

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C



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

Welcome!

The Parishioners of our Parish would like to welcome Father Hugh Dowdell who will be celebrating our Parish Masses this weekend.

THANK YOU RUSE PARISHIONERS

Bishop Peter Ingham DD has expressed his delight and appreciation for the wonderful work done by so many of our parish community in providing such a magnificent farewell to our much loved Parish Priest, Father Tony Daly. Thank you again God Bless

SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO FR TONY DALY IN THIS WEEK'S CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for only \$2.00 each, many interesting articles for your perusal. For each paper sold and paid for this weekend the Catholic Weekly will donate \$1 to the Parish.

LENT TIMETABLE 2016:

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)

PALM SUNDAY

Vigil Mass: Saturday 19th March: Maryse Parisi, James Munro

Gospel/Passion: (N) Andrew James, (O) Kerry Hennessy

Crowd: Choir and Congregation

9.00am Mass Sunday 20th March: Maria Feher, Christine Foreman

Gospel/Passion: (N) Bill George, (O) Marion Cross

Crowd: Choir and Congregation

EASTER 2016

Holy Thursday 24th March 7.30pm

Commentary for Procession of Oils - Pauline Menzies

Readers: Pesio Aiga, Andrew James

Prayers of Intercession: Following Washing of Feet (no creed) - Julie McKenzie

Good Friday: 25th March 10.00am Mary's Way of The Cross

3.00pm: The Lord's Passion

Readers: Chris O'Brien, Brian O'Brien

Gospel/Passion (N) Bev McKenzie, (O) Andrew James

General Intercessions - Louise Phillips

Easter Vigil: Saturday 26th March:

Readers: Pauline Menzies, Gabby Menzies, Andrew James

Epistle and Prayers of the Faithful:- May Michelutti

Easter Sunday 27th March 9.00am

Readers: Christine Foreman, Jim Writer

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS (ALTAR BREAD): If your 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: Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Anna Kovac, 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: 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.

Parishioners' Birthday for this week:

15th: Cathy Bye

16th: Kieran Minogue and Chris Reddy

Wedding Anniversary for this week:

16th: Barry and Karin Daley (42 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

CHURCH WELCOMER: Would you like to join our small group of Ushers. Your duties involve welcoming people to mass each weekend on a roster basis. A "Good evening" or "Good Morning" plus a smile goes a long way to make our Community feel welcome to our celebration of worship. If you are interested please place your name on the sheet at the back of the Church or contact the Parish Office during Office hours

"Lighting the Way" CHRISM MASS WEDNESDAY 23

MARCH 7.30PM St Francis Xavier Cathedral,

Wollongong. In celebration of Pope Francis' Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. The Cathedral will be lit up in a wash of purple and yellow, "Lighting the Way" for this year's Chrism Mass. Everyone is warmly invited to witness this historic event of the Cathedral under lights and to celebrate the beautiful Chrism Mass prior to the Easter Triduum. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Conference Centre. For catering purposes, please RSVP to Jennifer Raposio by 14 March 2016 jennifer.raposio@dow.org.au or call 4222 2411.

PARISH LADIES GROUP EASTER RAFFLE: Raffle tickets will be available at all Masses this weekend and next. We have 9 terrific prizes and tickets are \$1.00 each. The Raffle will be drawn on Easter Sunday at the 9.00am Mass. Thanking you all in anticipation. Please support this Parish Fundraiser.

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2016:

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

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Please keep in your prayers the children, and their families who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you also to the teachers who are giving their time and talents in preparing the Candidates for this Sacrament.

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.

☑ Cheques/Cash

If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 46282967 or e-mail: ruse@parish.woll.catholic.org.au. Thank you.

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

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday 15th March: 7.00pm - 8.30pm, Bereavement Debriefing for the Parish and School Community in the Parish Hall, all Parishioners and friends are encouraged to attend (please see enclosed leaflet for more information)

Tuesday 22nd March: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre

Thursday 24th March: 9.30am Retiree's Social Group gathering in the Parish Hall

PARISH ROSARY STATUE:

The Rosary Statue will be in the home of Beryl and the Rosary will be said on Mondays 14th and 21st March at 11.00am. For more details please see the main noticeboard.

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

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS.

Vigil Mass: Saturday 19th March: Louise Phillips, Bertha Berbari

9.00am Mass Sunday 20th March: Fay Faamau, Junior Faamau

Vigil Mass: Saturday 26th March: Maureen Molland and Bev McKenzie

9.00am Mass: Sunday 27th March: Karenne Harvey and Annette Read

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 19th March: Group1: Syro - Malabar Indian

Saturday 26th March: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 19th March: Maureen Molland

9.00am Mass: Sunday 20st March: Barry Daley

Vigil Mass: Saturday 26th March: Carmel Munro

9.00am Mass: Sunday 27th March: Christine Foreman

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am SUNDAY MORNING MASS:

Sunday 20th March: Group 4 Tongan Community

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL,

6 ST JOHNS ROAD, CAMPBELLTOWN. ENROLLING NOW

FOR KINDERGARTEN 2017 (ENROLMENTS CLOSE 8

APRIL 2016) Contact details ph: 4625 6561 or email:

info@stmdow.catholic.edu.au

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: 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.