

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th September 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

WELCOME

THE PARISHIONERS OF OUR PARISH WOULD LIKE TO

WELCOME: The Carmelite Friars OCD who will be celebrating Reconciliation and our Parish Masses this weekend.

BISHOP PETER INGHAM DD: Last Sunday 11 September 2016, Bishop Peter Ingham collapsed prior to a Confirmation ceremony breaking his collar bone. He was admitted to Campbelltown Hospital for treatment and testing to determine the cause of his fall. Tests so far have been inconclusive but his heart is okay. He has now been released from hospital and will take some days away from official duties to fully recover.

He is in good spirits, is being well looked after by our Clergy Care Coordinator, Mrs Susan Daniels, and Fr Ron Peters at the Bishop's House, and is maintaining his usual sense of humour. He has been overwhelmed with messages of love and support from home and abroad and is grateful for the praiseworthy care he received at Campbelltown Hospital.

Lord Jesus, look upon your servant Bishop Peter with eyes of mercy. May your healing hand rest upon him and restore him to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.

St Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us



THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – IN SUPPORT OF

SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY: Each parish provides "living" support to its active clergy, but it is the responsibility of our Diocese to fund the support and care for those sick and retired clergy who have dedicated their lives in service of the Church. In our Diocese, this support is funded by *The Bishop's Annual Appeal, which will be held in our parish this weekend.* For the first time, donations can also be made online, via the Diocese of Wollongong's website www.dow.org.au. *Your donation for this Appeal can be added to the 2nd Collection.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ruth Condon, Bernard Hoffmann, Peter Giannetti, Domenico & Loretta Giannetti, Gino & Emilia Di Cesare, Lena Pereira, John Read, Angelina Cameron, Mary Writer, Fr Tony Daly, Ladislav Feher, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Josephine and Frank McKay, 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:** Aimiti Seufatu, Mike Young, 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's Birthday's this week:

19th: Marilyn Fabry, 21st: Brian Harris and 23rd: Maureen Hennessy

Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary this week:

20th: Bernadine & Michael Walsh (53 years)
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

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00AM MASS: All Parishioners and visitors are welcome to come over to the Parish Hall for refreshments after the Sunday 9.00am Mass until approx. 10.45am. Come and share a cuppa and a chat, catch up with old friends. Looking forward to seeing as many people as possible.

THE PARISH LADIES GROUP: Would like to thank all the Ladies of our Parish and visitors who came to the Parish High Tea last Sunday afternoon (11th Sept) and supported this Parish Fundraiser. A great afternoon was enjoyed by all.

ST THOMAS MORE LITTLE FOLLOWERS (playtime):

The Little Followers Playtime will, resume on Tuesday 11th October, Time 9:30am to 11:30am. If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

ALTAR SERVERS WANTED: Boys and Girls who have made their First Holy Communion and would like to be trained to Serve at Mass. Please leave your name and contact details on the clipboard in the Sacristy after Mass. You will be contacted for when the training session/s will be held.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Is available for sale for \$2.00 per copy (money goes in the red postbox on top of the Catholic Weekly).

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: Is next weekend (Saturday 24th Sept Vigil Mass and Sunday 25th Sept). This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society'. www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH

FACEBOOK: If you haven't had the chance to look on our Parish Facebook, please do so. You will see pictures of what has been happening in our Parish as well as other information from the Diocese of Wollongong and the Vatican.

ST THOMAS MORE 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. Also please support the School P & F Bus Shopping Trip to be held on Saturday 8th October. The bus will be leaving from the Church Carpark. Please see the flyers on all the tables at the entrance to the Church.

WE DID WELL RIGHT??? RENEWING, IMPROVING AND

GROWING OUR MINISTRIES: Tuesday 20 Sept 7:30pm-9:30pm, Parish Meeting Room, Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, 193 St Andrews Rd Varroville. How do we know we're doing well??? This session assists us with tools to review and plan for growth in our area of ministry. Registration essential to Helen Bennett on 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au

HARTZER PARK SIX DAY GUIDED RETREAT

"The Parables of Jesus" Presenter: Fr Michael Hickey CP. Friday 23 Sept - Thursday 29 Sept 2016, Hartzler Park 25 Eridge Park Rd Bowral. Cost \$550. RSVP by 16 Sept Cathy or Sr Jenny on 0248613223 or email hartzprk@bigpond.net.au

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MERCY MASS: Celebrant: Bishop Peter Comensoli. Immaculate Conception Shrine Unanderra 11am Saturday 24 September followed by BYO lunch.

TAIZE FESTIVAL: Monday 26 – Wednesday 28

September. The Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville will be hosting The Courage of Mercy Taize Festival from 26-28 Sept. The festival will feature Brother Ghislain from the Taize community in France and is a youth focused opportunity to learn the music of taize. For Registration and more information, please visit www.carmeliteretreats.com.au/taize-retreat or contact 8795 3400 or Email: retreats@carmelist.com

MUSIC MINISTERS FORUM: LAUNCH OF CATHOLIC

WORSHIP BOOK II: Sunday 2 Oct 2016, 2pm-4pm St Thomas Aquinas Church 2 Bendooley Street Bowral. Bishop Peter Ingham will officially launch the new Catholic Worship Book II for the Diocese of Wollongong. Fr Sean Cullen and the parish of Bowral-Mittagong are hosting the event in Bowral at the end of the Southern Highlands Tulip and Food Festivals. All parish music groups and choirs are invited to come along and get a taste of the songs of this new music resource. *For further information, and to arrange your parish music group participation, please contact Paul Mason 4222 2462 liturgy@dow.org.au. Bookings essential to Helen Bennett on 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au*

BLESSING OF ANIMALS: 9:30AM, Monday, 3 October

The annual Blessing of Animals will take place at 9:30am (public holiday), Monday, 3 October, at the Church of St Michael, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul. All animals are welcome, however, the larger giraffes must be restrained on tight leashes – greyhounds are most welcome. St Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is on Tuesday, 4 October is the patron of animals, ecology, Italy, San Francisco and the care of the environment – to name a few.

CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Please note the following until further notice:

Tuesday 9.30am Communion Service
Wednesday 9.30am Mass
Thursday 9.30am Communion Service
Friday 9.30am Mass

Please take note that Father Michael Healy and Father Lucas Myint will be Celebrating Mass each Wednesday and Friday morning.

Communion Services on Tuesday and Thursdays as previous.

Fr Ross Naylor will be looking after the Parish from the 14th October until 4th December. There is 3 Priests returning to the Wollongong Diocese in December and Bishop Peter DD is hoping this will allow a permanent appointment.

The Parish is "alive and well", so please continue with any enquiries etc to the Parish Office.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE:

The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the Home of Theresa and Mark. 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:

Thursday 22nd September: 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 laughs
Tuesday 27th September: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre (come along to hear about all their good works)
Monday 3rd October: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 4th October: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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Vigil Mass: Saturday 24th Sept: Carmel Munro
Sunday 9.00am Mass: Sunday 25th Sept: Barry Daley
Vigil Mass: Saturday 1st Oct: Chantelle Barbari
Sunday 9.00am Mass: Sunday 2nd Oct: Chris Reddy & Helen Rawson

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 24th Sept: Maureen Molland & Winnie Cameron
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 25th Sept: Helen Rawson & Annette Read
Vigil Mass: 1st Oct: Bertha Barbari & James Munro
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 2nd Oct: Jim & Julie Writer

READERS' FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 24th Sept: Julie McKenzie & May Michelutti
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 25th Sept: Feyise Writer & Maureen Molland
Vigil Mass: 1st Oct: Pauline & Gabby Menzies
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 2nd Oct: Maryse Parisi & Barry Daley

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 24th Sept: Group 5 Samoan Divine Mercy Group
Saturday 1st Oct: Group 6: Tongan Youth