

3rd Sunday
Of Easter
April 10, 2016



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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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: *Todd William Tree* and *Colleen Elizabeth McKenzie* who were married last weekend. *May God pour out his Blessings on you both.*

WELCOME INTO OUR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY: *Ashton Daniel Noyce* and *Sophia King* who were Baptised last Sunday.

Parishioners' Birthday for this week:

11th: *Karenne Harvey*

12th: *Caleb McMurray*

Wedding Anniversaries for this week:

14th: *Elaine & John Nakasenh (9 years)*

14th: *Helen & Robert Rawson (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

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).

SACRAMENTAL DATE FOR 2016:

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

If you have any enquiries regarding any of the Sacraments please 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.

"The parish will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Church's opening at a special Mass on 19th June at 1pm, followed by afternoon tea. If any parishioner would like to join the organising committee, please email your details to the office on ruse@dow.org.au and indicate which area you would be able to assist with please - music, liturgy, fundraising, hospitality etc. Also, any memorabilia that is available from the early days would be appreciated, and will be included in the memorial booklet being prepared. Thank you in anticipation'.

"St Thomas More Parish Ruse, will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the opening of the church with a special Mass on 19th June at 1pm. We would love to have as many former parishioners of the parish in attendance as possible. If anyone has any memorabilia from their time in the parish that they would like to share, could it be scanned and sent to the parish office via email to ruse@dow.org.au. Please contact Annette Read on 0404112335 for any enquiries".

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@stmtdow.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: (In our Parish Hall), Parishioners are encouraged to attend, this 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: Next 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. The **first round of PPC Regional Gatherings are occurring in April.** These gatherings provide an excellent opportunity to share the good news of what is happening in our parishes and learn about some of the resources on offer to assist in continuing to grow and enliven our communities. Specifically these gatherings in April will focus upon the Parish Self-Review and Improvement process and the 2016 National Church Life Survey. Registration for these gatherings is much appreciated and can be directed to Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 4222 2403 **by Friday 22 April.**

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

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

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)

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER:

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)

Wednesday 13th April: 7.00pm - 9.00pm Choir Practice to learn the Creation Mass setting, all choirs are encouraged to attend

Thursday 21st April: 9.30am Retiree's Social Group gathering in the Parish Hall (after the 9.00am Mass)

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 16th April: Bertha Barbari & Trish Newman

9.00am Mass: Sunday 17th April: Fay & Junior Faamau

Vigil Mass: Saturday 23rd April: Maureen Molland & Bev McKenzie

9.00am Mass: Sunday 24th April: Catherine Minogue & Karenne Harvey

READERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 16th April: Gabby and Pauline Menzies

9.00am Mass: Sunday 17th April: Angela Truong and May Michelutti

Vigil Mass: Saturday 23rd April: James Munro & Gabby Menzies

9.00am Mass: Sunday 24th April: Chris & Brian O'Brien

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 16th April: Syro-Malabar Indian Community
Saturday 23rd April: Group 3: Brian O'Brien, Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 16th April: Maureen Molland

9.00am Mass: Sunday 17th April: Barry Daley

Vigil Mass: Saturday 23rd April: Carmel Munro

9.00am Mass: Sunday 24th April: Christine Foreman