

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
27th September 2015



Social Justice Sunday

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 welcome 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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: FOR THOSE WHO'VE COME ACROSS THE SEAS. This year's Social Justice Statement is titled: 'For Those Who've Come Across the Seas: Justice for refugees and asylum seekers'. The Statement addresses the divisive national debate over asylum seekers, especially those who arrive by boat. It reminds all Australians of the need to welcome and comfort those who have fled here from terror and danger, and to live out the example of Jesus, who never turned his back on those who were lost or suffering. *For further details about the Social Justice Statement, and for resources to help you prepare, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.*

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Bernie Smith, Stevie Dilen, Michael Bye, Bill Eccleston, Maree and Noel Laming, Candice Walker, Chris Noyce, Ethan Craig, Leo Cornwell, Doreen Monckton, Mary Smith, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Tina Ting, 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. Leslie & Coral Dawson, Joseph Dawson, Suaesi Faamau, Emil Avila, Bishop William Brennan, Peter, Diminico & Loretta Giannetti, Gino & Emilia Dicesare, Kevin Hardinge, Bernard Hoffmann, Marcia Rae, Joan Bauer, Tina Boyd, Lena Pereira, Mary Berbari, Maria Cabonara, Deborah Rix, John Read, Mary Writer, Genie Lynch, Josephine McKay, Frank McKay, Jim McKenzie, and Maurya Hutton.
May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual lights shine upon them.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community: *Jesse Amato Escorcio* who was Baptised last weekend.

Parishioners Birthday for this week:
26th: *Scott Gee*, 27th: *Seth McMurray*
28th: *Ivanna Goodall*

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

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.

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.

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 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 support the Shoe Box Christmas Gift Donation – notes regarding this are on the tables at the entrance of the Church.*

ST VINCENT de PAUL FEAST DAY: We celebrate the Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul on 27th September. The St Vincent de Paul Society began in Paris in 1833 when 19 year old Frederic Ozanam and a small group of companions responded to the needs they saw in Paris at the time. They were inspired by the example of St Vincent de Paul in reaching out to the poor and addressing the injustices of the time. This tradition continues today as St Vincent de Paul Society members throughout the world and right here in our parish, work to create a more just society by their practical action every week of the year. Members of the Society offer the hand of friendship and a listening presence to those who seek our assistance. If you would like to know how to become involved in the St Vincent de Paul Society in our parish, please contact Bill on 0407208923"

2016 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR: Is now available at the Piety Stall, \$9.00 per copy. When you purchase the calendar, you are participating in God's Mission and assisting Columbans in meeting the needs of the poor. An explanation of the artwork and a written resource available at no cost at www.columban.org.au/2016artguide.

POSITION VACANT PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER,

SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY: *Based in various schools within the Diocese of Wollongong (Temporary part-time (minimum 10 hpw) commencing Term 1 2016.* CatholicCare has been engaged to administer pastoral support services to Catholic primary schools in the Diocese under the National School Chaplaincy Program. We are seeking suitably qualified people to deliver a range of non-therapeutic welfare, faith formation, spiritual and emotional support to students, families and staff of Catholic primary schools. For more information including application pack call Peter Burgoyne on 4254 9354. go to Careers page at www.catholiccare.dow.org.au or

UNDERSTANDING & SUPPORTING THE JOURNEY WITH DEMENTIA: Monday 28 September 9.00am – 3.30pm at Micah House, 35a Cordeaux St Campbelltown. For more enquiries contact Carmen Karauda on 4640 8515 or carmen.karauda@catholiccare.dow.org.au Cost for the workshop is \$10 and Registration essential 24 September (Campbelltown) as places are limited to Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au

WEEKEND RETREAT: Becoming Fully Alive – a prayerful journey with St Teresa of Avila. Presenter: Dr Richard Hardy. Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville. When: October 9 – 11. Cost: \$220 (concessions apply). For more information please either: phone: 8795 3400, Email: retreats@carmelite.com or www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

FAITH & JUSTICE: I WAS A STRANGER & YOU WELCOMED ME: Tuesday October 13, 7:30-9:30pm, St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Campbelltown. The Catholic Church has a long tradition of reflecting on social justice and the problems of our day. How to respond to the global tide of refugees is one of those things that the Church has reflected upon using Scripture and Tradition to help discern how nations and individuals should respond. Facilitated by Rev. Dr Anthony Gooley, we will look at that teaching and reflect on the situation today in the light of this teaching. The cost for the evenings is \$10. Enquiries to Darren McDowell 4222 2463 or cfl@dow.org.au Registration Essential to: Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au

HEART – WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2015: 16-17 October 2015 Fairfield RSL Sydney. A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. To register and pay online go to: theCatholicGuy.com/Heart Email: heart@thecatholicguy.tv Phone: 1300 734 880. There are brochures available to take on all the tables at the entrance of the Church.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue is currently in the home of Hector and Hazel. *The family will be praying the Rosary on Monday 21st & 28th September at 5.00pm.* 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:

Monday 5th October: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 6th October: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Thursday 8th October: after the 9.00am Mass Retiree's Social Group Gathering (for over 55's) in the Parish Hall come along for a laugh, chat and a cuppa,
Tuesday 13th October: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the Parish Centre, you are welcome to come along and see the good works that St Vincent de Paul carry out

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 3rd Oct: *Trish Newman and Louise Phillips*
9.00am Mass: Sunday 4th Oct: *Fay and Junior Faamau*
Vigil Mass: Saturday 10th Oct: *James Munro and Bev McKenzie*
9.00am Mass: Sunday 11th Oct: *Catherine Minogue and Julie Writer*

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

(Could the 2nd Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)
Vigil Mass: Saturday 3rd Oct: *Louise Phillips and James Munro*
9.00am Mass: Sunday 4th Oct: *Maureen Molland and Pesio Aiga*
Vigil Mass: Saturday 10th Oct: *Louise Phillips and Bill George*
9.00am Mass: Sunday 11th Oct: *Pesio Aiga and Chris O'Brien*

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 3rd Oct: Group 6: Tongan Youth Group
Saturday 10th Oct: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Eugene Wasko and Barry Daley

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 3rd Oct: Vicky Horne
9.00am Mass: Sunday 4th Oct: Barry Daley
Vigil Mass: Saturday 10th Oct: Maureen Molland
9.00am Mass: Sunday 11th Oct: Christine Foreman

FLOWER ARRANGER FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

3rd Oct: Melanie Webb and Elaine Hoffmann
10th Oct: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group

