

7th February 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 Fr Tony before Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

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 let Fr Tony or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We have 2 Acolyte's and Fr Tony who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.*

MERCY: Lenten Program 2016: There is a clipboard on the back table of the Church, if you would like to host a Lenten group or attend please put your name down with your contact details. Or if you wish to purchase a book and/or Triple CD Resource (Digital download) please contact Jennifer on 4222 2411 or email at orders@dow.org.au.

LENT TIMETABLE 2016:

Ash Wednesday: 10th February:

9.00am Mass and Ashes

7.30pm Mass and Ashes

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday evening during Lent in the Parish Church at 7.30pm

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday 24th March:

7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper, then Altar of Repose till 11.30pm

Friday 25th March: GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am: Stations of the Cross

3.00pm: The Passion of the Lord

7.30pm: Evening Prayer of Divine Office

Saturday 26th March: HOLY SATURDAY

7.00pm: Easter Vigil Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

Sunday 27th March: SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

9.00am: Easter Sunday Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Mario Sala, Maree and Noel Laming, Kerry Hennessy, Betty White, Rita Jowsey, Anna Kovac, 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: Sharon Michelutti (R.D). 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.**

Parishioners' Birthday for this week:

6th: **Francesca Chow**

Parishioners Wedding Anniversary for this week:

8th: **Catherine and David Minogue (19 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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2016: Is held during the 9.00am Mass. This is for School aged children from Kindergarten to Year 6 inclusive. If you would like more information on this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on: 0421802132.

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2016:

First Reconciliation: (For Baptised children in Year 3 and above). **Parent/Carer Information Night: Wednesday 17th February at 7.30pm** in the Parish Church. Parent's/Carer's have to attend for your child to make this Sacrament. Classes will commence on Sunday 21st February.

First Holy Communion (Eucharist): (For Baptised Children in Year 3 and above and have made the Sacrament of Reconciliation). **Parent/Carer Information Night: Wednesday 6th April at 7.30pm** 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: Date to be announced.

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.

MESSAGE FOR READERS: Instead of phoning Readers to organize the Easter Roster I am asking you to check the clipboard at the back of the Church. Choose which Reading you are able to do and put your name in the appropriate spot. Please do so as soon as you are able so it can be made official and put in the bulletin. **Many thanks Julie**

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. Irregular contributions. (The Direct Credit facility is new and means that you control when you contribute but you need to join the Planned Giving Program to ensure that your contribution is recognized in our Finance System.) **If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 46282867 or e-mail: ruse@parish.woll.catholic.org.au. Thank you.**

CALLED TO MINISTRY? Have you considered serving our parish as an Acolyte, Adult Altar Server, or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? The 2016 Diocesan Training courses in these ministries are scheduled for **Saturday 13 February**, with institution and commissioning ceremonies to be held during May. More information about these ministries on the website <http://www.liturgydow.org.au/ministry.html>. You can express your interest in any of these ministries using the form at: <http://www.liturgydow.org.au/expression-of-interest.html>.

The times for each of the Ministry training are:

Acolytes and Adult Altar Servers: 10am - 4pm.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

10am - 1pm

Sacramental Preparation Coordinators and Team Members (Special In-Service) 20 February 2016, 10am - 1pm

All the training will be held at: Xavier Conference Centre Ingham and Wilson Rooms, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong.

If wish to attend any of these training days please see Fr Tony.

SINGING THE EASTER CHANTS - WORKSHOP:

Saturday 13 February 10am-1pm St John the Evangelist Parish 36 Cordeaux St Campbelltown. Led by Fr Stephen Varney, these workshops are especially for those who will be singing the Easter Chants, especially the Exultet and Good Friday Intercessions. Come and learn to sing these wonderful chants which express our faith so well. These workshops will be of special interest to clergy and cantors. RSVP essential to helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 4222 2403.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION: Did you know that you can download a Lent Calendar for your iPhone or Android? You can also view it on the Caritas Australia website! Use the calendar to deepen your spirituality this Lent and learn about Caritas Australia's work in six countries across the globe. Explore Project Compassion, meet inspiring people and reflect on the Lenten period through daily readings, prayers and social justice actions. View or download at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/lent-calendar

PARISH ROSARY STATUE:

The Rosary Statue will be in the home of Beverley and Julie on Monday 8th February at 4.00pm. The address is on the main notice board.

If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry in 2016, please phone Bev on: 4625 0659

CCD CATECHIST CALENDAR 2016: The first of many training opportunities this year, Level 1 Catechist Training commences **Monday 15 February (Campbelltown)**. This training runs for 6 consecutive weeks with no cost for the program. It includes both Faith Formation elements as well as Professional Development for Catechists. For more information or to register your interest, please contact **Cindy Oliver on (02) 4640 8550**. *For current Catechists who would like to update their Child Protection or Classroom Management Training please register for Week 1.*



Tuesday 9th February: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre, all are most welcome to the meeting and hear about the good works of St Vincent de Paul

Thursday 11th February: 9.30am Retiree's Social Group Gathering in the Parish Hall, all retiree's over 55 are most welcome. Come along for a chat, cuppa and a laugh etc.

Thursday 11th February: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall (first for 2016)

Friday 12th February: 7.30pm Stations of the Cross (in the Church)

Tuesday 16th February: 9.30am St Thomas More Playtime returns for 2016 in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 17th February: 7.30pm Parent/Carer Information night for Reconciliation (please see notices for details)

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 13th Feb: Louise Phillips and Bev McKenzie

9.00am Mass: Sunday 14th Feb: Helen Rawson

Vigil Mass: Saturday 20th Feb: Bertha Barbari and James Munro

9.00am Mass: Sunday 21st Feb: Junior Faamau

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Could the 2nd Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)

Vigil Mass: Saturday 13th Feb: James Munro and Louise Phillips

9.00am Mass: Sunday 14th Feb: Pesio Aiga and May Michelutti

Vigil Mass: Saturday 20th Feb: Louise Phillips and Bill George

9.00am Mass: Sunday 21st Feb: Feyise and Jim Writer

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 13th Feb: Group 6: Tongan Youth Group

Saturday 20th Feb: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 13th Feb: Carmel Munro

9.00am Mass: Sunday 14th Feb: Gwen and Brian Harris

Vigil Mass: Saturday 20th Feb: Help required

9.00am Mass: Sunday 21st Feb: Barry Daley

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SUNDAY 9.00am MASS:

Sunday 14th February: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Colleen Jablonskis and Maria Hill.