

**PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD  
Year C**



20<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
THE YEAR OF MERCY

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

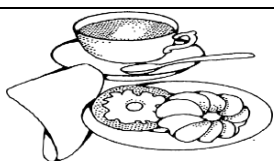
*"St Thomas More Parish, Ruse, is a Christ-centred Catholic Community that is committed to living Gospel Values, united by faith as we bring God's Kingdom to life. Our Mission is to welcome all, and respect and support each other in our spiritual journey. We encourage the gifts of people in building 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 Father Andrew Granc ofm who will administer the Parish for the next few months, following the untimely death of Father Tony Daly and will reside in the Presbytery.*

*Father Andrew is a Franciscan Friar and is currently the Provincial Vicar and Secretary for Formation & Studies for the Franciscan Friars. He was at one time the Chaplain to the Reiby Juvenile Justice Centre at Airds.*



*Please join us in the Parish Hall after this morning's 9.00am Mass for Refreshments. Come and share a cuppa and a chat*

**HOLY WEEK MASS AND RECONCILIATION  
TIMETABLE 2016:**

*Please see back cover of the Parish Bulletin*

**PARISH WORKING BEE:** A BIG THANK YOU to the parishioners who turned up last Saturday (12<sup>th</sup> March) to prepare the Church Grounds for Easter. Especially the young people who worked very hard and the ladies for morning tea.

**EASTER 2016**

**Holy Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm**  
**Commentary for Procession of Oils - Pauline Menzies**  
**Readers: Pesio Aiga, Andrew James**  
**Prayers of Intercession: Following Washing of Feet (no creed) - Julie McKenzie**  
**Good Friday: 25<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am Mary's Way of The Cross**  
**3.00pm: The Lord's Passion**  
**Readers: Chris O'Brien, Brian O'Brien**  
**Gospel/Passion (N) Bev McKenzie, (O) Andrew James**  
**General Intercessions - Louise Phillips**  
**Easter Vigil: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March:**  
**Readers: Pauline Menzies, Gabby Menzies, Andrew James**  
**Epistle and Prayers of the Faithful: May Michelutti**  
**Easter Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 9.00am**  
**Readers: Christine Foreman, Jim Writer**

**GLUTEN FREE HOSTS (ALTAR BREAD):** If you require *Gluten Free Hosts* for Holy Communion please see the Acolytes before Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Brian Harris, Jeannie and George Nicholson, Stevie Dilen, Bill Eccleston, 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, and Mary Fredericks.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:** Please pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Anthony Esler (Anniv), Fr Anthony (Tony) Daly, Betty White, Ladislav Feher, Nathan Berthaly, Sharon Michelutti, Mark Wilson, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Mary Writer, Deborah Rix, Josephine and Frank McKay, Bernard Hoffmann, and Maria Cabonara. *May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

**Parishioners' Birthday for this week:**  
21st: Dominic Robinson and Annette Read  
23rd: Betty Berthon  
26th: Jamie Vossen

*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 LADIES EASTER RAFFLE:** Tickets (\$1.00 each) are on sale at all Masses this weekend and at the Parish Office during Office Hours this week. The Raffle will be drawn on Easter Sunday during the 9.00am Mass. Best wishes to everyone who has/is supporting this Parish Fundraiser. There are 9 prizes.  
**Please support this Parish Fundraiser. All monies raised goes back into our Parish Church and Hall eg: blinds etc**

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am SUNDAY MORNING**

**MASS:** The roster is due to run out and we are looking for more volunteers. Please put your name down on the clipboard on the table at the entrance of the Church. If you would like to find our more information regarding this Parish Ministry please phone: phone Cathy on: 4625 5449.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Are currently looking for Teacher's/helpers, if you would like to be a member of this Parish Ministry please phone Joanne on: 0421802132. This Parish Ministry runs during School Terms (Kindergarten to and including Year 6).

**THIS WEEKS 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 to the Church. We still have plenty of copies of the Catholic Weekly from last week containing an article on Father Tony (Dec'd).

**SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2016:**

**First Holy Communion (Eucharist):** (For Baptised Children in Year 3 and above and have made the Sacrament of Reconciliation). **Parent/Carer Information Night: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm** in the Parish Church. Parent's/Carer's have to attend for your child to make this Sacrament. Classes will commence on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**Confirmation:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 (more details to follow)  
*If you have any enquiries regarding any of the Sacraments please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 during Office Hours.*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SACRAMENTAL TEAM:** the programs for Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation are Parish based and are facilitated by volunteers, comprising teachers from our primary school and parishioners. **Helpers are needed for First Communion classes**, which will commence with a parents information night on 6th April. Classes are limited to 12 students with a parent and are run over a four week period, with each class lasting a maximum of 45 minutes. Ideally we have at least two people team-teaching each class, with an admin person to assist. **A training session for all team members is available before classes commence, so that each teacher is familiar with the course and what part of each lesson they will teach.** If you are able to assist, please contact Kim Sami, the First Communion Program coordinator, on 0414894911, for further information. Thank you in anticipation.'

**CAN ALL PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ENVELOPES BE RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** either to be placed in the Collection Baskets at Mass or left at the Parish Office during Office Hours ASAP. Thanking you in anticipation.  
**Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion.**

**PARISH PLANNED GIVING:**

*If you would like to join the Parish Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 46282967 or e-mail: [ruse@parish.org.au](mailto:ruse@parish.org.au). Thank you.*

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS GATHERINGS**

Please note that the first round of PPC Regional Gatherings are occurring on: Tues 26th April, 7:30-9:30pm, at St John the Evangelist Parish Hall Campbelltown. More details to follow.

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Are currently enrolling for Kindergarten 2017 (enrolments close on 8<sup>th</sup> April). Contact details ph: 4625 6561 or email: [info@stmdow.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stmdow.catholic.edu.au). Please take home a copy of our Parish school newsletter to keep up to date with the happenings. Copies are available on the tables at the entrance of the Church.

**"Lighting the Way" CHRISM MASS WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 7.30PM St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.** In celebration of Pope Francis' Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. The Cathedral will be lit up in a wash of purple and yellow, "Lighting the Way" for this year's Chrism Mass. Everyone is warmly invited to witness this historic event of the Cathedral under lights and to celebrate the beautiful Chrism Mass prior to the Easter Triduum. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Conference Centre. For catering purposes, please RSVP to Jennifer Raposio by 14 March 2016 [jennifer.raposio@dow.org.au](mailto:jennifer.raposio@dow.org.au) or call 4222 2411.

**DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre (new members are most welcome, or come along to the meeting to see the good works of the Conference)  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March: 9.30am** Retiree's Social Group gathering in the Parish Hall  
**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March: 5.00pm - 7.10pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation (children who have completed the program)  
**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March: 5.00pm - 7.10pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation (children who have completed the program)

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

**EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS:**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Maureen Molland and Bev McKenzie**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Karenne Harvey and Annette Read**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Bertha Barbari, James Munro**  
**9.00am Mass Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Fay Faamau, Junior Faamau**

**READERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March: See Notices**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March: See Notices**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Andrew James and Maryse Parisi**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Barry Daley and Jacqui Cross**

**CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy**  
**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Group2: Tongan Youth Group**

**USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Carmel Munro**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Christine Foreman**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Help Required**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Chris Reddy, Helen Rawson**

