

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



4th September 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.

# Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation was held in our Parish this Saturday (3rd September). Celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham DD.

We congratulate the 41 Candidates, their families and sponsor's. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Thank you to the Parish Sacramental Team and all who prepared the Candidates for this Sacrament to complete their initiation into full membership of the Catholic Church.

*Thank you also to the many people who prepared the Church for this Sacrament and for us to worship in each week: The Sacristan's, Church Cleaner's, Powerpoint creator, Flower arrangers, Groundsperson etc. The gifts of your time and talents are greatly appreciated.*

*God Bless, Fr Andrew*

**THANK YOU BISHOP PETER INGHAM DD:** For celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish this weekend and for celebrating also the Saturday evening Vigil Mass. May God Bless and keep you in his loving arms always.

**FAREWELL and THANK YOU FOR FATHER ANDREW MORNING TEA:** *Is being held after the 9.00am Morning Mass today (Sunday 4th September) in the Parish Hall. We look forward to many Parishioners and visitors giving our "thanks" for Father Andrew during his time serving in our Parish*

**THANK YOU TO FATHER ANDREW:**



*"God has called you to a special vocation, which you live with reverence, kindness, and joy. Prayers for your health, happiness, and growth in holiness". In appreciation for all you have done in our Parish, may God continue to bless you for your faithful Ministry.*

The Parishioners and Visitor's to our Parish would like to sincerely thank Fr Andrew for all his good works. God bless you for being our Priest since (from Palm Sunday) the sudden passing of Fr Tony

**THE BISHOP'S FATHERS' DAY APPEAL:** There is no "Father's Day Collection" this weekend, instead there is the "Bishop's Annual Appeal" on 17/18 September. More details to follow.

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community: *Katelyn Michelle Vella, Patrick Glenn Morrison and Alice Kate Madeley* who were Baptised last weekend.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:** Please pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bernard Hoffmann, Peter Giannetti, 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's Birthday's this week:**

3rd: *Neville Taylor*  
4th: *Dexter Harris*  
7th: *Maureen Molland*

*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)*

**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:** Thank you the Parishioners and visitors who supported this Parish Fundraiser. Your support is greatly appreciated and will go towards the maintenance and up keep of our Parish Church. The winners will be announced in next weekends Parish Bulletin.

**PARISH LADIES GROUP:** The Parish Ladies Group are hosting a High Tea (ladies over 18) next 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.*

**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.*

**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. Registration essential to Helen Bennett on 4222 2403 or [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto: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. Registration essential to Helen Bennett on 4222 2403 or [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto: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. Registration essential to Helen Bennett on 4222 2403 or [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto: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 (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: 10th Sept: Trish Newman & Winnie Cameron*  
*Sunday 9.00am Mass: 11th Sept: Catherine Minogue & Julie Writer*  
*Vigil Mass: 17th Sept: Bertha Berbari & Louise Phillips*  
*Sunday 9.00am Mass: 18th Sept: Fay & Junior Faamau*

**READERS' FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

*Vigil Mass: 10th Sept: Gabby and Pauline Menzies*  
*Sunday 9.00am Mass: 11th Sept: Chris & Brian O'Brien*  
*Vigil Mass: 17th Sept: Tara Small & Bev McKenzie*  
*Sunday 9.00am Mass: 18th Sept: Pesio & Noelle Aiga*

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

*Saturday 10th Sept: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Colleen Jablonskis, Fay Faamau, Rosa and Manuel Herrera*  
*Saturday 17th Sept: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community*

**USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

*Vigil Mass: Saturday 10th Sept: Vicki Horne*  
*Sunday 9.00am Mass: Sunday 11th Sept: Christine Foreman and Catherine Minogue*  
*Vigil Mass: Saturday 17th Sept: Carmel Munro*  
*Sunday 9.00am Mass: Sunday 18th Sept: Gwen & Brian Harris*

**EMBER DAYS** mark the beginning of each of the 4 seasons. In Australia, the Church observes the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring (March and September) as special days of prayer and penance, focusing on the environment, the seasons and God's providence.

**A PRAYER FOR FATHER'S**

*God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.*

*We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.*

*We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.*

*We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.*

*We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen*

