

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



31st July 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.

LIVESTREAM WORLD YOUTH DAY

CELEBRATIONS: Millions of young people from around the world are celebrating WYD in Krakow with Pope Francis this week. Please continue to pray for our group of 23 pilgrims. **Follow the Australian Journey with live webcast on www.xt3.com/live especially the final mass from Poland, commencing at around 5pm our time, Sunday 31st July.** The ACBC will share stories, photos and videos about the Australian experiences throughout WYD via the ACBC website, Facebook and Twitter. **Please continue to pray for Parishioner and STM School Teacher Julie McKenzie.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Peter Thompson, Ern Munro, John Read, John Hennessy, Angelina Cameron, Mary Writer, Fr Tony Daly, Betty White, Ladislav Feher, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Josephine and Frank McKay, Bernard Hoffmann, Alice Harris and Maria Cabonara. **May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community **including:** Rodney Scott, Robert Berthaly, Ken Flemming, Bryce Smith, Ken Dewick, John Hill, Liban (Wako) Family, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Natalie Dwyer, Jeannie and George Nicholson, and Mary Fredericks.

Parishioner Birthday this week:

31st: **Paul Newman**

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

MESSAGE FOR READERS: A roster has been done for August and September. My apologies if your name appears too often. Names will be in the bulletin, as usual, two weeks in advance. I am still hoping someone would like to become the Reader Co-ordinator. Many thanks for your support during my time in this position. *Julie*

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Preparation lessons have begun. Please keep the Candidates, their families and their teacher's in your prayers.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Is held at the Sunday morning 9.00am Mass and is for School aged children from Kindergarten up to and including Year 6. If you would like more information on this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 0421802132

ST THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME: Is held on Tuesday mornings during the School Terms, from 9.30am – 11.30am in our Parish Hall. Parents/Guardians/Grandparents, if you have children including 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. Gold coin donation. If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

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. Irregular contributions. (The Direct Credit facility is new and means that you control when you contribute but you need to join the Planned Giving Program to ensure that your contribution is recognized in our Finance System.) **If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 46282867 or e-mail: ruse@dow.org.au. Thank you.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER APPEAL: Your St Vincent de Paul conference wishes to express a very big THANK YOU to the Parish for a generous response to the Society's Winter Appeal. If parishioners wish to offer further cash donations, envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Simply place the completed envelope in either collection or deliver it to the Parish Office. Anyone still wishing to donate food etc. can deliver goods to the Parish Office during business hours. **We thank you again, for your ongoing generosity and prayers.**

PARISH LADIES GROUP: FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE: Tickets will go on sale during August. More details to follow.

PARISH LADIES GROUP: SAVE THE DATE: The Parish Ladies Group will be hosting a High Tea on Sunday 11th September 2016. Ladies, please keep this afternoon free. More details to follow.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Is available for sale for \$2.00 per copy (money goes in the red postbox on top of the Catholic Weekly). This religious paper is full of interesting articles and find out what is happening in the Catholic Church. Great price and great value

PARISH 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF OUR CHURCH THANK YOU: *There are plenty of 30th Anniversary of the Opening of the Church, Souvenir booklets, Prayer Cards and Magnets available on the table at the Entrance of the Church. These can be given to any past or current Parishioners who were unable to attend our Parish Celebration.*

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE: *Next Sunday 7th August: School Fete – Family Fun Day. 9am-4pm. Please come and support our Parish Catholic Primary School. Please take home a copy of the School Newsletter and to keep up to date with their happenings. These are on the tables at the entrance of the Church.*

MACARTHUR INTERFAITH NETWORK: Meets the first Wednesday of each month February to November commencing 6pm until 730pm -8pm in the meeting room of Campbelltown Library. Our Mission is to promote dialogue and understanding between Christian and non-Christian faiths and bring out our commonality. We have a guest speaker at each meeting and our guest speaker next meeting on Wednesday 3rd August will be a member of the Jewish faith who will talk about the beliefs and practices of the Jewish faith. All are most welcome to attend our meetings and to join us. Enquiries: Yvonne Reddy0246281849 or 0419461560.

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre August retreats:

Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, Contact: 8795 3400 retreats@carmelite.com www.carmeliteretreats.com.au.

Icon Painting: Aug 5 – Aug 7, Cost: \$580.00 Presenter: Anna Prifti. Anna teaches beginners to advanced participants how to write a Byzantine Icon.

Judging Others! Is there another Way? Aug 6 (1020am – 430pm) Registrations from 900am. Cost: \$25.00 Please bring your own lunch. Presenter: Fr Gerard Moran, OCD How can we escape the "cancer" of judging others and open up the possibility of healing forgiveness?

ST GREGORY'S COLLEGE CAMPBELLTOWN 90TH YEAR MASS 9AM (at the College)FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2016 (Dinner 6.30pm): Tickets now on sale! It would be wonderful to see many Old Boys and friends of St Greg's attending this special event. RSVP and payment due by Friday 29 July. To find out more, please contact: Catherine Jeffcoate – St Gregory's College Development Officer on 4629 4133 or email: rsvp@stgregs.nsw.edu.au

Nothing is more practical than finding God, falling in love in a quite absolute way. Fr Pedro Arrupe

THE INDIAN COMMUNITY will be celebrating the feast of the Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary at Mt Carmel Church (Varroville) at 12.30pm on the 14th of August. There will be a solemn mass followed by events and food. Also celebrating India's independence day. All are invited (please bring a plate to share)."

PARISH ROSARY STATUE:



This Monday (1st August), the Parish Rosary Statue will be in the Home of James and Carmel and will be prayed on Monday at 5.00pm. The 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. Saying the Rosary, the family Rosary every day brings peace in the family. "The family that prays together, stays together".

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday 1st August: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre (all Parish Ladies (over 18) are most welcome to come along for a chat and share a cuppa and supper)
Tuesday 2nd August: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 9th August: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre (come along to hear about all their good works)
Thursday 11th August: 9.30am Retiree's Social Group Gathering in the Parish Hall (Retired over 55's are most welcome)

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Vigil Mass: 6th August: Trish Newman & James Munro
Sunday 7th August: Fay & Junior Faamau
Vigil Mass: 13th August: Louise Phillips & Bev McKenzie
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 14th August: Helen Rawson & Annette Read

READERS' FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Vigil Mass: 6th August: Bev McKenzie & May Michelutti
Gospel: James Munro
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 7th August: Christine Foreman & Maryse Parisi
Gospel: Barry Daley

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 6th August: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group
Saturday 13th August: Tongan Youth Group

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 6th August: Vicki Horne
Sunday 9.00am Mass: Sunday 7th August: Chris Reddy and Helen Rawson
Vigil Mass: Saturday 13th August: Maureen Molland
Sunday 9.00am Mass: Sunday 14th August: Christine Foreman and Catherine Minogue

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SUNDAY 9.00AM MASS: Sunday 14th August: Julie Writer, Maryse Parisi, Catherine Minogue, Dianne Gould and Yvonne Reddy

Father, may our faith be stronger, may our hope be blessed and may our love for you and others grow every day. Amen

