



21 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*

**UPDATE ON Father Tony:**

*Message from Bishop Peter to the Parishioners of our Parish*

Bishop Peter Ingham wishes to share the sad news that Fr Tony Daly, our Parish Priest of St Thomas More, Ruse, was diagnosed on Monday with terminal pancreatic cancer. In his very serious condition, Tony has asked the help of our prayers as he comes to terms with his life-threatening circumstances while he is undergoing palliative care.

A Mary MacKillop Novena for Fr Tony, seeking the powerful help of our own Saint to comfort, support, heal and help him, is commended to you. You may wish to pray it privately or with others.

Fr Tony will undoubtedly be grateful for all the spiritual help we can give him as we commend him to the care of our Merciful Lord. Yours in the Lord  
*Bishop Peter Ingham*

**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.*

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Bishop Peter Ingham will be commissioning Mr Denis Walsh as the newly appointed State President of the St Vincent de Paul Society and Mrs Gaynor Mason as the newly appointed Wollongong Diocesan Central Council President of the St Vincent de Paul Society. There will be a Mass and commissioning on Saturday 27 February at 10.30am, St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong. RSVP Kathy 9820 8223 / Kathy@svdpwong.org.au by 22 Feb.

**PARISH WORKING BEE:**

*To prepare our Church and surrounds for Easter it is proposed to hold a working bee on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 commencing at 9am. Tasks will involve mowing, Car Park cleaning, Whipper snipping, weeding, and general tidy up. Can you please claim the date.*

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

**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 24<sup>th</sup> March:**  
7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper, then Altar of Repose till 11.30pm  
**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March: GOOD FRIDAY**  
10.00am: Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm: The Passion of the Lord  
7.30pm: Evening Prayer of Divine Office  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March: HOLY SATURDAY**  
7.00pm: Easter Vigil Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March: SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION**  
9.00am: Easter Sunday Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Father Tony Daly, Mario Sala, Maree and Noel Laming, 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, 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:**

**22nd: Michael Berbari**  
**27th: Father Tony Ordination (13 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](mailto: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.

**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*

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**Confirmation:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

**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.

**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](mailto:info@stmdow.catholic.edu.au)

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Please take home a copy of our Parish school newsletter to keep upto date with the happenings. Copies are available on the tables at the entrance of the Church.

**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](mailto:ruse@parish.woll.catholic.org.au). Thank you.*

**MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE:** 247 St Andrews Road Varroville.

Adrian and Bridget Plass Humour, Wholeness and Healing Cost: \$270 per person (10% discount for shared accommodation) Concessions apply.

**When:** March 4 – March 6

Bookings: 02 8795 3400 email: [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com)

[www.carmeliteretreats.com.au](http://www.carmeliteretreats.com.au)

**Day retreat**

Prayer for Beginners – Mysteries of the Rosary

**When:** March 5

Fr Paul Maunder, OCD

Cost: \$25 (no bookings required)

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:**

*The Rosary Statue will be in the home of Yvonne and Chris on Monday 22nd 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 Bev on: 4625 0659*

**PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

**EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

*Vigil Mass: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb: Winnie Cameron and Bev McKenzie*

*9.00am Mass: Sunday 28<sup>st</sup> Feb: Catherine Minogue and Karenne Harvey*

*Vigil Mass: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March: James Munro, Louise Phillips*  
*9.00am Mass: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Fay Faamau, Junior Faamau*

**READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

*Could the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)*

*Vigil Mass: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb: Bill George and May Michelutti*

*9.00am Mass: Sunday 28<sup>st</sup> Feb: Maria Samaha and Julie Writer*

*Vigil Mass: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March: May Michelutti, Bev Mckenzie*  
*9.00am Mass: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Pamela Samaha, Tess Writer*

**CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS**

*Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie*

*Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Group 3: Brian O'Brien, Christine Foreman, James Munro, Carmel Munro*

**USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

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

*Vigil Mass: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Carmel Munro*  
*9.00am Mass: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Chris Reddy, Helen Rawson*

*I am not who I think I am  
I am not who other people tell me I am  
I am not what I have done  
I am who God tells me I am,  
"his beloved".*