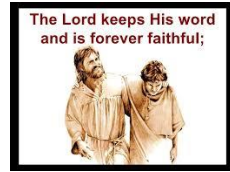


32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



6th November 2016
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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 BREADS): 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.

CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Please note the following until further notice:
Tuesday 9.30am Mass
Wednesday 9.30am Mass
Thursday 9.30am Mass
Friday 9.30am Mass

NOVEMBER: Is a special time to pray for the dead.
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: All the Masses will be offered for the deceased relatives and friends of all our Parishioners. We will record all the names that have been given in the Parish Book of Remembrance, set up in the sacred space. Please notify either Fr Tony or the Parish Office should you wish to include deceased relative and/or friends in the Book of Remembrance.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community *including:* Cathy Bye, 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.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: those who are sitting the Higher School Certificate and for any other exams.

Parishioner's Birthday's for this week:
5th: *Ann Webster*
10th: *Fay Faamau*
11th: *Maryanne Fredericks*
Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary for this week:
11th: *Gloria & Kevin Eggert (66 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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Is held during the Sunday 9.00am Mass (during School Terms). This is for School children from Kindergarten up to and including Year 6. If you would like more information on this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 0421802132

ST THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME: Tuesday's from 9.30am – 11.30am in our Parish Hall. Parents/Guardians/Grandparents, if you have children including 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. Gold coin donation. If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

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. **Our Parish will be having the Survey at both Parish Masses on the weekend off 12th/13th November.**

MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR PLAYING AT MASS, especially on 4th Sunday of the month and any Saturday. We have both an organ and keyboard, but would welcome anyone who also plays guitar. Mentoring would be available to anyone who is willing to share their talents. If interested, please ring Parish Office and leave your details, and a member of the music ministry will contact you.

CATHOLIC MISSION WORLD MISSION APPEAL: Wish to thank our Parish for donating to this Appeal, the Parish Contribution was \$623.75. By supporting the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal today, or by partnering with us through your monthly gift, you are helping community leaders in Papua New Guinea receive training so they can advocate for their communities and allow them to find peace through mercy. Freecall: 1800 257 296 or catholicmission.org.au/PNG

CLAIM THE DATE: Sunday 11th December: (3rd Sunday of Advent (Rose Sunday): We will be celebrating also our Parish Family Mass followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall. More details to follow

PARISH LITURGY MEETING FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS to be held on Wed 16th November at 7p.m in the Parish Centre to plan for the Advent and Christmas ceremonies. All ministries (Acolyte's, Reader's, Musician's, Sacristan's, Children's Liturgy teams etc) are asked to attend. For further information, please contact Kim Sami on 0414 894 911 or kpsami05@gmail.com.

PARISH JESSE TREE: "Each year the Parish Ladies Group puts up a Jesse Tree for Parishioners to donate toys for distribution by the St Vincent de Paul Conference in our Parish. This year, the number of children to be gifted is over 170, it is also possible that this number will increase in the coming weeks. As the toys will be delivered by 14th December, the Tree will be at the back of the Church from next weekend for all, who are able, to take one or more tags and purchase a gift suitable for that age and gender of child. All donations are gratefully received, with the knowledge that these children will have a brighter Christmas thanks to your generosity"

PARISH PIETY STALL: 2017 Columban Calendars for sale at the Piety Stall. These make terrific Christmas Gifts at \$9.00 each. Please look at all the other items for sale.

EMMANUEL: DAILY ADVENT & CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS BOOK: The Diocese has published its new pocket-sized book of daily reflections for Advent and Christmas written by clergy, religious and lay members of the Diocese. We will be (selling/distributing) the books in the coming weeks. They are a great alternative to Christmas gifts and cards for family and friends. There is a special page in the book where you can write your gift message. So don't forget to grab your copies from the Parish Piety Stall for \$2.00 each.

PARISH MAINTENANCE: Like everywhere, from time to time little things need "doing" in the Church, Parish Hall, toilets etc. It's good to keep on top of things. If you happen to notice something – a light, a fitting – whatever that needs attention please write in the Maintenance book on the main information table (near Fr Tony's plaque and photo) or inform the Parish Office either via phone or email so it can be attended to. **More importantly** if you have any "skills" (eg: electrical, building, handyman etc) that could be used on a ("paying") needs basis, could you please let the Parish Office know.
Thank you

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: The latest School Newsletter is available to take home on all tables at the entrance of the Church. Read and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH FETE Sunday 13 November, 10am: St Anthony's Church (20 Stratford Rd, Tahmoor): Don't miss it! Loads of ways to win great prizes. Amazing door prize, our famous Money Tree full of scratchies, the Chocolate Wheel, Silent Auction and Raffles. Lots of Children's activities, books, multicultural food stalls, white elephant stall, plants and more. All in a country setting.

ISTAND CAMP 18-20 November: iStand weekends are for high-school aged students and are a fantastic opportunity to learn more about yourself, others and God. The weekend is jam packed with games, dramas, adventure activities, sport, prayer, Mass, Reconciliation, good food, live music, testimonies & talks. Check out www.ymt.com.au/istand-camp-wollongong for more information.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND Friday 18 – Sunday 20 November: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre (247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville) Marriage enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. **Bookings nswbookings@wwme.org.au or Bill and Ardell Sharpe on 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au**

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:
Monday 7th November: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 8th November: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre (come along to hear about all their good works)
Wednesday 16th November: 7.00pm Parish Liturgy meeting to prepare for Christmas in the Parish Hall – more details to follow
Thursday 17th November: 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:
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Vigil Mass: Saturday 12th Nov: Vicky Horne
9.00am Mass: Sunday 13th Nov: Gwen & Brian Harris
Vigil Mass: Saturday 19th Nov: Maureen Molland
9.00am Mass: Sunday 20th Nov: Barry Daley

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 12th Nov: Bertha Berbari & Trish Newman
9.00am Mass: Sunday 13th Nov: Julie Writer & Annette Read
Vigil Mass: Saturday 19th Nov: Maureen Molland
9.00am Mass: Sunday 20th Nov: Fay & Junior Faamau

READERS' FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 12th Nov: May Michelutti & Julie McKenzie
9.00am Mass: Sunday 13th Nov: Maryse Parisi & Feyise Writer
Vigil Mass: Saturday 19th Nov: Louise Phillips & David Minogue
9.00am Mass: Sunday 20th Nov: Jim Writer & Christine Foreman

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:
Saturday 12th Nov: Tongan Youth Group
Saturday 19th Nov: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am MASS: Sunday 20th November: Tongan Community