

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



25th September 2016  
Year C  
(Social Justice Sunday)  
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 Vigil Mass and Fr John Roberts who will be celebrating our Sunday morning Mass this weekend.

**TODAY IS SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society'. The Statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life. It challenges us to recognise their significant contribution to society and emphasises that this contribution should not be valued in mere economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable.  
[www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)  
or call (02) 8306 3499.

**BISHOP PETER INGHAM DD:** On Sunday 11 September 2016, Bishop Peter Ingham collapsed prior to a Confirmation ceremony breaking his collar bone. 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*

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

**THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – IN SUPPORT OF SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY:** in support of sick and retired clergy. Thank you for your generous support of this Appeal last weekend. This donation will help fund programs in our Diocese that support and care for our sick and retired clergy. Donations are still being gratefully received via today's second collection and can be made using the special envelopes provided. For the first time, donations can also be made online, via the Diocese's website [www.dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au) "I am very grateful for your support in helping me to ensure that we can provide the right care for our sick and retired clergy. God bless you," says our Bishop, Peter Ingham.

**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:* Natalie Dwyer, 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, Jeannie and George Nicholson, and Mary Fredericks.

**Parishioner's Birthday's this week:**  
27<sup>th</sup>: *Seth McMurray*  
*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)*

**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.

**PARISH PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:** If you would like to join our Planned Giving Program, either using the envelopes or by Direct Debit, forms are available on the tables near the church entrance doors.  
*Thank you for all who are generous to our Parish.*

**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 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.

**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.

**NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY:** This survey will be held in all Parishes and Masses centres in our Diocese in the coming months. It is also conducted in more than 3000 other Christian Churches across the country and has been held every 5 years for the last 25 years. Bishop Peter has asked every parishioner to be involved and so have a chance to say what they think about the life and health of the Church in our Diocese.  
*More details to come as to when our Parish will be holding this Survey.*

**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 info, please visit [www.carmeliteretreats.com.au/taize-retreat](http://www.carmeliteretreats.com.au/taize-retreat) or contact 8795 3400 or Email: [retreats@carmelist.com](mailto:retreats@carmelist.com)

**MUSIC MINISTERS FORUM: LAUNCH OF CATHOLIC WORSHIP BOOK II: Sunday 2 Oct 2016 HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL AUTUMN 2017.**

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS: Monday, 3 October:** The annual Blessing of Animals will take place at 9:30am (public holiday), 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.

**IMPACT – A CONVENTION FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS 6-8 OCTOBER 2016 VARROVILLE:** The Impact Convention will gather youth and young and adults for three days of mind-blowing fun, authentic community, inspiring talks, uplifting music and practical life lessons. There will be workshops that appeal to all interests and ages from Personal Development, Service & Faith, Creative Arts, Leadership and Community life. Organised by the Catholic Guy Ministry. Presented by The Catholic Guy. For registration please visit <http://impactconvention.com>

**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 14<sup>th</sup> October until 4<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre (come along to hear about all their good works)  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October: 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

**PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

**USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
Vigil Mass: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct: Chantelle Barbari  
Sunday 9.00am Mass: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct: Chris Reddy & Helen Rawson  
Vigil Mass: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct: Vicky Horne  
Sunday 9.00am Mass: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct: Christine Foreman & Catherine Minogue

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> Oct: Bertha Barbari & James Munro  
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct: Jim & Julie Writer  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 8<sup>th</sup> Oct: Louise Phillips & Winnie Cameron  
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 9<sup>th</sup> Oct: Helen Rawson & Catherine Minogue

**READERS' FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
Vigil Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> Oct: Pauline & Gabby Menzies  
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct: Maryse Parisi & Barry Daley  
Vigil Mass: 8<sup>th</sup> Oct: James Munro & May Michelutti  
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 9<sup>th</sup> Oct: Maureen Molland & Marion Cross

**CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:**  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct: Group 6: Tongan Youth  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Eugene Wasko & Barry Daley

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October: Carmel Munro, Christine Foreman, Helen Rawson, Annette Read, Kim Sami & Rita Jowsey



*Wishing our Parish Children (and their families) a very happy and relaxing holiday in readiness for Term 4.*

*Our Prayers are with those who are preparing for the Higher School Certificate and for any other exams.*