

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C



28<sup>th</sup> 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

# Welcome!

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

Please join us in the Parish Hall after Sunday 9.00am Mass for light refreshments.

### UPDATE ON Father Tony:

- ❖ Fr Tony Daly was diagnosed with end-stage liver and pancreatic cancer on Monday 15th February. He was immediately admitted to hospital and remains hospitalised.
- ❖ Fr Tony has remained in good spirits and has had most of his family visiting him from rural areas and interstate.
- ❖ Fr Tony has unfortunately deteriorated since his diagnosis, requiring more nursing care. Fr Tony has assistance from Palliative Care Staff.
- ❖ Due to Fr Tony's increased care needs, we ask that **only family** visit him. Perhaps writing Fr Tony a brief letter or card advising him that you are thinking of him and praying for him, would be a great encouragement. Fr Tony celebrates the 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood today (Saturday). He was ordained on 27 February 2003.
- ❖ Any correspondence can be sent/given to the Parish Office addressed to Fr Tony ([ruse@dow.org.au](mailto:ruse@dow.org.au) or PO Box 200N Campbelltown North NSW 2560.) and will be personally delivered to Father Tony.

**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.

### 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.

**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

**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. *Thanking you*

Julie

### 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:

2<sup>nd</sup> March: Michael Walsh

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.

### 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.

**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.

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 9:00am and 7:00pm

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)

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

**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.

**PRIESTHOOD:** GOD IS CALLING God desires our happiness, and calls some of us to serve as priests. For those called, it is a fulfilling way of life. Maybe it is for you? Start the conversation. Please contact your local priest or Fr Richard Healey, Vocations Director, on 0401 621 591, [priesthood@dow.org.au](mailto:priesthood@dow.org.au).

### Those who are sick, afraid, worried

Lord Jesus,  
We ask you to bring your healing touch to those whom we know to be sick, afraid, or worried.  
Bring them your peace and healing. Amen

**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

### Day retreat

Prayer for Beginners – Mysteries of the Rosary

**When:** March 5. Led by: Fr Paul Maunder, OCD

Cost: \$25 (no bookings required)

Bookings: 02 8795 3400 email: [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com)  
[www.carmeliteretreats.com.au](http://www.carmeliteretreats.com.au)

### PARISH ROSARY STATUE:

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 5<sup>th</sup> March: James Munro, Louise Phillips**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Fay Faamau, Junior Faamau**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Trish Newman and**

**Winnie Cameron**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Catherine Minogue and Julie Writer**

### READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

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

**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**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Bev and Julie McKenzie**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Jacqui and Marion**

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### CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

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

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Fay Faamau, Colleen Jablonskis, Rosa & Manual Herrera**

### USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Carmel Munro**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Chris Reddy, Helen Rawson**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Help Required**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Maureen Molland**