

2nd Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy)
Year C



3rd April 2016
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*

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS (ALTAR BREAD): 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.

THANKYOU: *To the many Parish Ministries in preparing our Parish Church and Grounds in readiness for the Easter Celebrations. The gift of your time and talents are greatly appreciative of the many Parishioners and Visitors to our Parish Church during this Special Time.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Melanie Blessing, Liban (Wako) Family, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Brian Harris, Jeannie and George Nicholson, Stevie Dilen, Bill Eccleston, 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, and Mary Fredericks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Falmata Liban Wako, Anthony Esler, Fr Anthony (Tony) Daly, Betty White, Ladislav Feher, Nathan Berthaly, Sharon Michelutti, Mark Wilson, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Mary Writer, Deborah Rix, Josephine and Frank McKay, Bernard Hoffmann, and Maria Cabonara. *May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

FATHER TONY'S PONTIFICAL FUNERAL MEMORIAL CARD: We have Fr Tony's Memorial Cards available for you to take home. They are available on all the tables at the entrance of the Church.

Parishioners' Birthday for this week:

4th April: **Therese Writer**

5th April: **Helen Rawson**

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

PARISH LADIES EASTER RAFFLE: Thank you to all who supported this Parish fundraiser. Congratulations to the following winners: Shelley Lavocah, Howard Pew, Winnie Cameron, Phil Chesney, Kathy Donachie, Fay Faamau, Fr Hugh Dowdell, Salina Pahulu, Daly Family (from Mudgee) and Bev McKenzie. Congratulations to all the winner's. *All monies raised goes back into our Parish Church and Hall eg: blinds etc*

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am SUNDAY

MORNING MASS: The roster is due to run out and we are looking for more volunteers. Please put your name down on the clipboard on the table at the entrance of the Church. If you would like to find our more information regarding this Parish Ministry please phone: phone Cathy on: 4625 5449.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY MINISTRY: Are currently looking for Teacher's/helpers, if you would like to be a member of this Parish Ministry please phone Joanne on: 0421802132. This Parish Ministry runs during School Terms (Kindergarten to and including Year 6).

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Congratulations to all those children who made their First Reconciliation this week. May you always know the love and peace found in Christ. Thank you to Fr Andrew, parents and all those involved in preparing the children for this beautiful Sacrament. "STM Sacramental Team".

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2016:

First Holy Communion (Eucharist): (For Baptised Children in Year 3 and above and have made the Sacrament of Reconciliation). **Parent/Carer Information Night:** This **Wednesday 6th April at 7.00pm** (please note change of time) in the Parish Church. Parent's/Carer's have to attend for your child to make this Sacrament. Classes will commence on Sunday 24th April.

Confirmation: Saturday 3rd September 2016 (more details to follow).

If you have any enquiries regarding any of the Sacraments please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 during Office Hours.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SACRAMENTAL

TEAM: The programs for Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation are Parish based and are facilitated by volunteers, comprising teachers from our primary school and parishioners. Helpers are needed for First Communion classes, which will commence with a parents information night on 6th April. Classes are limited to 12 students with a parent and are run over a four week period, with each class

lasting a maximum of 45 minutes. Ideally we have at least two people team-teaching each class, with an admin person to assist. **A training session for all team members is available before classes commence, so that each teacher is familiar with the course and what part of each lesson they will teach.** If you are able to assist, please contact Kim Sami, the First Communion Program coordinator, on 0414894911, for further information. Thank you in anticipation.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CANNOT COME TO

MASS: We have Members of our Parish Community who visit parishioners and bring Communion every week to those who are ill or elderly so are unable to come to Mass. Please encourage them (or a family member) to contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 during Office Hours.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Are currently enrolling for Kindergarten 2017 (enrolments close on 8th April). Contact details ph: 4625 6561 or email: info@stmdow.catholic.edu.au. Please take home a copy of our Parish school newsletter to keep up to date with the happenings. Copies are available on the tables at the entrance of the Church.

STORIES OF HOPE: EXPLORING THE PARABLES OF

MERCY: Tuesday 12 April, 7:30pm-9:30pm in our Parish Hall. Jesus spoke in parables to reveal the nature of God as that of a Father who constantly reaches out to us in love and forgiveness. Many of the parables Jesus told are familiar to us – the prodigal son, the lost coin etc. This evening provides us with an invitation to see these parables anew, recognising ourselves in them and exploring their meaning for our lives today. **Registration for this evening to Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 4222 2403.**

APPIN MASSACRE MEMORIAL CEREMONY: Sunday 17 April 2016 Cataract Dam Picnic Area 11am-3.30pm Hosted by Winga Myamly Reconciliation Group. There is a bus for the round trip leaving from Jannali. For details contact Sr Kerry Macdermott wingamyamly@gmail.com or Ph: 02 9605 1838

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS GATHERINGS

Please note that the first round of PPC Regional Gatherings are occurring on: **Tues 26th April, 7:30-9:30pm**, at St John the Evangelist Parish Hall Campbelltown. More details to follow.

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre April Retreats: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville. Phone: 02 8795 3400 email: retreats@carmelite.com www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Pray as you can, not as you should Apr 9: day retreat. Presenter: Mr Geoff Stumbles. Cost: \$25.00.

Lectio on the Johannine Gospel Readings for the Sundays of Easter. Apr 15 @ 610 pm – Apr 17 @ 1:30 pm. Presenter: Dr Michele A. Connolly, rsj Cost: \$230.00 (concessions available).

The Way of Blessing: Apr 18 @ 610 pm – Apr 24 @ 1:30 pm. Presenter: Fr Greg Burke, OCD. Cost: \$680.00 (concessions available).

Mercy & Creation: A Creative Embrace: May 6 @ 610 pm – May 8 @ 1:30 pm. Presenters: Darren McDowell and Fr Greg Burke, OCD. Cost: \$230.00 (concessions available)

PARISH ROSARY STATUE:

*For the next 2 Mondays, the Parish Rosary Statue will be in the Home of Freda and Wilfred and will be said on Mondays at 11.00am. Their 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*

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday 4th April: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 5th April: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 5th April: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall
Wednesday 6th April: 7.00pm Information Night for First Holy Communion in the Parish Church
Thursday 7th April: 9.30am Retiree's Social Group gathering in the Parish Hall (after the 9.00am Mass)
Tuesday 12th April: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre (new members are most welcome, or come along to the meeting to see the good works of the Conference)

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 9th April: Louise Phillips and Winnie Cameron
9.00am Mass: Sunday 10th April: Helen Rawson and Julie Writer
Vigil Mass: Saturday 16th April:
9.00am Mass: Sunday 17th April:

READERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 9th April: Pauline Menzies and Andrew James
9.00am Mass: Sunday 10th April: Maureen Molland and Jim Writer
Vigil Mass: Saturday 16th April: Gabby and Pauline Menzies
9.00am Mass: Sunday 17th April: Angela Truong and Barry Daley

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 9th April: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie
Saturday 16th April: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 9th April: Vicki Horne
9.00am Mass: Sunday 10th April: Gwen and Brian Harris
Vigil Mass: Saturday 16th April: Maureen Molland
9.00am Mass: Sunday 17th April: Barry Daley

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 3 APRIL 2016: Tune into PULSE 94.1 FM on Sun at 11am or go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Sing **ALLELUIA!** Augustine says rightly, "Singing is for one who loves", and there is also an ancient proverb: "Whoever sings will pray twice over". **GIRM 39**