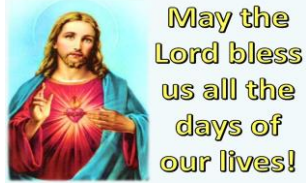


27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!

2nd October 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

WELCOME

THE PARISHIONERS OF OUR PARISH WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME: The Carmelite Friars OCD who will be celebrating Reconciliation and our Parish Masses this weekend.

BISHOP PETER INGHAM DD:

"I want to thank St Thomas More Parish because you very thoughtfully sent me greetings and prayerful good wishes after my collapse on 11 September at the Parish of Tahmoor-Picton.

So, after a very healthy life, in my 76th year, I am sharing the frailty of health known to so many. I thought of the late Sydney Rabbi, Rudolph Brasch who said: "God sometimes puts us on our back, to make us look up!" All the supportive messages I received really cheered me up, so thank you for being part of this"

St Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - IN SUPPORT OF SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY: in support of sick and retired clergy. Thank you for your generous support of this Appeal. This donation will help fund programs in our Diocese that support and care for our sick and retired clergy. Donations are still being gratefully received via today's collections and can be made using the special envelopes provided. For the first time, donations can also be made online, via the Diocese's website www.dow.org.au "I am very grateful for your support in helping me to ensure that we can provide the right care for our sick and retired clergy. God bless you," says our Bishop, Peter Ingham.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **Luca Stephen Peters** who was Baptised last weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ruth Condon, Bernard Hoffmann, Peter Giannetti, Domenico & Loretta Giannetti, Gino & Emilia Di Cesare, Lena Pereira, John Read, Angelina Cameron, Mary Writer, Fr Tony Daly, Ladislav Feher, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Josephine and Frank McKay, 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:** Natalie Dwyer, Aimiti Seufatu, 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, Jeannie and George Nicholson, and Mary Fredericks.

Parishioner's Birthday's this week:

1st: **Manuel Herrera**

4th: **John Barbari**

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

ALTAR SERVERS WANTED: Boys and Girls who have made their First Holy Communion and would like to be trained to Serve at Mass. Please leave your name and contact details on the clipboard in the Sacristy after Mass. You will be contacted for when the training session/s will be held.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM: If you would like to join our Planned Giving Program, either using the envelopes or by Direct Debit, forms are available on the tables near the church entrance doors. **Thank you for all who are generous to our Parish.**

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.

NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY: This survey will be held in all Parishes and Masses centres in our Diocese in the coming months. It is also conducted in more than 3000 other Christian Churches across the country and has been held every 5 years for the last 25 years. Bishop Peter has asked every parishioner to be involved and so have a chance to say what they think about the life and health of the Church in our Diocese. **More details to come as to when our Parish will be holding this Survey.**

Wishing our Parish Children (and their families) a very happy and relaxing holiday in readiness for Term 4. Our Prayers are also with those who are preparing for the Higher School Certificate and for any other exams.

CHURCH WARNING ABOUT SAFE SCHOOLS PROGRAM:

Despite a Federal Government Review, the Safe Schools Program that operates in many Government Schools remains unsuitable for children and young people, and the controversial and extreme gender theory promoted by the Safe Schools coalition is of serious concern. Parents / families of State School Children are urged to ensure their children are not exposed to this content, by exercising their right to withdraw children from these classes.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS: Monday, 3 October:

The annual Blessing of Animals will take place at 9:30am (public holiday), at the Church of St Michael, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul. All animals are welcome, however, the larger giraffes must be restrained on tight leashes - greyhounds are most welcome. St Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is on Tuesday, 4 October is the patron of animals, ecology, Italy, San Francisco and the care of the environment - to name a few.

IMPACT - A CONVENTION FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

6-8 OCTOBER 2016 VARROVILLE: The Impact Convention will gather youth and young and adults for three days of mind-blowing fun, authentic community, inspiring talks, uplifting music and practical life lessons. There will be workshops that appeal to all interests and ages from Personal Development, Service & Faith, Creative Arts, Leadership and Community life. Organised by the Catholic Guy Ministry. Presented by The Catholic Guy. For registration please visit <http://impactconvention.com>

MATER DEI COUNTRY FAIR: Parishioners are invited to Mater Dei's Country Fair on Sunday 16 Oct - 9am - 3pm. Funds raised go towards specialised education for 145 students in the Primary and Secondary School with an intellectual disability, their group homes as well as programs offered in Early Intervention to 180 babies and pre-schoolers with special needs. Come along and make a difference to their lives. There is also an Ex-students' Reunion between 9.30 and noon. All are welcome.

CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Please note the following until further notice:

Tuesday	9.30am	Communion Service
Wednesday	9.30am	Mass
Thursday	9.30am	Communion Service
Friday	9.30am	Mass

Please take note that Father Michael Healy and Father Lucas Myint will be Celebrating Mass each Wednesday and Friday morning.

Communion Services on Tuesday and Thursdays as previous.

Fr Ross Naylor will be looking after the Parish from the 14th October until 4th December. There is 3 Priests returning to the Wollongong Diocese in December and Bishop Peter DD is hoping this will allow a permanent appointment.

The Parish is "alive and well", so please continue with any enquiries etc to the Parish Office.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS: Next Sunday 9th October: Carmel Munro, Christine Foreman, Helen Rawson, Annette Read, Kim Sami & Rita Jowsey

PARISH ROSARY STATUE:

The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the Home of Theresa and Mark. 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:

Monday 3rd October: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 4th October: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall

Thursday 6th October: 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 laughs

Monday 10th October: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 11th October: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre (come along to hear about all their good works)

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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Vigil Mass: Saturday: 8th Oct: Vicky Horne

9.00am Mass: Sunday: 9th Oct: Christine Foreman & Catherine Minogue

Vigil Mass: Saturday: 15th Oct: Carmel Munro

9.00am Mass: Sunday: 16th Oct: Gwen & Brian Harris

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday: 8th Oct: Louise Phillips & Winnie Cameron

9.00am Mass: Sunday: 9th Oct: Helen Rawson & Catherine Minogue

Vigil Mass: Saturday: 15th Oct: Bertha Barbari & Trish Newman

9.00am Mass: Sunday: 16th Oct: Fay & Junior Faamau

READERS' FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 8th Oct: James Munro

9.00am Mass: Sunday: 9th Oct: Feyise Writer & Marion Cross

Vigil Mass: Saturday: 15th Oct: Bev & Julie McKenzie

9.00am Mass: Sunday: 16th Oct: Therese Writer & Christine Foreman

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 8th Oct: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Eugene Wasko & Barry Daley

Saturday 15th Oct: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

OCTOBER MONTH OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILIES:

(Scripture and the Church's history give us many examples of the great impact when a whole community undertakes prayer and fasting together)

Today and throughout this week we pray for all marriages and families in Australia.

Heavenly Father, grant that our families may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Make us every more mindful of the sacredness and beauty of the family in God's plan