

14th 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.

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)

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

Refreshments after the 9.00am Mass today



You are all invited to join Parishioners and Visitor's in the Parish Hall for a 'cuppa' and a chat.

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.*

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **Annabelle NHEU** and **Marlee EVANS** who were Baptised last weekend.

Parishioners' Birthday for this week:

14th Dennis Wass, Clair Astruc

18th Freda Miranda

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.

All are invited to attend A Joyous **Family Mass** at **St Anthony's Parish Church Tahmoor** on **Saturday 27 February** at 6pm with vibrant worship music and refreshments after mass

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL
6 ST JOHNS ROAD, CAMPBELLTOWN

**ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2017
(ENROLMENTS CLOSE 8 APRIL 2016)**

OPEN DAY/EVENING

Children Most Welcome

Wednesday 9 March 2016

at 9:00 a.m.

and 7:00 p.m.

Open Day/Evening Sessions begin with a Principal's talk in the School Hall 9:00 a.m. in the morning

and 7:00 p.m. in the evening

Contact details ph: 4625 6561

or email: info@stmdow.catholic.edu.au

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.
- 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.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARISHIONERS

If anyone knows of any parishioner who would like a visit from Father Tony, or is ill and/or unable to come to Mass, housebound or in hospital. *Could a family member or friend please contact Fr Tony on 4628 2967 or speak to him in person after/before Mass to arrange a suitable visiting time.*

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 Yvonne and Chris on Monday 15th February at 6.00pm. The address is on the main notice board.

If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry in 2016, please phone Yvonne on: 4628 1849

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 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 20th Feb: Bertha Berbari and James Munro

9.00am Mass: Sunday 21st Feb: Junior Faamau

Vigil Mass: Saturday 27th Feb: Winnie Cameron and Bev McKenzie

9.00am Mass: Sunday 28st Feb: Catherine Minogue and Karenne Harvey

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

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

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

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

Vigil Mass: Saturday 27th Feb: Bill George and May Michelutti

9.00am Mass: Sunday 28st Feb: Maria Samaha and Julie Writer

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

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

Saturday 27th Feb: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 20th Feb: Help required
9.00am Mass: Sunday 21st Feb: Barry Daley**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 27th Feb: Maureen Molland
9.00am Mass: Sunday 28st Feb: Christie Forene**