

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



16th 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*



**THE PARISHIONERS OF OUR PARISH WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME:** Fr Ross Naylor who will be our Parish Supply Priest until Sunday 4th December 2016.

**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 Mass  
Wednesday 9.30am Mass  
Thursday 9.30am Mass  
Friday 9.30am Mass

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** those who are sitting 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, 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.

**Belated Parishioner’s Birthday’s for last week:**

12th: Wilfred Miranda  
14th: Ronald Fredericks

**Parishioner’s Birthday’s for this week:**

15th: Therese Barbari  
20th: Yvonne Reddy

**Belated Parishioner’s Wedding Anniversary for last week:**

9th October: Bill & Maureen Molland (40 years)

**Parishioner’s Wedding Anniversary for this week:**

16th: Maria & Bernie Hill (35 years)  
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)

**ST THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME:** Tuesday’s 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:** Is held during the Sunday 9.00am Mass (during School Terms). 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. training session/s will be held. sat morning 11.00 am on 22/10/16

**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.

**CATHOLIC MISSION WORLD MISSION APPEAL Next weekend:** This year we are invited to reach out and support local community leaders in Papua New Guinea to engage with their people, help them hear the wounds caused by domestic violence and broken relationships, and find peace through mercy. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously. Freecall: 1800 257 296 , [catholicmission.org.au/PNG](http://catholicmission.org.au/PNG).

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** The latest School Newsletter is available to take home on all tables at the entrance of the Church. Read and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

**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.

**MATER DEI COUNTRY FAIR:** Parishioners are invited to Mater Dei’s Country Fair today 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 most welcome.

**“THE RENAISSANCE OF MARRIAGE” 2016 NATIONAL MARRIAGE CONFERENCE:** Friday 21 – Saturday 22 October: Sydney. Come and hear world class speakers Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Christopher West, Kevin Andrews MP, and Dr Byron and Francine Pirola. **Register now at [rom.org.au](http://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 and delicious food. Cost: \$275 (flexible – ask for more details). **To register or for more information: [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org) or [facebook.com/domincansistersaustralia](http://facebook.com/domincansistersaustralia)**

**“THE GIFT OF AGEING” RETREAT:** Friday 28 Oct – Thursday 3 Nov: St Mary’s Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park. Topics include: Ageing as a call to a richer life, Retirement, Letting Go, Living and Dying well, Change and Choices,– Call to Mission and much more. Conducted by Kerin Caldwell SGS. Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquility. Cost \$552. **RSVP: Phone (02) 4630 0233 or**

email [towersretreat@bigpond.com](mailto:towersretreat@bigpond.com). Website: [towersretreat.abundance.org.au](http://towersretreat.abundance.org.au)

**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:**  
**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  
**Tuesday 25th October: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre (come along to hear about all their good works)  
**Monday 31st October: 7.00pm** Baptism Preparation Class (for November) in the Parish Centre

**PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

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**Vigil Mass: Saturday 22nd Oct: Maureen Molland**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 23rd Oct: Barry Daley**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 29th Oct: Chantelle Barbari**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 30th Oct: Chris Reddy & Helen Rawson**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 22nd Oct: Maureen Molland & Bev McKenzie**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 23rd Oct: Catherine Minogue & Helen Rawson**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 29th Oct: James Munro & Louise Phillips**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 30th Oct: Annette Read & Helen Rawson**

**READERS’ FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 22nd Oct: Tara Small & Carmel Munro**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday: 23rd Oct: Bill George & Elisapeta Misinale**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 29th Oct: David Minogue & Pauline Menzies**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 30th Oct: Chris & Brian O’Brien**

**CHURCH CLEANERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:**  
**Saturday 22nd Oct: Group 3: Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro**  
**Saturday 29th Oct: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Fay Faamau, Rosa & Manuel Herrera & Colleen Jablonskis**

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*Dear God,  
Please keep my family, friends and loved ones safe.  
Please watch over them always and let good health,  
happiness and good fortune befall them Amen*