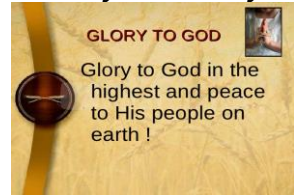


33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



13th November 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.

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.

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

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: All the 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

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, Cathy Bye and Mary Fredericks.

Parishioner’s Birthday’s for this week:
14th Maegan Robinson, 16th Cherbeau Webb, 17th Trish Newman, Natalie Vossen
Parishioner’s Wedding Anniversary for this week:
12th Bill & Christine George (39 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

Liturgy Meeting for Advent and Christmas to be held on Wed 16th November @ 7 p.m in the Parish Centre to plan for the Advent and Christmas ceremonies. All ministries, including the Children's Liturgy team are asked to attend. For further information, please contact Kim Sami on 0414 894 911 or kpsami05@gmail.com.

NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY: This survey will be held in all Parishes and Masses centres in our Diocese this month. . 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. **Our Parish will be having the Survey at both Parish Masses this weekend. Our Mass Centre Code is TA7029**

Jesse Tree - Each year the Parish Ladies Group puts up a Jesse Tree for Parishioners to donate toys for distribution by the St Vincent de Paul Conference in our Parish. This year, the number of children to be gifted is over 170, it is also possible that this number will increase in the coming weeks. As the toys will be delivered by 14th December, the Tree will be at the the back of the Church this weekend for all, who are able, to take one or more tags and purchase a gift suitable for that age and gender of child. All donations are gratefully received, with the knowledge that these children will have a brighter Christmas thanks to your generosity. **Please do not wrap gifts.**

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 Vincent de Paul Society Assist a Student Appeal
Thank you for the support and encouragement given to this important appeal. Brochures will continue to be available at the back of the Church for anyone wishing to give further support to children needing the opportunity provided by an education. Thank you to those who made anonymous donations, the names of the relevant students will be published in the bulletin when known.

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.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL P & F- Trivia Night. Friday 18th November at 7.30pm. Book a table of 8 or just come along Cost \$5/head BYO. Come and enjoy a great night. 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.

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.

UNIFORMS FOR VANUATU – San Michel, a small island school located in Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu .We are looking for volunteers to help sew 100 school uniforms before the start of school next year. A **sewing bee** will be held on **Monday 21 November** at the **Wollongong Education Office** or you might like to sew from home at time that works best for you. All you need is a sewing machine. Material and patterns will be provided. Please contact Tim Hart for more information: HarD02@dow.catholic.edu.au or 0448 202 609

TAKE A RISK AND GIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH
Did you know that in our Parish there is a faithful team of volunteers that take a risk and step out in faith? In State Government schools there are no school lessons that teach the basic message about Jesus, our faith and the great adventure that life can be with God. That’s where Catechists come in. Each week of the school year they have a short 30-minute lesson where they use a step-by-step lesson plan that helps Catholic children understand their faith, grow in love and maturity and learn what it means to be Catholic. We were all given this gift by someone. Someone stepped up for us so that we would know. So we invite you to take a risk and give the gift of faith. Become a Catechist as a teacher or helper today! For more information, contact the Parish office 46282967 or talk to Father Ross.

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 that prays together stays together.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH FACEBOOK
If you haven’t had a chance to look on our Parish Facebook page, 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.

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER:
Liturgy Group Meeting 16th November 7p.m Parish Centre (see separate notice)
Thursday 17th 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
Tuesday 22nd 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:
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Vigil Mass: Saturday 19th Nov: Maureen Molland.
9.00am Mass: Sunday 20th Nov: Barry Daley
Vigil Mass: Saturday 26th Nov: Chantelle Barberi
9.00am Mass: Sunday 27th Nov: Chris Reddy and Helen Rawson

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 19th Nov: Maureen Molland,
9.00am Mass: Sunday 20th Nov: Fay Faamau, junior Faamau
Vigil Mass: Saturday 26th Nov: Winnie Cameron, Louise Phillips
9.00am Mass: Sunday 27th Nov: Catherine Minogue, Helen Rawson

READERS’ FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 19th Nov: Louise Phillips, David Minogue
9.00am Mass: Sunday 20th Nov: Jim Writer, Christine Foreman
Vigil Mass: Saturday 26th Nov: Carmel Munro, Tara Small
9.00am Mass: Sunday 27th Nov: Julie Writer, Maureen Molland.

CHURCH CLEANERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:
Saturday 19th Nov: Syro-Malabar Indian Community
Saturday 26th Nov: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: Sunday 20 November 2016
Group 4: Julie Writer, Maryse Parisi, Catherine Minogue, Yvonne Reddy, Dianne Gould.

PARISH MAINTENANCE: Like everywhere, from time to time little things need “doing” in the Church, Parish Hall, toilets etc. It’s good to keep on top of things. If you happen to notice something – a light, a fitting – whatever that needs attention please write in the Maintenance book on the main information table (near Fr Tony’s plaque and photo) or inform the Parish Office either via phone or email so it can be attended to.
More importantly if you have any “skills” (eg: electrical, building, handyman etc) that could be used on a (“paying”) needs basis, could you please let the Parish Office know.

Thank you