

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
13th September 2015



CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY:

Theme: "Be someone who listens to children"

So how do we, the Catholic Church, play our part today in creating safe and supportive environments where we listen to children and work to ensure they are protected from harm? On Child Protection Sunday we are asked to be someone who listens to children; someone who will start a conversation with children; and, if needed, be that someone whom children will turn to when in need.

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*

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Was held in our Parish on Friday (11th September) night Celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham DD.

We congratulate the 40 Candidates, their families and Sponsor's. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Thank you to the Parish Sacramental Team and all who prepared the Candidates for this Sacrament to complete their initiation into full membership of the Catholic Church.

*Thank you also to the many people who prepared the Church for the Sacrament of Confirmation and for us to worship in each week: Sacristan's, Church Cleaner's, Musician's, Powerpoint Creator's and groundsman. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated.
Fr Tony*

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Many interesting articles to read, great value for only \$2.00. Please purchase your copy from the back table at the main entrance of the Church.

THE BISHOP'S FATHERS' DAY APPEAL: Thank you for your generous support of this appeal last weekend. This gift will help fund programs in our Diocese that support and care for our sick, retired and elderly clergy, and recruit and train our next generation of clergy. Donations are still being gratefully received via today's collection and can be made using the special envelopes provided. *"I am very grateful for your support in helping me to ensure that we can provide the right care for our retired and sick clergy and those training to be our future clergy. God bless you" says our Bishop, Peter Ingham.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Stevie Dilen, Michael Bye, Bill Eccleston, Maree and Noel Laming, Brian Harris, Candice Walker, Chris Noyce, Ethan Craig, Leo Cornwell, Doreen Monckton, Mary Smith, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Tina Ting, Beryl Purcell, Carmel Welsh, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Natalie Dwyer, Tomas Laming and Mary Fredericks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Leslie & Coral Dawson (Anniv), Joseph Dawson, Suaesi Faamau, Emil Avila, Bishop William Brennan, Peter, Diminico & Loretta Giannetti, Gino & Emilia Dicesare, Kevin Hardinge, Bernard Hoffmann, Marcia Rae, Joan Bauer, Tina Boyd, Lena Pereira, Mary Berbari, Maria Cabonara, Deborah Rix, John Read, Mary Writer, Genie Lynch, Josephine McKay, Frank McKay, Jim McKenzie, and Maurya Hutton. *May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual lights shine upon them.*

Parishioners Birthday for this week:

12th: *Nive (Maria) Byron*

14th: *Col Davis*

Belated Wedding Anniversary for last week:

11th: *John and Bertha Berbari (37 years)*

If any Parishioner/s would like to have their Birthdays and or Wedding Anniversaries included in the bulletin, please either inform Fr Tony or contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or ruse@dow.org.au

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK NUMBERS

(REMINDER): If any Parishioner in their Parish Ministry that involves working with children has not given Fr Tony their WWC number could they do so please ASAP or if you require assistance to apply for a Working With Children Approval under Child Protection Legislation please either see Fr Tony or come into the Parish Office during Office Hours.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN IN PARISH

MINISTRIES: Wednesday 16 September 7.00pm – 8.30pm Xavier Centre, Wollongong. Overview of Working with Children Check requirements for parish ministries and best practice for lay people in ministry. Anyone involved in a parish ministry is welcome to attend. RSVP ASAP to helen.bennett@dow.org.au

PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY (Kindergarten to Year 6 inclusive): Is each Sunday at the 9.00am Mass during School Terms. We are looking for helper's and Teacher's if you are interested in helping with this Parish Ministry, please phone Joanne on 0421 802 132 for more information.

THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME: Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am in our Parish Hall during school terms. Attention: Parents/Guardians and Grandparents, if you have any children/grandchildren under School age 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 interested please phone: **Catherine for more information: 46271842**

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH

FACEBOOK: If you haven't had the chance to look on our Parish Facebook, please do so. You will see pictures of what has been happening in our Parish as well as other information from the Diocese of Wollongong and the Vatican.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Keep up to date with the happenings in our Parish Catholic Primary School. The School Newsletter is available at all the tables at the Entrance of the Church to take home.

MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE – THE MUSIC

COORDINATOR: PULLING IT TOGETHER – SATURDAY 19

SEPTEMBER: This course provides general formation and resources for those who coordinate music ministry at Mass, including Choir Directors, Band Leaders, Ensemble and Small Group Leaders, Organists and Cantors in parishes and schools. Paul Mason and Angela Quinn will facilitate two sessions, covering the following topics: (a) The Music Leader as Servant of the Assembly; (b) Forming a liturgical choir or music group – musical, liturgical, psychological and pedagogical competencies; (c) Developing a workable repertoire; (d) Managing a music ministry program – people, music resources, communications, time, and budget.

The course is being offered at the Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong, on Saturday 19 September, 10:00am – 1:00pm. A Resource Kit and Morning Tea are provided. For further information visit www.liturgy.dow.org.au, or contact Paul Mason liturgy@dow.org.au or 4222 2462. Cost: \$10 For enrolment registration contact Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 4222 2403.

UNDERSTANDING & SUPPORTING THE JOURNEY WITH

DEMENTIA: Monday 28 September 9.00am – 3.30pm at Micah House, 35a Cordeaux St Campbelltown. For more enquiries contact Carmen Karauda on 4640 8515 or carmen.karauda@catholiccare.dow.org.au Cost for the workshop is \$10 and Registration essential 24 September (Campbelltown) as places are limited to Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au

Weekend retreat: Becoming Fully Alive – a prayerful journey with St Teresa of Avila. Presenter: Dr Richard Hardy. Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville. When: October 9 – 11. Cost: \$220 (concessions apply). For more information please either: phone: 8795 3400, Email: retreats@carmelite.com or www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

HEART – WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2015: 16-17 October 2015 Fairfield RSL Sydney. A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. To register and pay online go to: theCatholicGuy.com/Heart Email: heart@thecatholicguy.tv Phone: 1300 734 880. There are brochures available to take on all the tables at the entrance of the Church.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue is currently in the home of *The Robinson Family. The family will be praying the Rosary on Monday 14th September at 7.30pm.* The address is on the main noticeboard of the Church.

If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry please phone Bev on: 4625 0659

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 15th September: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 16th September: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Hall

Tuesday 22nd September: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in the Parish Centre, new Members are most welcome

Thursday 24th September: 9.30am Retiree's Social Group gathering in the Parish Hall (Retiree's over 55 are most welcome) come along for a cuppa, chat and a laugh.

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 19th Sept: Bertha Berbari and Bev McKenzie

9.00am Mass: Sunday 20th Sept: Fay and Junior Faamau

Vigil Mass: Saturday 26th Sept: Maureen Molland and Winnie Cameron

9.00am Mass: Sunday 27th Sept: Helen Rawson and Annette Read

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

(Could the 2nd Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)

Vigil Mass: Saturday 19th Sept: Pauline and Gabby Menzies

9.00am Mass: Sunday 20th Sept: Pamela Samaha and Julie Writer

Vigil Mass: Saturday 26th Sept: Gabby Menzies and James Munro

9.00am Mass: Sunday 27th Sept: Andrew Truong and Julie Writer

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 19th Sept: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

Saturday 26th Sept: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 19th Sept: Help needed

9.00am Mass: Sunday 20th Sept: Brian and Gwen Harris

Vigil Mass: Saturday 26th Sept: Help needed

9.00am Mass: Sunday 27th Sept: Chris Reddy

FLOWER ARRANGER FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Saturday 19th Sept: Christine Gomes

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 9.00am MASS: (Sunday 20th September): Ruse Tongan Community

