

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



21st August 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 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.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community *Cruz Derrick Holland, Hunter Patrick Moran and Gabriel Alexander Chomicz* who were Baptised last weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Lena Pereira (Anniv)James (Ray)Strath, Peter Thompson, John Read, John Hennessy, Angelina Cameron, Mary Writer, Fr Tony Daly, Betty White, Ladislav Feher, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Josephine and Frank McKay, Bernard Hoffmann, Alice Harris and Maria Cabonara. *May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community **including:** 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, Natalie Dwyer, Jeannie and George Nicholson, and Mary Fredericks.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR ANDREW: On his 43rd Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood this Friday (26th August). Congratulations and God Bless Fr Andrew.

Parishioner Birthday this week:
20th: Emily 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

MESSAGE FOR READERS: A roster has been done for August and September. My apologies if your name appears too often. Names will be in the bulletin, as usual, two weeks in advance. I am still hoping someone would like to become the Reader Co-ordinator. Many thanks for your support during my time in this position. *Julie*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL VACANCIES: Due to 2 members of the Parish Pastoral Council moving out of the area, we have vacancies for 2 new Parishioners to join our Parish Pastoral Council. *The Parish Pastoral Council share the responsibility for building a vibrant community that is embedded in the Eucharist and built on faith, hope and charity. The Parish Pastoral Council is an advisory body to the Parish Priest. Members are baptised people in full communion with the Church and participate fully within the life of the Parish. Members will normally hold office for 2 years.*

If you would like more information or are interested in becoming a member please contact either Fr Andrew or the Parish Office on 2628 2967.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Is held at the Sunday morning 9.00am Mass and is for School aged 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: Is held on Tuesday mornings during the School Terms, 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.

PARISH LADIES GROUP: FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE: Tickets will go on sale before/after all Parish Masses this weekend and next (20th/21st and 27th/28th August). Tickets are \$1.00 each. Please support this Parish Fundraiser. Many great prizes.

PARISH LADIES GROUP: SAVE THE DATE: The Parish Ladies Group are hosting a High Tea on Sunday 11th September 2016. *Invitations are being handed out over the coming weeks. Please support this Parish Fundraiser. Please place your name and numbers on the clipboard on the main table.*

PARISH 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF OUR CHURCH THANK YOU: *There are plenty of 30th Anniversary of the Opening of the Church, Souvenir booklets, Prayer Cards and Magnets available on the table at the Entrance of the Church. These can be given to any past or current Parishioners who were unable to attend our Parish Celebration.*

CONFIRMATION: Please continue to keep the Candidates, their families and teachers in your prayers. *The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Saturday 3rd September 2016 at 3.00pm.*

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FR KEVIN GOODE ofm: Here in our Parish this Thursday 25th August at 10.00am followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. All Parishioners are most welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER APPEAL: Your St Vincent de Paul conference wishes to express a very big THANK YOU to the Parish for a generous response to the Society's Winter Appeal. If parishioners wish to offer further cash donations, envelopes are at the back of the Church. Simply place the completed envelope in either collection or deliver it to the Parish Office. *Anyone still wishing to donate food etc. can deliver goods to the Parish Office during office hours.*

PARISH PLANNED GIVING: Planned Giving is essential to the running costs of the Parish. Did you know that you can contribute in several ways: Weekly Envelopes, Direct Debit from your Bank Account, Direct Credit by electronically transferring funds (EFT) from your Bank Account direct to the St Thomas More Church Account. Irregular contributions. (The Direct Credit facility is new and means that you control when you contribute but you need to join the Planned Giving Program to ensure that your contribution is recognized in our Finance System.) *If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 46282867 or e-mail: ruse@dow.org.au*

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Is available for sale for \$2.00 per copy (money goes in the red postbox on top of the Catholic Weekly). This religious paper is full of interesting articles and find out what is happening in the Catholic Church. Great price and great value

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL *Please take home a copy of the School Newsletter and to keep up to date with their happenings. These are on the tables at the entrance of the Church.*

VOLUNTEERS FOR EXCITING NEW YOUTH MINISTRY INITIATIVES – APPLY NOW! If you're aged 18-35 and interested in music, sound, lighting, events, teaching, preaching, dance, drama, leadership or just want to lend a hand, call Seth Harsh on 4222 2460 or email seth.harsh@dow.org.au. Don't miss this opportunity to share and develop your gifts by being part of Catholic Youth initiatives that are set to transform the face of youth ministry in this Diocese and beyond!

ST GREGORY'S COLLEGE CAMPBELLTOWN 90TH YEAR MASS 9AM (at the College)FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2016 (Dinner 6.30pm): Tickets now on sale! It would be wonderful to see many Old Boys and friends of St Greg's attending this special event. RSVP and payment due by Friday 29 July. To find out more, please contact: Catherine Jeffcoate – St Gregory's College Development Officer on 4629 4133 or email: rsvp@stgregs.nsw.edu.au

BEING MERCIFUL – PRACTICAL STEPS IN TODAY'S WORLD Thursday 8 Sept, 7:30pm-9:30pm, Parish Hall, St John the Evangelist Parish Campbelltown. How do we 'BE' merciful in our parishes and neighbourhoods? Feeding the hungry, sheltering the traveller, visiting the sick, to forgive, provide comfort and prayer. The workshop, led by Deacon Peter will focus upon the Corporal & Spiritual Works of mercy and how we can lead lives of practical mercy with all whom we meet. **Registration essential to Helen Bennett on 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au**

PARISH ROSARY STATUE:



The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the Home of Beverley will be prayed on Monday (22nd August) at 5.00pm. 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:

Tuesday 23rd August: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre (come along to hear about all their good works)

Wednesday 24th August: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre

Thursday 25th August: 9.30am Retiree's Social Group Gathering in the *Parish Centre* (Retired over 55's are most welcome)

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 27th August: Winnie Cameron & Trish Newman
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 28th August: Catherine Minogue & Julie Writer

Vigil Mass: 3rd Sept: James Munro

Sunday 9.00am Mass: 4th Sept: Fay & Junior Faamau

READERS' FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 27th August: Gabby Menzies & Carmel Munro
Gospel: Bev McKenzie

Sunday 9.00am Mass: 28th August: Therese Writer & Brian O'Brien *Gospel: Bill George*

Vigil Mass: 3rd Sept: James Munro & Bev McKenzie

Gospel: May Michelutti

Sunday 9.00am Mass: 4th Sept: Maryse Parisi & Barry Daley
Gospel: Christine Foreman

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 27th August: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Eugene Wasko & Barry Daley

Saturday 3rd Sept: Group 3: Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 27th August: Carmel Munro

Sunday 9.00am Mass: Sunday 28th August: Barry Daley

Vigil Mass: Saturday 3rd Sept: Chantel Barbari

Sunday 9.00am Mass: Sunday 4th Sept: Helen Rawson & Chris Reddy

FAREWELL FOR FATHER ANDREW MORNING TEA:

Will be held after the 9.00am Morning Mass on Sunday 4th September. Parishioners and visitors are most welcome. If you would like to bring a plate to share it would be most appreciative. We look forward to as many Parishioners and visitors giving our "thanks" for Father Andrew during his time serving in our Parish since Father Tony's sudden passing.