

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



28th 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.

Confirmation

Please continue to keep the 41 Candidates, their families and teachers in your prayers.

*The Sacrament of Confirmation will be next Saturday
3rd September 2016 at 3.00pm.*

CHANGE IN TIME FOR RECONCILIATION FOR NEXT SATURDAY ONLY (3rd September). Reconciliation will be from 11.00am to 12 noon. This is due to the Sacrament of Confirmation at 3.00pm.

FAREWELL and THANK YOU FOR FATHER ANDREW MORNING TEA: Will be held after the 9.00am Morning Mass next Sunday (4th September). Parishioners and visitors are most welcome. If you would like to bring a plate to share it would be most appreciated. We look forward to as many Parishioners and visitors giving our "thanks" for Father Andrew during his time serving in our Parish since the sudden passing of Father Tony.

THE BISHOP'S FATHERS' DAY APPEAL: It is the responsibility of our Diocese to fund the support and care for those sick, retired and elderly clergy who have served them well. It is also the responsibility of the Diocese to provide funding for the training of our next generation of clergy. In our Diocese, this support is funded by The Bishop's Father's Day Appeal. The Bishop's Father's Day Appeal, will be held in our Parish next weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bernard Hoffmann (10th Anniv), Peter Giannetti (2nd Anniv), Domenico Loretta Giannetti, Gino & Emilia Di Cesare, Lena Pereira, John Read, Angelina Cameron, Mary Writer, Fr Tony Daly, Ladislav Feher, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Josephine and Frank McKay, 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.

Parishioner Birthday this week:

27th: Daniel McMurray
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*

THANKYOU: To Arthur Michelutti who has been cleaning our Church Brassware especially for our Parish 30th Anniversary of the Opening of our Church and also in readiness for the Sacrament of Confirmation (here next Saturday at 3.00pm).

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 are on sale before/after all Parish Masses this weekend. Tickets are \$1.00 each. There are 6 terrific prizes. The raffle will be drawn during the Farewell and thank you morning tea for Fr Andrew (next Sunday 4th September). **Please support this Parish Fundraiser.**

PARISH LADIES GROUP: The Parish Ladies Group are hosting a High Tea (ladies over 18) on Sunday 11th September 2016. **Please support this Parish Fundraiser. Please place your name and numbers on the clipboard on the main table. RSVP Monday 5th September. A fun afternoon is guaranteed.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER APPEAL: *Anyone still wishing to donate food etc. can deliver goods to the Parish Office during office hours or leave in the Church Kitchen.*

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.*

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. **Please support the School P & F Bus Shopping Trip to be held on Saturday 8th October. The bus will be leaving from the Church Carpark. Please see the flyers on all the tables at the entrance to the Church.**

ST GREGORY'S COLLEGE CAMPBELLTOWN 90TH YEAR MASS 9AM (at the College) this Friday 2nd September 2016

WHAT DO I HEAR? – EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WITHIN & BEYOND PARISH Tuesday 6 Sept, 7:30pm-9:30pm, Parish Meeting Room, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 193 St Andrews Rd Varroville. Communication is critical to the success of our service to the parish and community. In this practical workshop participants will explore effective communication skills for advertising, inviting, engaging & supporting those involved and not yet involved in parish life. **Registration essential to Helen Bennett on 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.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**

I'M IN NOW WHAT? ENCOURAGING & SUPPORTING ONGOING INVOLVEMENT: Tuesday 13 Sept 7:30pm-9:30pm, Parish Meeting Room, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish St Andrews Rd Varroville. How do we encourage and support those within our areas of ministry so that they can give of their best in an enthusiastic and ongoing way. **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 Theresa and Mark will be prayed on Monday (29th August & 5th September) 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:

Monday 5th September: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 6th September: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall
Thursday 8th September: 9.30am Retiree's Social Group Gathering in the Parish Centre (Retired over 55's are most welcome)
Tuesday 13th September 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre (come along to hear about all their good works)

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 3rd Sept: James Munro
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 4th Sept: Fay & Junior Faamau
Vigil Mass: 10th Sept: Trish Newman & Winnie Cameron
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 11th Sept: Catherine Minogue & Julie Writer

READERS' FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 3rd Sept: James Munro & Bev McKenzie
Gospel: May Michelutti
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 4th Sept: Maryse Parisi & Brian O'Brien
Gospel: Christine Foreman
Vigil Mass: 10th Sept: Gabby and Pauline Menzies
Sunday 9.00am Mass: 11th Sept: Chris & Brian O'Brien

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 3rd Sept: Group 3: Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro
Saturday 10th Sept: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Colleen Jablonskis, Fay Faamau, Rosa and Manuel Herrera

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 3rd Sept: Chantal Barbari
Sunday 9.00am Mass: Sunday 4th Sept: Helen Rawson & Chris Reddy
Vigil Mass: Saturday 10th Sept: Vicki Horne
Sunday 9.00am Mass: Sunday 11th Sept: Christine Foreman and Catherine Minogue