

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



30th 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*

**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.

**NOVEMBER:** *Is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and praying the Lord's Prayer for the pope's intentions Norm 15,7*

**FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:** *All Masses will be offered for the deceased relatives and friends of all our Parishioners. We will record all the names that have been given in the Parish Book of Remembrance, set up in the Sacred Space. Please notify either Fr Ross or the Parish Office should you wish to include deceased relatives and/or friends in the Book of Remembrance.*

**CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:** Please note the following until further notice:  
Tuesday 9.30am Mass  
Wednesday (2<sup>nd</sup> November) All Soul's Day 9.00am Mass 7.00pm Mass  
Thursday 9.30am Mass  
Friday 9.30am Mass

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** *those who are sitting the HSC (their families) and for any other exams.*

**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.

**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:** Cathy Bye, 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.

**CATHOLIC MISSION WORLD MISSION APPEAL:** **"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace".** Thank you very much for your kind donations last weekend for this Appeal. By supporting the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal today, or by partnering with us through your monthly gift, you are helping community leaders in Papua New Guinea receive training so they can advocate for their communities and allow them to find peace through mercy. Freecall: 1800 257 296 or catholicmission.org.au/PNG

**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.

**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:** In two weeks, our Parish will be taking part in the National Church Life Survey. The survey will take place at both Masses on the weekend of 12th/13th November, and will be conducted at the beginning of Mass. The survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete, but the Mass is expected to finish around the usual time. We look forward to all parishioners having their say about our Church and helping us to plan for our future."

**PARISH PIETY STALL:** 2017 Columban Calendars are for sale, great Christmas Gifts at just \$9.00each. Have a look of the great variety of Religious goods on sale.

**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.**

**MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR PLAYING AT MASS,** especially on 4th Sunday of the month and any Saturday. We have both an organ and keyboard, but would welcome anyone who also plays guitar. Mentoring would be available to anyone who is willing to share their talents. If interested, please ring Parish Office and leave your details, and a member of the music ministry will contact you.

**PARISH ALTAR SERVERS:** If you have made your First Holy Communion and are in Year 3 and above and would like to join this Parish Ministry please either see Fr Ross, Neville Taylor (Sunday Morning Acolyte) or contact the Parish Office. You will then be contacted about Training details etc.

**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.

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE: Christmas 2016 edition** is available (free) on all the tables at the entrance to the Church. Please take one home and read all the interesting articles. Highly recommended.

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Great value for \$2.00 per copy (the money goes in the red letterbox on the Catholic Weekly table). This has also many interesting articles to read.

**ALL SOULS DAY:** At Forest lawn Memorial Park, Leppington (this Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016) The parish community of St Mary Mackillop Oran Park/Leppington invite you to join them for a **Rosary Service** (6:00 pm - Mausoleum) followed by a **Remembrance Mass** (7:00pm - North Chapel) to commemorate All Soul's Day. Our prayers at this Rosary & Mass will be offered for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, in particular those that are buried, interred or memorialised at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Camden Valley Way, Leppington.

**SAME SEX MARRIAGE - A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE Saturday 5 November, 10am-12noon: St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Campbelltown.** Monica Doumit from *Catholic Talk* will discuss a Catholic perspective on the same sex marriage question followed by Q&A and morning tea. Cost: Gold Coin donation. **Bookings: secretary@msjn.org**

**MAKING DISCIPLES: NURTURING, GROWING AND SHARING FAITH:** Tuesday 8 November, 7:30pm-9:30pm: in our Parish Hall. We all want to pass on our faith to family, friends and those who are not fully engaged within our faith communities. We desire our communities to be places where people grow and become sharers in our joy and love of God. In this time together we will explore ways in which we can more effectively support and foster this growth in faith within and beyond our family and parish. Also included is a sneak-peek at the new *Alpha* series, come and see what it's all about. **Registration essential by Friday 4 November to Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au**

**EMMANUEL - DAILY ADVENT & CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS BOOK:** The Diocese has published its new pocket-sized book of daily reflections for Advent and Christmas written by clergy, religious and lay members of the Diocese. They are a great alternative to Christmas gifts and cards for family and friends. There is a special page in the book where you can write your gift message. So don't forget to grab your copies when they arrive. They will be available from the Piety Stall for \$2.00 each.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> October: 7.00pm** Baptism Preparation Class (for November) in the Parish Centre  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: 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 7<sup>th</sup> November: 7.30pm** Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November: 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:**  
**USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 5th Nov:** Carmel Munro  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 6th Nov:** Christine Foreman & Catherine Minogue  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 12th Nov:** Vicky Horne  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 13th Nov:** Gwen & Brian Harris

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 5th Nov:** Winnie Cameron & Bev McKenzie  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 6th Nov:** Catherine Minogue  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 12th Nov:** Bertha Barbari & Trish Newman  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 13th Nov:** Julie Writer & Annette Read

**READERS' FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 5th Nov:** Gabby Menzies & James Munro  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 6th Nov:** Pesio & Noelle Aiga  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 12th Nov:** May Michelutti & Julie Writer  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 13th Nov:** Maryse Parisi & Feyise Writer

**CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:**  
**Saturday 5th Nov: Group 5:** Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group  
**Saturday 12th Nov: Group 6:** Tongan Youth Group

*In the readings, the table of God's Word is spread before the faithful, and the riches of the Bible are opened to them. GIRM 57*