

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
23rd 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: Michael Bye, 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.
Marcia Rae (RD 210815) Joan Bauer (RD)
Lena Pereira (Anniv), Mary Barbari (Anniv),
Maria Cabonara (Anniv), Norman Dunton, 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, and Maurya Hutton.
May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual lights shine upon them.

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.

Parishioners Birthday for this week:
26th: *Gloria Eggert*
27th: *Daniel McMurray*

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*

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK NUMBERS (REMINDER): If any Parishioner in their Parish Ministry that involves working with children has not given Fr Tony their WWC number could they do so please ASAP or if you require assistance to apply for a Working With Children Approval under Child Protection Legislation please either see Fr Tony or come into the Parish Office during Office Hours.

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.

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**

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**

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: 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.

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.

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.

SATURDAY DAY RETREAT: “Heart speaks to Heart”
Presenter: Mr Stephen Miller. Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566
When: **September 5**, Cost: \$20, Registration: 930am – 1020am, Phone: 02 8795 3400.
Email: retreats@carmelite.com, www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
Reflections on the life of faith in the sermons of Blessed John Henry Newman.

BISHOP PETER INVITES YOU TO A SPECIAL GATHERING ON 5 SEPTEMBER: Bishop Peter will be addressing our Diocese on the Pope’s call to a Year of Mercy at our next diocesan assembly. We will also engage in practical workshops on how to apply mercy and healing in our family, parish and school life. Gather with good people seeking to live out their faith at Mount Carmel Catholic College, Varroville on Saturday 5 September, 9.30am for 10am start. Includes morning tea and lunch, concluding at 2.00pm. All are welcome. **Registration essential to Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au**

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL: From 3-5 December 2015 the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is hosting the **Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Adelaide.** This event is for those from Year 9 through to 25 years of age, and is an excellent opportunity for young people to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia. More information will be available at the World Youth Day Launch on 31 July, or feel free contact Seth Harsh at the Youth Office on 02 4222 2460 or email: seth.harsh@dow.org.au

VOCATION, DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY:
GREETER/USHER: These people welcome people in the Church at the beginning of mass and assist them in finding seats and handing them the Church Parish Bulletin. Their role is to ensure all people are hospitality welcomed and able to participate in the mass and other parish events as required.
Spiritual Gifts: Artistry and Hospitality.

If you would like to find out more or be a part of this Parish Ministry, please put your name down on the clipboard on

the table at the entrance of the Church. Someone will contact you shortly.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue is currently in the home of Cora Parnell. **The family will be praying the Rosary on Monday (24th and 31st August) morning at 5.30pm.** 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:
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 29th Aug: Winnie Cameron and Bertha Barbari
9.00am Mass: Sunday 30th Aug: Helen Rawson and Julie Writer
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5th Sept: Trish Newman and James Munro
9.00am Mass: Sunday 6th Sept: Fay and Junior Faamau

READERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
(Could the 2nd Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)
Vigil Mass: Saturday 29th Aug: Julie Writer and Maryse Parisi
9.00am Mass: Sunday 30th Aug: Jim Writer and Christine Foreman
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5th Sept: Maryse Parisi and Andrew James
9.00am Mass: Sunday 6th Sept: Angela Truong and Maureen Molland

CHURCH CLEANERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS
Saturday 29th Aug: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie
Saturday 5th Sept: Group 3 Brian O’Brien, Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Maureen Molland who has been a member of our Parish Church Cleaner’s Ministry for the past 30 years. Your time and support to this Parish Ministry is greatly appreciated.

USHERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 29th August: Carmel Munro
9.00am Mass: Sunday 30th August: Barry Daley

FLOWER ARRANGER’S FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
Saturday 30th Aug: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy
Saturday 5th Aug: Julie Writer

Love is the affinity which links and draws together the elements of the world...Love, in fact, is the agent of universal synthesis.
(Pierre Teilhard de Chardin)

Prayer

*Father, may we be always open to the needs of those we
serve and receptive to your Holy Spirit. Amen*