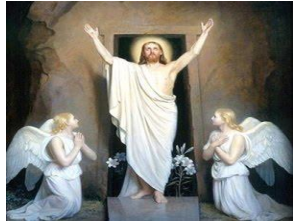


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27th March 2016
THE YEAR OF MERCY

Fr Andrew's Easter Message

Easter peace and joy to each of you. Especially to those who are sick/ who would have liked to attend the Easter ceremonies in their parish but are unable. This is the Year of Mercy as decreed by Pope Francis. We pray that each of us will personally experience the Lord's mercy. That we will then offer that mercy to others.

Easter blessings.

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 Andrew Granc ofm who will administer the Parish for the next few months, following the untimely death of Father Tony Daly and will reside in the Presbytery.

Father Andrew is a Franciscan Friar and is currently the Provincial Vicar and Secretary for Formation & Studies for the Franciscan Friars. He was at one time the Chaplain to the Reiby Juvenile Justice Centre at Airds.

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.

THANKYOU: *To the many Parish Ministries in preparing our Parish Church and Grounds in readiness for the Easter Celebrations. The gift of your time and talents are greatly appreciative of the many Parishioners and Visitors to our Parish Church during this Special Time.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: 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: Falmata Liban Wako (R.D.), Anthony Esler, 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.**

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.

Parishioners' Birthday for this week:

26th: **Jamie Vossen**

29th: **Anthony Robinson & Kevin Webb**

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO: **Isaiah George Hardwick** who was Baptised last weekend.

PARISH LADIES EASTER RAFFLE: Thank you to all who supported this Parish fundraiser. The winner s will be notified and included in next weekend's Parish Bulletin. **All monies raised goes back into our Parish Church and Hall eg: blinds etc**

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am SUNDAY

MORNING MASS: The roster is due to run out and we are looking for more volunteers. Please put your name down on the clipboard on the table at the entrance of the Church. If you would like to find our more information regarding this Parish Ministry please phone: phone Cathy on: 4625 5449.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Are currently looking for Teacher's/helpers, if you would like to be a member of this Parish Ministry please phone Joanne on: 0421802132. This Parish Ministry runs during School Terms (Kindergarten to and including Year 6).

THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Many interesting articles to read, great value for only \$2.00. Please purchase your copy from the back table at the main entrance to the Church. We still have plenty of copies of the Catholic Weekly with the article on Father Tony (Dec'd).

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 7.00pm** (please note change of time) 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SACRAMENTAL TEAM: the programs for Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation are Parish based and are facilitated by volunteers, comprising teachers from our primary school and parishioners. **Helpers are needed for First Communion classes**, which will commence with a parents information night on 6th April. Classes are limited to 12 students with a parent and are run over a four week period, with each class lasting a maximum of 45 minutes. Ideally we have at least two people team-teaching each class, with an admin person to assist. **A training session for all team members is available before classes commence, so that each teacher is familiar with the course and what part of each lesson they will teach.** If you are able to assist, please contact Kim Sami, the First Communion Program coordinator, on 0414894911, for further information. Thank you in anticipation.'

CAN ALL PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ENVELOPES BE RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE either to be placed in the Collection Baskets at Mass or left at the Parish Office during Office Hours ASAP. Thanking you in anticipation. **Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion.**

PARISH PLANNED GIVING:

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS GATHERINGS

Please note that the first round of PPC Regional Gatherings are occurring on: Tues 26th April, 7:30-9:30pm, at St John the Evangelist Parish Hall Campbelltown. More details to follow.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Are currently enrolling for Kindergarten 2017 (enrolments close on 8th April). Contact details ph: 4625 6561 or email: info@stmdow.catholic.edu.au. 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.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM - AIRS 27

MARCH 2016: This week on *The Journey* Bishop Peter Ingham presents his Easter Message; Sr Hilda Scott OSB asks us to "Claim the Risen Lord," Trish McCarthy reflects on the "Joy of a Spirit Filled Life" and Fr Dave Callaghan MGL reminds us that "Jesus Is the Answer." Tune into PULSE 94.1 FM on Sun at 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.

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday 30th March: 5.00pm - 7.10pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (children who have completed the program)

Thursday 31st March: 5.00pm - 7.10pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (children who have completed the program)

Monday 4th April: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 5th April: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre

Wednesday 6th April: 7.00pm Information Night for First Holy Communion in the Parish Church

Thursday 7th April: 9.30am Retiree's Social Group gathering in the Parish Hall

Tuesday 12th April: 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 ROSARY STATUE:

For the next 3 Mondays 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.

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 2nd April: Bertha Barbari, James Munro

9.00am Mass Sunday 3rd April: Fay Faamau, Junior Faamau

Vigil Mass: Saturday 9th April: Louise Phillips and Winnie Cameron

9.00am Mass: Sunday 10th April: Helen Rawson and Julie Writer

READERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 2nd April: Andrew James and Maryse Parisi

9.00am Mass: Sunday 3rd April: Barry Daley and Jacqui Cross

Vigil Mass: Saturday 9th April: Pauline Menzies and Andrew James

9.00am Mass: Sunday 10th April: Maurlland and Jim Writer

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 2nd April: Group 6: Tongan Youth Group
Saturday 9th April: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 2nd April: Help Required

9.00am Mass: Sunday 3rd April: Chris Reddy, Helen Rawson

Vigil Mass: Saturday 9th April: Vicki Horne

9.00am Mass: Sunday 10th April: Gwen and Brian Harris

EASTER TIME: The 50 days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one' great Sunday'. These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung. The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be Sundays of Easter ...GNLYC 22-24