

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent



12<sup>th</sup> March 2017

*Installation of Father Michael Healy as St Thomas More Parish Priest.*

### 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*

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS:** If you require Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion please see Fr Michael *before* Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.



**WELCOME: BISHOP PETER INGHAM DD:** *The Parishioner's and Visitor's to our Parish this weekend warmly welcome Bishop Peter for the Rite of Installation Of Fr Michael Healy as our Parish Priest during the Sunday 9.00am Mass.*

*There are refreshments to share on this very special occasion in the Parish Hall after Mass.*

### LENT TIMETABLE 2017

*Stations of the Cross are every Thursday evening during Lent in the Parish Church at 7.30pm.*

#### The Sacred Paschal Triduum

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April:** 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, then Altar of Repose till 10.00pm  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April: GOOD FRIDAY**  
**10.00am:** Stations of the Cross  
**3.00pm:** The Passion of the Lord  
**7.00pm:** Stations of the Cross  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April: HOLY SATURDAY**  
**7.00pm: Easter Vigil Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)**  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April: SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION**  
**9.00am:** Easter Sunday Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

#### RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER:

Each Saturday evening 5.00pm - 5.30pm  
After the morning (9.30am) Masses of Holy Week  
Holy Thursday (13<sup>th</sup> April) 11.00am - 12noon  
Good Friday (14<sup>th</sup> April) after the Stations of the Cross (10.00am) and then after the evening Stations of the Cross (7.00pm)  
Easter Saturday (15<sup>th</sup> April) 10.00am - 11.00am

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Parish Community: **Samuel Sonny Davis** who was Baptised and Confirmed during the week.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Lina Cookson, Ladislav Feher, Falmata Lilian Wako, Marie (Betty) White, Fr Tony Daly, Mathew Cherian, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Josephine and Frank McKay, Genie Lynch, 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: Betty Byrne, Frank Byron, Chris Reddy, Rosa Santos, Pio Byron, Elaine Hoffmann, Natalie Dwyer, Aimiti Seufatu, Robert Berthaly, Ken Flemming, John Hill, Liban (Wako) Family, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Ellen Healy, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

**IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN OUR PARISH:** Who is ill/or unable to come to Mass and would like to have Holy Communion please either inform Fr Michael or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We have 2 Acolyte's who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.

#### Parishioner's Birthday for this week:

15<sup>th</sup>: *Cathy Bye*

16<sup>th</sup>: *Chris Reddy & Kieran Minogue*

#### Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary for this week:

16<sup>th</sup>: *Karin and Barry Daley (43 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)*

**PASCHAL PRECEPT:** Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (1 March 2017) and Trinity Sunday (11 July 2017) unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

**PROJECT COMPASSION 2017:** Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help empower women in Timor-Leste to recover from domestic violence, develop sustainable livelihoods, and lead a **life of dignity**. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes and/or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS:** Can you please supervise your children in the Church courtyard and Parish Hall. They are not permitted to climb the brick walls, the hand rails both leading into the Church **and** the Parish Hall, the surrounding trees and the garden in the courtyard. Supervision is your responsibility. We cannot accept liability for a child hurting themselves if they engage in these activities.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Is held during the 9.00am Sunday morning Mass during School Terms. This is for School aged children Kindergarten to Year 6 inclusive. If you would like more information on this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 0421 802 132.

**ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME:** Is held in the Parish Hall every Tuesday during School Terms from 9.30am - 11.30am. Parents/Guardians/Grandparents if you have children including School aged and bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the children enjoy playtime activities. Gold coin donation. If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

**PARISH WORKING BEES:** To prepare our Church and surrounds for Easter we will be holding 2 working bees: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Both commencing from 8.30am. Morning tea will be provided. More details to follow.

**PARISH MAINTENANCE:** A reminder regarding the Parish Maintenance book on the main table at the entrance of the Church. You can either write in the book or phone/email the Parish Office, if you are aware or notice anything that is in need of repair.

**PARISH LITURGY MEETING FOR EASTER: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.** All Reader's, Musician's/Singer's/Sacristan's, Acolyte's, Powerpoint creator, Flower arrangers and any other interested Parishioners are invited/encouraged to attend this meeting in preparing for the Easter Liturgies.

**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 and Cheques/Cash **If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 46282967 or e-mail: [ruse@parish.woll.catholic.org.au](mailto:ruse@parish.woll.catholic.org.au). Thank you.**

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Great value for only \$2.00 each, many interesting articles for your perusal.

#### ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

**2018 Kindergarten Enrolments are due by Friday 7 April 2017.**

Please take home a copy of the school newsletter and see what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

**FRENCH MASS:** is celebrated at St John's Parish Campbelltown every 2nd Sunday of the month and the next one will be on **Sunday 12 March, at 6:00pm**. The celebrant is Fr Jan Chrzczonowicz.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG

The Office of the Bishop is seeking to fill the position of an Administrative Assistant. The position is full time (35 hours per week), based in Wollongong. Remuneration for the position is based on the Clerks Private Sector Award 2010. **The Position Description is available at [www.jobs.dow.org.au](http://www.jobs.dow.org.au).** Send the letter and resume to the Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, Mary Hiscox at [mary.hiscox@dow.org.au](mailto:mary.hiscox@dow.org.au) by **close of business, Friday 17 March 2017**. Or to PO Box 1239, Wollongong NSW 2500. Enquiries should be directed to Mary on 4222-2468.

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** The Parish has a Parish Rosary Statue that Parishioners are able to have in their Home and pray the Rosary as a family. This Monday (13<sup>th</sup> March) the Parish Rosary Statue will be Prayed in the home of James and Carmel (address is on the main noticeboard) at 4.30pm. **If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry in 2017 and would like to find out more information please phone Bev on: 4625 0659.**

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

**EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR Vigil Mass: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Winnie Cameron & Bertha Barbari**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March: Fay & Junior Faamau**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Maureen Molland & Bev McKenzie**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Julie Writer & Annette Read**

#### READERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March: May Michelutti & Bev McKenzie**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March: Marian Cross & Elisapeta Misinale**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Julie McKenzie & Carmel Munro**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Elisapeta Misinale & Marian Cross**

#### USHERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Maureen Molland**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March: Helen Rawson HELP REQUIRED PLEASE**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Carmel Munro**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Chritine Foreman & Catherine Minogue**

#### CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community.**  
**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group**

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS: 19<sup>th</sup> March: Tongan Community**

#### DIARY DATES:

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March: 7.00pm** Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March: 7.30pm** Parish Liturgy meeting (please read main notices for more information)  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** Retiree's Social Group gathering is after the 9.30am Mass. **(Any Retirees over the age of 55 are warmly welcome to join this group).** Gathering is held in the Parish Hall. Come along and share a cuppa some laughs and meet other Parishioners.



*Congratulations Father Michael on becoming the new Parish Priest of our Parish.  
May God always watch over you and keep you safe in the palm of his hands.  
God Bless from all the Parishioner's of our Parish.*

