

PENTECOST SUNDAY
15TH May 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.

DIOCESAN MASS COUNT: On the remaining three weekends in May throughout our Diocese, there will be the annual "Mass Count", which will take place after the homily at both weekend Masses. This weekend, the Mass Count will involve an age and gender count. As a result of the Mass Count the Diocese obtains valuable information about the community's overall life and growth which, together with information from the national census, helps us in preparing for our future.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am MASS:
Parishioners and visitors are most welcome to come to the Parish Hall for refreshments after the 9.00am Mass.

Fr Tony's family will be holding a service for Fr Tony Daly on Saturday 9 July 2016 in Broken Hill NSW. The service will be at the Sacred Heart Cathedral corner of Lane & Sulphide Streets at 10am.

After the Service, there will be a brief service for Fr Tony's Ashes to be placed with his brother Peter Daly at the Broken Hill Cemetery at 72 Rakow St.

Following the services there people are most welcome to attend the Barrier Social Democratic Club (Demo Club) at 281 Argent St.

If you have any questions please contact Jim Daly 080 881783, Josie Hardinge 03 6244 2752 or Neil Johnston 0438 709 351 or you can email Neil at safety@sbsafetysystems.com.au

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.

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 and unable to come to Mass. Please encourage them (or a family member) to contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 during Office Hours.

Parishioners' Birthday for this week:
20th: Jerry Jones

Wedding Anniversary for this week:
18th: Betty & David Wright (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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Aubrey Elizabeth (preemie baby), 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: Maria Cabonara, Lachlan Martin (Anni), Anthony (Tony) Nolan, Gertrude Peters, Angelina Cameron, Mary Writer, Fr Anthony (Tony) Daly, Betty White, Ladislav Feher, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Josephine and Frank McKay and Bernard Hoffmann. *May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please keep in your prayers the 55 Children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Also for their families and the teachers who are giving of their time in preparing these Children.
The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be on Saturday 28th May (Vigil Mass) and Sunday 29th May (9.00am Mass)

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Saturday 3rd September 2016 at 3.00pm.
If you have any enquiries regarding any of the Sacraments please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 during Office Hours.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take home a copy of our Parish Catholic Primary School newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening.

PARISH LADIES GROUP MOTHERS' DAY RAFFLE WINNERS: Congratulations to the following winners, and thank you to all who supported this Parish Fundraiser. Trish Newman, Vicky Horne, Fay Faamau (2), Maureen Molland, Hory Jowsey, Tara Small (2), Maree Laming and Andrew Truong.

MESSAGE FOR READERS: The Readers' Roster ends on the 26th June and as there will be a new co-ordinator we are hoping to have some new readers to make the task a little easier. Those of you who have been readers in the past, we hope you will continue. There is a clipboard on the table at the back of the Church for the next four weeks for your name, phone numbers, email address and preferred Mass time. I thank all old readers for their loyalty and welcome new ones into this rewarding Ministry. *Julie*

ST THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME: Is held on Tuesday's from 9.30am - 11.30am in our Parish Hall. Parents/Guardians and Grandparents, if you have children including under School age children and bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the kids enjoy playtime activities including Bible Story time, songs, craft, outside/inside play and pray time. God coin donation. If you have any enquires please contact Catherine on 4627 1842

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH 30TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS! The parish will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Church's opening at a special Mass on Saturday 25th June at 5.00pm.
Do you have an interesting personal memory or significant anecdote about the church, former parish priests or any parish events that you would like to be included in the 30th Anniversary souvenir booklet? Please send an email to juliemckenzie@hotmail.com with your story. All stories welcome. Please note that some stories may be edited or combined with other similar stories to save room in the booklet.
Also as part of the Church's 30th Anniversary celebrations, children are encouraged to participate in a Magnet Design Competition, details of which are on a separate flyer in the bulletin. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to participate, and place their completed designs in the pink box on the table at the back of the Church by the due date.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR MANY OF OUR PARISH MINISTRIES: If you would like more information or interested in joining any of the following Ministries, please contact the Parish Office during Office hours on 4628 2967 for more information. *Parish Readers, Parish Sacramental Team, Powerpoint Production Team, Church Cleaner's, Parish Choirs, Extraordinary Ministers' of Communion Usher's and Children's Liturgy.* By joining one or many of these Parish Ministries this helps in the growth of the Parish Community and meeting other Parishioners. *We look forward to more Parishioners being involved in our Parish Community.*

HAVE YOUR SAY REGARDING THE PARISH SERVICES TEAM: Parishioners are encouraged to contribute to a review of the work of the Parish Services Team which has responsibility for supporting the work of Bishop Peter Ingham and Parishes in the Diocese of Wollongong. Please go to pstsurvey.dow.org.au by **Friday 20 May** to have your say. Thank you.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM - AIRS 15 MAY 2016: Fr Graham Schmitzer shares his next reflections on the Gospel of John for Pentecost Sunday. On this week's show Sr Hilda Scott OSB challenges us to "invite Jesus to sit with us;" Peter Gilmore asks us to "Rest in Jesus" and Bruce Downes *The Catholic Guy* reminds us that "tough people win over tough times". Tune into PULSE 94.1 FM Sun 11am or go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE:

For next Monday, 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

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday 12th May: 7.00pm - 9.00pm Choir practice to learn the Creation Mass setting, all singers and Choir members are encouraged to attend
Wednesday 18th May: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre
Thursday 19th May: 9.30am Retiree's (over 55) Social Group gathering in the Parish Hall (after the 9.00am Communion Service)
Tuesday 24th May: 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)

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 21st May: Maureen Molland & James Munro
9.00am Mass: Sunday 22nd May: Julie Writer & Karenne Harvey

READERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 21st May: Maryse Parisi & Andrew James
9.00am Mass: Sunday 22nd May: Maria Samaha & Pesio Aiga
Vigil Mass: Saturday 28th May: Andrew James & Gabby Menzies
9.00am Mass: Sunday 29th May: Chris & Brian O'Brien

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 21st May: Syro-Malabar Indian Community
Saturday 28th May: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 21st May: Carmel Munro
9.00am Mass; Sunday 22nd May: Barry Daley
Vigil Mass: Saturday 28th May: Help needed
9.00am Mass: Sunday 29th May: Christine Foreman & Catherine Minogue

Prayer

Holy Spirit, continue to invite us into your life of grace and extraordinary love. Amen

