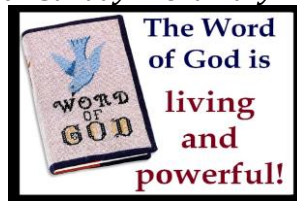


28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



9th October 2016
Year C
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 are celebrating Reconciliation and our Parish Masses this weekend.

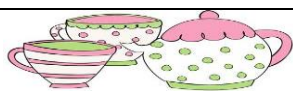
GLUTEN FREE HOSTS (ALTAR BREADS): If you require Gluten Free Hosts for Holy Communion please see the Acolytes before Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

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 next weekend until 4th December. The Parish is "alive and well", so please continue with any enquiries etc to the Parish Office.



REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS: All Parishioners and visitors are invited to the Parish Hall after Mass (Sunday 9.00am) for a cuppa, a chat and catch up with friends. **Looking forward to seeing you there**



We Welcome back our Parish School Children for Term 4 and wish them well in their studies.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: those who are preparing for the Higher School Certificate and for any other exams.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Baptist D'Sa (Anniv), Keith Gomes, 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.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **Declan John Hourigan** who was Baptised last weekend.

Parishioner's Birthday's this week:

11th: Marian Cross and Catherine Minogue
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 PLAYTIME: Returns this Tuesday (11th October) 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Will recommence next Sunday (16th October) during the Sunday 9.00am Mass. This is for School children from Kindergarten up to and including Year 6. If you would like more information on this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 0421802132

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.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – IN SUPPORT OF SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY: Donations are still being gratefully received by using the special envelopes provided or online, via the Diocese's website www.dow.org.au

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.**

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.

FEAST OF ST TERESA OF JESUS – DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH:

Saturday 15th October 2016: All Parishioners are invited to attend Mass to celebrate this Feast at 11.00am at the Carmelite Nuns: 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville.

MATER DEI COUNTRY FAIR: Parishioners are invited to Mater Dei's Country Fair next Sunday 16 Oct: 9am – 3pm. Funds raised go towards specialised education for 145 students in the Primary & Secondary School with an intellectual disability, their group homes also 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.

"THE RENAISSANCE OF MARRIAGE" 2016 NATIONAL MARRIAGE CONFERENCE:

Friday 21 – Saturday 22 October: Sydney. Come and hear world class speakers including Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Christopher West, Kevin Andrews MP, and Dr Byron and Francine Pirola. **Register now at rom.org.au**

"ENCOUNTERING CHRIST" RETREAT WITH THE

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF ST CECILIA: Friday 21 – Sunday 23 October: The Hermitage Retreat Centre, Mittagong For women of all ages (under 18s must be accompanied). It will include: Mass, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, Personal Prayer, Spiritual Talks, Beautiful Scenery and delicious food. Cost: \$275 (flexible – ask for more details). **To register or for more information: sydney@op-tn.org or facebook.com/domincansistersaustralia**

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 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)
Wednesday 19th October: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre
Thursday 20th 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

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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Vigil Mass: Saturday: 15th Oct: Carmel Munro
9.00am Mass: Sunday: 16th Oct: Gwen & Brian Harris
Vigil Mass: Saturday 22nd Oct: Maureen Molland
9.00am Mass: Sunday 23rd Oct: Barry Daley

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday: 15th Oct: Bertha Berbari & Trish Newman
9.00am Mass: Sunday: 16th Oct: Fay & Junior Faamau
Vigil Mass: Saturday 22nd Oct: Maureen Molland & Bev McKenzie
9.00am Mass: Sunday 23rd Oct: Catherine Minogue & Helen Rawson

READERS' FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 15th Oct: Bev & Julie McKenzie
9.00am Mass: Sunday 16th Oct: Therese Writer & Christine Foreman
Vigil Mass: Saturday 22nd Oct: Tara Small & Carmel Munro
9.00am Mass: Sunday: 23rd Oct: Bill George & Elisapeta Misinale

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 15th Oct: Syro-Malabar Indian Community
Saturday 22nd Oct: Group 3: Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro

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 families in distress.

Heavenly Father, grant healing to all families in distress, especially those burdened with strained relationships. Draw close to all families who have experienced violence, upheaval, illness or division: May all who have been wounded find ready comfort and healing.