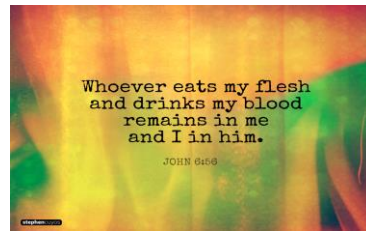


20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
16th August 2015



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: 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.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CANNOT COME TO MASS?: Members of our Parish Community visit parishioners and bring Communion every week to those who are ill or elderly so are unable to come to Mass. Sometimes, it may be that someone who could benefit from a lift. Please encourage them to contact our parish Office (46282967) either to arrange communion to be brought to them or to organize transport to Mass.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Preparation lessons have begun. Please keep the 40 Candidates, their families and the teacher's in your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Bill Eccleston, Maree and Noel Laming, Brian Harris, Candice Walker, Chris Noyce, Ethan Craig, Leo Cornwell, Doreen Monckton, Mary Smith, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Tina Ting, Tony Nolan, Beryl Purcell, Carmel Welsh, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Natalie Dwyer, Tomas Laming and Mary Fredericks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Norman Dunton (R.D.) Mary Smith, Jeff Miezio, Tina Boyd, Deborah Rix, John Read, Mary Writer, Michael Burns, Josephine McKay, Andy Grima, Kellan Byrnes, Stuart Eldridge, Genie Lynch, Frank McKay, Peter Hampton, Colin Foley, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, and Maria Cabonara.
May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual lights shine upon them.

Parishioners Birthday for this week:
20th: Emily Vossen

If any Parishioner/s would like to have their Birthdays and or Wedding Anniversaries included in the bulletin, please either inform Fr Tony or contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or ruse@dow.org.au

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: *I would like to thank each and every family in the Parish for your financial contributions to the Parish Life. Without your financial support our Parish can not survive.*

If you would like to become part of the Parish Planned Giving Program either by Direct Debit or Envelopes there are forms available on all the Tables at the Entrance of the Church. By contributing through the Planned Giving Program you are helping with the running costs/ongoing maintenance of our Parish. Thanking you in anticipation.

There are still a few not collected. If any of your details have changed: eg: address, phone, email details etc **please** fill out a new Parish Census Form so your records can be updated. *Fr Tony*

PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY (Kindergarten to Year 6 inclusive): Is each Sunday at the 9.00am Mass during School Terms. We are looking for helper's and Teacher's if you are interested in helping with this Parish Ministry, please phone Joanne on 0421 802 132 for more information.

ST VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL:

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**



READERS WORKSHOP: Will be held in the Church **next Saturday, 22nd August** from **10am – 12noon.** Please let me know by phoning: 4625 7744 or the Office number: 4628 2967 if you are able to come. If you haven't already done a Readers Workshop, I look forward to seeing you there. Thank you *Julie*

THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME: **Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am in our Parish Hall during school terms.** **Attention: Parents/Guardians and Grandparents,** if you have any children/grandchildren under School age 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 interested please phone: **Catherine for more information: 46271842**

THE 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 of the Church.

JOURNEY MAGAZINE: The Winter edition is now available. Please take home a copy and find out what is happening in our Diocese of Wollongong. The copies are available at all the tables at the entrance of the Church.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: *Thank you to the many Parishioners and their families who supported our Parish Catholic Primary School at the Fete last Sunday.* Keep up to date with the happenings in our Parish Catholic Primary School. The School Newsletter is available at all the tables at the Entrance of the Church to take home.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM: This week on *The Journey* we kick off the show as usual with the Gospel and Fr Richard Healey; Sr Hilda's piece this week, "the selfie", is just brilliant; in *Milk and Honey*, Trish McCarthy explains a few things about right judgement and Bruce Downes *The Catholic Guy*, chimes in with some great advice too. 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.

MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE – BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT (FUNERAL PREPARATION) – SATURDAY 22 AUGUST: This course provides general formation for those who help in preparation of funerals including Pastors, Pastoral Associates, Lay Pastoral Ministers, Sacristans, Musicians and Bereavement Support Team Members. The course comprises 2 sessions covering topics: (a) The experience of death in the context of the paschal mystery; (b) pastoral care for the bereaved in the context of the ministry of Jesus; (c) The ministry of the whole Church in the event of death; (d) Overview of the various rites contained in the Order of Christian Funerals; (e) pastoral issues around the experience of death; (f) celebration of the various funeral rites in varying circumstances; (g) practical and pastoral skills required for this ministry.

The course is at the Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong, on Sat 22 August, 10:00am – 1:00pm. A Resource Kit and Morning Tea are provided. For further information visit contact Paul Mason on liturgy@dow.org.au or 4222 2462 or visit www.liturgy.dow.org.au, for enrolment registration contact Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 4222 2403

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2015: The focus for this year's Migrant & Refugee Sunday is "Church without Borders: Mother to all" highlighting the plight of refugees searching for new homes around the world. We are called, individually and as a church, to become more open, welcoming and hospitable to people fleeing from persecution, war, famine and natural disasters in many places on our planet. We will be celebrating this day with our annual *Many Cultures: One in Christ* Mass and festival on **Sunday 30 August** at **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Varroville** from **2pm.** The festival will continue after Mass, **3:15-5pm** at **Mount Carmel Catholic High School Hall.** All are welcome to gather with Bishop Peter to celebrate our cultural diversity and pray that we may work more effectively towards improving the life of those much less fortunate than ourselves.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY 5 SEPTEMBER – MERCY AND HEALING: Will be at Mt Carmel Catholic College, Varroville on Saturday 5 September, 9.30am registration for 10am start. It is a very practical assembly giving you an opportunity to partake in workshops with a focus on the upcoming Year of Mercy and our focus on Healing for 2016. Please reserve a spot in your calendar.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue is currently in the home of Freda and Wilfred Miranda. **The family will be praying the Rosary on Monday (17th August) morning at 11.00am.** The address is on the main noticeboard of the Church.
If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry please phone Bev on: 4625 0659

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Saturday 22nd August: 10.00am to 12noon Reader's Workshop in the Church (please see notices for details)
Tuesday 25th August: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in the Parish Centre, new Members are most welcome
Thursday 27th August: 9.30am Retiree's Social Group gathering in the Parish Hall (Retiree's over 55 are most welcome) come along for a cuppa, chat and a laugh.

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 22nd August: Louise Phillips and James Munro
9.00am Mass: Sunday 23rd August: Helen Rawson and Annette Read
Vigil Mass: Saturday 29th August: Winnie Cameron and Bertha Barbari
9.00am Mass: Sunday 30th August: Helen Rawson and Julie Writer

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

(Could the 2nd Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)
Vigil Mass: Saturday 22nd August: Bev McKenzie and Julie Writer
9.00am Mass: Sunday 23rd August: Maria Feher and Barry Daley
Vigil Mass: Saturday 29th August: Julie Writer and Maryse Parisi
9.00am Mass: Sunday 30th August: Jim Writer and Christine Foreman

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 22nd August: Group 6: Tongan Youth Group
Saturday 29th August: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 22nd August: Help needed
9.00am Mass: Sunday 23rd August: Gwen and Brian Harris
Vigil Mass: Saturday 29th August: Carmel Munro
9.00am Mass: Sunday 30th August: Barry Daley



When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel. GIRM 29