

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A



29th January 2017

**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*

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS:** If you require Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion please see Fr Michael *before* Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

**IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN OUR PARISH:** Who is ill/or unable to come to Mass and would like to have Holy Communion please either inform Fr Michael or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We have 2 Acolyte's who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.

*Welcome!*

Back to our Parish School Children who will commence their School Year for 2017 this coming week. Also a special welcome to our Kindergarten children who will beginning their formal School life. To any new Parishioners and people who are visiting our Parish this weekend.

**PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

*(Baptism is a pre requisite for this Sacrament)*  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February:** Parent/Carer's Information night for Reconciliation (for Baptised Catholic Children in Years 3 and above) 7.00pm in the Parish Church

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2017:**

**TEACHERS / HELPERS REQUIRED:** *Training will be made available, Session times last 45mins - 1 hour per Week over 4 weeks, Support provided, NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!* Preparation for the Sacrament for Reconciliation is coming up for local Primary Students. For further information, interested persons please contact either:  
Annette Read **Ph 0404 112 335** or Mike Young **Ph 0414 999 606.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:**

Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Fr Tony Daly, Ken Dewick, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Josephine and Frank McKay, Ladislav Feher, Genie Lynch, Alice Harris and Maria Cabonara.  
**May internal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish

Community **including:** Maureen Hennessy, Rosa Santos, Pio Byron, Elaine Hoffmann, Natalie Dwyer, Aimiti Seufatu, Robert Berthaly, Ken Flemming, 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 for this week:**

**28<sup>th</sup>: Christine Foreman**

**February:**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Margaret Davis & Rita Jowsey**

**3<sup>rd</sup>: Michael Cabonara**

*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)*

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February.

The Executive will meet this Tuesday (31<sup>st</sup> January) to set the Agenda. If any Parishioner has items they wish to be discussed at the meeting, please send an email with agenda points to either [mikemyoung@bigpond.com](mailto:mikemyoung@bigpond.com) or [annettefread@gmail.com](mailto:annettefread@gmail.com) by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

**MESSAGE TO THE READERS:** I have organised a Readers Workshop with our former coordinator Julie W and would like to invite all the readers especially the new ones to come and join.

**The Workshop will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am in the Church.** There is a clipboard near the church entrance where you can list down your name and contact details. I am looking forward for more attendees and thank you so much for dedicating your precious time to this Parish Ministry - May 045 146 8931

**CHILDRENS' LITURGY 2017:** Returns next Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> Feb) during the Sunday 9.00am Mass. This is for School aged children from Kindergarten to Year 6 inclusive. If you like more information on this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 0421802132.

**PARISH MAINTENANCE:** A reminder regarding the Parish Maintenance book on the main table at the entrance of the Church. You can either write in the book or phone/email the Parish Office, if you are aware or notice anything that is in need of repair.

**PARISH LADIES GROUP:** All ladies over the age of 18 are invited to join this group. This group is a Parish based Social group focusing on supporting each other in our faith development and in looking to help or assist in the wider needs of our Parish. To this end we host regular morning teas after the Sunday morning Mass, we hold raffles to raise funds to assist in beautifying the Church and surrounds. Our current venture is to install curtains in the hall. We also host activities eg. The Parish High Tea which has proved popular and grows each year.

The more ladies we have joining this group the more and varied activities we can engage in.

**DEDICATION OF THE NEW HOLY FAMILY CHURCH.**

**INGLEBURN:** This coming Wednesday 1 February, Mass at 7.30pm (Oxford Rd, Ingleburn). You are invited to celebrate - with Bishop Peter Ingham, Fr Peter Caruana PP and the parish community of Holy Family Church Ingleburn and Holy Trinity Church Minto - the Dedication of the new Holy Family Church Ingleburn followed by light refreshments.

**LOVE AND MARRIAGE ACCORDING TO POPE FRANCIS**

10-12 February 2017 Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Rd Varroville. Led by Fr Elio Capra this retreat will explore the theology and the spirituality underpinning Pope Francis' *The Joy of Love, Amoris Laetitia*. This retreat is for families, young people preparing for marriage and for all interested parishioners. Registration essential to the Retreat Centre on 8795 3400

**ST GREGORY'S COLLEGE CAMPBELLTOWN: Open Day**

**Sunday 19 February 2017 10am to 1pm**

For more information contact: College Registrar - Kate Stott 4629 4269 or [www.stgregs.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stgregs.nsw.edu.au)

**DIOCESAN FEBRUARY 2017 LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

**TRAINING CALENDAR:** Registration essential to Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au).

**Saturday 11 February 2017:**

**Acolytes and Adult Altar Servers, 10:00am - 4:00pm**  
St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, 10:00am - 1:00pm:** St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown. Led by Bishop Peter Ingham and members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission; morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided

**Saturday 25 February 2017: Communion of the Sick and Dying** (Pre-requisite of prior training as an Acolyte, Adult Altar Server or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion):

**10:00am - 2:30pm:** St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown Led by Members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission; morning tea and lunch provided.

**CATECHIST TRAINING: LEVEL 1 TRAINING COURSE**

**(INCLUDING CHILD PROTECTION, CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT AND SMARTBOARD).** Start date: Monday, 13 February (6 week course on consecutive Mondays). CCD Resource Centre, Micah House, 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown. Time: 9.30am - 1.30pm. Updates available for Child Protection and Classroom Management on Mon 13 Feb and SmartBoard on Mon 6 March. For bookings or questions please contact Cindy Oliver by 6 Feb on 4640 8550 or [cindy.oliver@dow.org.au](mailto:cindy.oliver@dow.org.au).

**There is no cost involved with these courses. Morning tea is provided. Please bring your own lunch.**

**DIARY DATES:**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February: 7.30pm** Parish Ladies Group AGM & meeting (1<sup>st</sup> for 2017) in the Parish Centre (please see notices for more information).

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February: 7.30pm** Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** Retiree's Social Group gathering returns for 2017 after the 9.30am Mass. **Any Retiree's over the age of 55 are warmly welcome to join this group.** Gathering is held in the Parish Hall. Come along and share a cuppa some laughs and meet other Parishioners.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February: 7.00pm** Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting (first for 2017) in the Parish Centre, anyone is most welcome to come and see the good works they do.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February: 7.30pm:** Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre



**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** The Parish has a Parish Rosary Statue that Parishioners are able to have in their Homes and prayer the Rosary as a family.

*If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry in 2017 and would like to find out more information please phone Bev on: 4625 0659.*

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

**EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb: Trish Newman & James Munro**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb: Jim Writer & Catherine Minogue**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb: Maureen Molland & Bev McKenzie**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb: Helen Rawson & Annette Read**

**READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS':**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb: Marisel King & Julie McKenzie**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb: Chelsea Gaut & Maureen Molland**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb: David Minogue & James Munro**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb: Christine Foreman & Chelsea Gaut**

**USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb: Vicky Horne**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb: Gwen & Brian Harris**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb: Carmel Munro**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb: Barry Daley**

**CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb: Tongan Youth Group**

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00AM MASS: Sunday**

**12<sup>th</sup> February: Group 1: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Maria Hill, Colleen Jablonskis and May Michelutti**

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Great value for only \$2.00 each, many interesting articles for your perusal.

