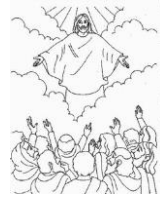


The ASCENSION of the LORD
8TH May 2016



Year C

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*

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.

DIOCESAN MASS COUNT: On the remaining four weekends in May throughout our Diocese, there will be the annual "Mass Count", which will take place after the homily at both weekend Masses. Next weekend, the Mass Count will involve an age and gender count. As a result of the Mass Count the Diocese obtains valuable information about the community's overall life and growth which, together with information from the national census, helps us in preparing for our future.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community *Clara McMullan* who was Baptised last weekend.

Parishioners' Birthday for this week:

9th: *Feyise Writer*
10th: *Fr Andrew*
13th: *Bertha Berbari & Elaine Nakasenh*

Wedding Anniversaries for this week:

12th: *Freda and Wilfred Miranda (53 years)*
13th: *Chrishnai and Junior Faamau (9 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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Melanie Blessing, Liban (Wako) Family, 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 (Tony) Nolan (R.D.), Gertrude Peters (Anniv), Angelina Cameron, Mary Writer, Fr Anthony (Tony) Daly, Betty White, Ladislav Feher, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, 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.*

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CANNOT COME TO MASS: We have Members of our Parish Community who visit parishioners and bring Communion every week to those who are ill or elderly and unable to come to Mass. Please encourage them (or a family member) to contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 during Office Hours.

FATHER TONY'S PONTIFICAL FUNERAL MEMORIAL CARD: We have Fr Tony's Memorial Cards available for you to take home. They are available on all the tables at the entrance of the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please keep in your prayers the 55 Children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Also for their families and the teachers who are giving of their time in preparing these Children.
The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be on Saturday 28th May (Vigil Mass) and Sunday 29th May (9.00am Mass)

*The Sacrament of Confirmation: Saturday 3rd September 2016 (more details to follow).
If you have any enquiries regarding any of the Sacraments please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 during Office Hours.*

MESSAGE FOR READERS: The Readers' Roster ends on the 26th June and as there will be a new co-ordinator we are hoping to have some new readers to make the task a little easier. Those of you who have been readers in the past, we hope you will continue. There is a clipboard on the table at the back of the Church for the next four weeks for your name, phone numbers, email address and preferred Mass time. I thank all old readers for their loyalty and welcome new ones into this rewarding Ministry. *Julie*

PARISH LADIES GROUP MOTHERS' DAY RAFFLE: The raffle will be drawn after the 9.00am Mass on Mother's Day (8th May). Winners will be notified and included in next weekend's Parish Bulletin. *All monies raised goes back into our Parish Church and Hall.*

ST THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME: Is held on Tuesday's from 9.30am - 11.30am in our Parish Hall. Parents/Guardians and Grandparents, if you have children including under School age children 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. God coin donation. If you have any enquires please contact Catherine on 4627 1842

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH 30TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS! The parish will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Church's opening at a special Mass on Saturday 25th June at 5.00pm. Do you have an interesting personal memory or significant anecdote about the church, former parish priests or any parish events that you would like to be included in the 30th Anniversary souvenir booklet? Please send an email to juliemckenzie@hotmail.com with your story. All stories welcome. Please note that some stories may be edited or combined with other similar stories to save room in the booklet. Also as part of the Church's 30th Anniversary celebrations, children are encouraged to participate in a Magnet Design Competition, details of which are on a separate flyer in the bulletin. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to participate, and place their completed designs in the pink box on the table at the back of the Church by the due date.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take home a copy of our Parish Catholic Primary School newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening.

MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE: MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND DYING Saturday 14 May Xavier Centre 10am-1pm. This course provides general formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who minister to the Sick and Dying. For further information visit www.liturgy.dow.org.au or contact Paul Mason liturgy@dow.org.au or 4222 2462. For enrolment registration contact Helen on helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 4222 2403

THE POOR CLARES OF BETHLEHEM MONASTERY - Annual Ecumenical Service, Monastery Chapel Narellan Road Campbelltown, on the Vigil of Pentecost, **Saturday 14 May** at 2.30, followed by afternoon tea. **RSVP: ASAP** clarescamp@bigpond.com or contact 4625 1591.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE RETREATS: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville. Phone: 02 8795 3400 email: retreats@carmelite.com www.carmeliteretreats.com.au. **LAUDATO SI: ENCOUNTERING GOD'S MERCIFUL CREATION: Tues 10 May, 7:30pm-9:30pm AT Parish Meeting Room Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish. For further information and essential registration contact Darren McDowell 4222 2463 or darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au**

PARISH ROSARY STATUE:

For next Monday, the Parish Rosary Statue will be in the Home of Freda and Wilfred and will be said on Mondays at 11.00am. Their 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

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday 10th May: 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 12th May: 7.00pm - 9.00pm Choir practice to learn the Creation Mass setting, all singers and Choir members are encouraged to attend
Wednesday 18th May: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre
Thursday 19th May: 9.30am Retiree's (over 55) Social Group gathering in the Parish Hall (after the 9.00am Communion Service)

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 14th May: Trish Newman
9.00am Mass: Sunday 15th May: Fay & Junior Faamau
Vigil Mass: Saturday 21st May: Maureen Molland & James Munro
9.00am Mass: Sunday 22nd May: Julie Writer & Karenne Harvey

READERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 14th May: Julie & Bev McKenzie
9.00am Mass: Sunday 15th May: Pamela Samaha & Julie Writer
Vigil Mass: Saturday 21st May: Maryse Parisi & Andrew James
9.00am Mass: Sunday 22nd May: Maria Samaha & Pesio Aiga

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 14th May: Tongan Youth Group
Saturday 21st May: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 14th May: Maureen Molland
9.00am Mass: Sunday 15th May: Chris Reddy & Helen Rawson
Vigil Mass: Saturday 21st May: Carmel Munro
9.00am Mass; Sunday 22nd May: Barry Daley

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. **Amen.**

