, stillness and simplicity- the best way to pray.**

