

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A



26th February 2017

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*

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS: If you require Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion please see Fr Michael before Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.



Fr Anthony Joseph Daly
11 July 1949 - 29 February 2016
(Parish Priest 2008 - 2016)

*O Lord, the God of mercies,
grant unto the soul of Thy servant
the anniversary day of whose anniversary we are keeping,
a place of solace, of peaceful rest, of glorious light. Through
Christ our Lord, Amen*

LENT TIMETABLE 2017

Ash Wednesday: This Wednesday
9.30am Mass and Ashes
10.30am Mass and Ashes (at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School)
7.30pm Mass and Ashes.

Stations of the Cross will be every Thursday evening during Lent in the Parish Church at 7.30pm - commencing this Thursday.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday 13th April: 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, then Altar of Repose till 10.00pm
Friday 14th April: GOOD FRIDAY
10.00am: Stations of the Cross
3.00pm: The Passion of the Lord
7.00pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday 15th April: HOLY SATURDAY
7.00pm: Easter Vigil Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)
Sunday 16th April: SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
9.00am: Easter Sunday Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

LENTEN PROGRAM 2017:

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.

PASCHAL PRECEPT: Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (1 March 2017) and Trinity Sunday (11 July 2017) unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2017: Begins this **Wednesday 1 (Ash Wednesday)** and running through the 6 weeks of Lent, Project Compassion raises both funds and community awareness about important global issues, empowering our neighbours across the world to build a brighter future. Our theme this year is **Love Your Neighbour. Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of envelopes.**

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Can you please supervise your children in the Church courtyard and Parish Hall. They are not permitted to climb the brick walls, the hand rails both leading into the Church **and** the Parish Hall, the surrounding trees and the garden in the courtyard. Supervision is your responsibility. We cannot accept liability for a child hurting themselves if they engage in these activities.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Fr Tony Daly (Anniv), Mathew Cherian, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Josephine and Frank McKay, Ladislav Feher, Genie Lynch, 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:** Chris Reddy, Maureen Hennessy, Rosa Santos, Pio Byron, Elaine Hoffmann, Natalie Dwyer, Aimiti Seufatu, Robert Berthaly, Ken Flemming, John Hill, Liban (Wako) Family, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Ellen Healy, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

Parishioner's Birthday for this week:

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

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community *Elyse Anna Collins and Alexander Kenneth James Jessop* who were Baptised last weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Hoang Dung Tri Trinh and Amanda Jean Muscat who were Married in our Parish Church last weekend. Wishing them the Blessing of the Lord always.

CHILDRENS' LITURGY 2017: Is held during the Sunday 9.00am Mass (in the Parish Hall). 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.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME: Is held in the Parish Hall every Tuesday during School Terms from 9.30am - 11.30am. Parents/Guardians/Grandparents if you have children including School aged and bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the children enjoy playtime activities including Bible Story time, songs, craft, outside/inside play and prayer time. Gold coin donation. If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is on Tuesday 7th March. If any Parishioner has any items they wish to be discussed at the meeting, please send an email with agenda points to either: the parish office on: ruse@dow.org.au or annettefread@gmail.com **by this Friday (3rd March). Thanking you in anticipation.**

2016 PARISH AUDITOR'S REPORT: Is available on the main parish noticeboard, for Parishioners to peruse.

PARISH MAINTENANCE: A reminder regarding the Parish Maintenance book on the main table at the entrance of the Church. You can either write in the book or phone/email the Parish Office, if you are aware or notice anything that is in need of repair.

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

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

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: OPEN DAY and OPEN EVENING: Wednesday 8th March. The Open Day session will be held at 9am and the Open Evening session at 7.00pm, both commencing in the School Hall. For more information please contact the School Office on: 4625 7565
New Enrolments for 2018 School Year, 2018 Kindergarten Enrolments are due by Friday 7 April 2017. Please take home a copy of the school newsletter and see what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC COLLEGE: Year 7 Information evening is being held in the College Hall on **Monday 27 February** (arriving at 6.30pm for a 6.45pm commencement). For more information/enquiries please contact the School Office on: 9603 3000

TALK & HEALING PRAYER BY ALAN AMES: at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, Emerald Drive, Eagle Vale this Tuesday 28 February 2017. It will commence with Mass at 7.00pm followed by his talk at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more information visit his website www.alanames.org/en

DIOCESAN FEBRUARY 2017 LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING CALENDAR: Registration essential to Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au.

The Liturgical Ministry Training for Acolytes, Adult Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, training will be: **Saturday 4 March 2017: 10am-4pm for Acolytes and Adult Altar Servers; 10am-1pm for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Campbelltown.**

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish has a Parish Rosary Statue that Parishioners are able to have in their Home and pray the Rosary as a family.

For the next two Mondays (27th Feb & 6th March) the Parish Rosary Statue will be Prayed in the home of James and Carmel (address is on the main noticeboard) at 4.30pm.

If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry in 2017 and would like to find out more information please phone Bev on: 4625 0659.

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR Vigil Mass: Saturday 4th March: James Munro & Winnie Cameron

9.00am Mass: Sunday 5th March: Annette Read & Jim Writer

Vigil Mass: Saturday 11th March: Trish Newman & Maureen Molland

9.00am Mass: Sunday 12th March: Catherine Minogue & Helen Rawson

READERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 4th March: Gabby & Pauline Menzies

9.00am Mass: Sunday 5th March: Noelle & Pesio Aiga

Vigil Mass: Saturday 11th March: Bev McKenzie & May Michelutti

9.00am Mass: Sunday 12th March: Pesio & Noelle Aiga

USHERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 4th March: Vicky Horne

9.00am Mass: Sunday 5th March: Gwen & Brian Harris

Vigil Mass: Saturday 11th March: Carmel Munro

9.00am Mass: Sunday 12th March: Barry Daley

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 4th March: Group 3: Christine Foreman, James & Carmel Munro

Saturday 11th March: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau, Rosa and Manuel Herrera and Colleen Jablonskis

DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 28th February: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre

Monday 6th March: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 7th March: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall

Thursday 9th March: Retiree's Social Group gathering is after the 9.30am Mass. (**Any Retirees over the age of 55 are warmly welcome to join this group**). Gathering is held in the Parish Hall. Come along and share a cuppa some laughs and meet other Parishioners.

Monday 13th March: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre

