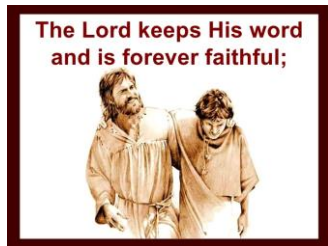


23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
5th September 2015



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: If you require *Gluten Free Hosts* for Holy Communion please see Fr Tony *before* Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CANNOT COME TO MASS?: Members of our Parish Community visit parishioners and bring Communion every week to those who are ill or elderly so are unable to come to Mass. Sometimes, it may be that someone who could benefit from a lift. Please encourage them to contact our parish Office (46282967) either to arrange communion to be brought to them or to organize transport to Mass.

THE BISHOP'S FATHERS' DAY APPEAL: Each Parish provides "living" support to its active clergy, but 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 Bishops' Father's Day Appeal, which will be held in our parish this weekend. At a time when we celebrate fathers and father figures in our lives, this appeal provides us with an opportunity to do our part, in a very practical way, at a time of thanksgiving. *"I would be grateful for your consideration of these needs and for your generous support," says our Bishop, Peter Ingham.*



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Please keep in your prayers the 40 Candidates, the Teachers and families who have prepared them for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
*The Sacrament of Confirmation for our Parish will be this Friday 11th September at 7.30pm.
To be celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham DD.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Michael Bye, Bill Eccleston, Maree and Noel Laming, Brian Harris, 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, Tomas Laming and Mary Fredericks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Suaesi Faamau (Anniv), Emil Avila (Anniv), Bishop William Brennan (Anniv), Peter, Diminico and Loretta Giannetti, Gino and Emilia Dicesare, Kevin Hardinge, Bernard Hoffmann, Marcia Rae, Joan Bauer, Tina Boyd Lena Pereira, Mary Barbari, Maria Cabonara, Deborah Rix, John Read, Mary Writer, Genie Lynch Josephine McKay, Frank McKay, Jim McKenzie, and Maurya Hutton. *May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual lights shine upon them.*

Parishioners Birthday for this week:
4th: *Peter Barbari*
7th: *Maureen Molland*
11th: *Denise Goodall & Samuel McMurray*

If any Parishioner/s would like to have their Birthdays and or Wedding Anniversaries included in the bulletin, please either inform Fr Tony or contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or ruse@dow.org.au

WE WELCOME: Into our Parish Community: *Millicent Isabel McAteer* who was Baptised last weekend

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: *I would like to thank each and every family in the Parish for your financial contributions to the Parish Life. Without your financial support our Parish cannot survive.*

*If you would like to become part of the Parish Planned Giving Program either by Direct Debit or Envelopes there are forms available on all the Tables at the Entrance of the Church. By contributing through the Planned Giving Program you are helping with the running costs/ongoing maintenance of our Parish.
Thanking you in anticipation. Fr Tony*

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK NUMBERS (REMINDER): If any Parishioner in their Parish Ministry that involves working with children has not given Fr Tony their WWC number could they do so please ASAP or if you require assistance to apply for a Working With Children Approval under Child Protection Legislation please either see Fr Tony or come into the Parish Office during Office Hours.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN IN PARISH MINISTRIES: Wednesday 16 September 7.00pm – 8.30pm Xavier Centre, Wollongong. Overview of Working with Children Check requirements for parish ministries and best practice for lay people in ministry. Anyone involved in a parish ministry is welcome to attend. RSVP by 11 September to helen.bennett@dow.org.au

PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY (Kindergarten to Year 6 inclusive): Is each Sunday at the 9.00am Mass during School Terms. We are looking for helper's and Teacher's if you are interested in helping with this Parish Ministry, please phone Joanne on 0421 802 132 for more information.

THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME: Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am in our Parish Hall during school terms. **Attention: Parents/Guardians and Grandparents,** if you have any children/grandchildren under School age 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 interested please phone: **Catherine for more information: 46271842**

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH FACEBOOK: If you haven't had the chance to look on our Parish Facebook, please do so. You will see pictures of what has been happening in our Parish as well as other information from the Diocese of Wollongong and the Vatican.

ST VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL: *We thank you again, for your ongoing generosity and prayers.*

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Many interesting articles to read, great value for only \$2.00. Please purchase your copy from the back table at the main entrance of the Church.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Keep up to date with the happenings in our Parish Catholic Primary School. The School Newsletter is available at all the tables at the Entrance of the Church to take home.

UNDERSTANDING & SUPPORTING THE JOURNEY WITH DEMENTIA: Monday 28 September 9.00am – 3.30pm at Micah House, 35a Cordeaux St Campbelltown. For more enquiries contact Carmen Karauda on 4640 8515 or carmen.karauda@catholiccare.dow.org.au Cost for the workshop is \$10 and Registration essential 24 September (Campbelltown) as places are limited to Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au

EMBRACING FAMILY: PARISH, SCHOOL & BEYOND – FAMILY MINISTRY CONFERENCE 2015: Friday 30 October – Saturday 31 October at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Come along and experience a day or 2 of speakers and workshops exploring how we can better support families. For more information go to www.familyconverence.dow.org.au or phone Darren McDowell on 4222 2463 or email cfl@dow.org.au

FATHER'S DAY BLESSING

A Prayer For Fathers

God our Father,
In your wisdom and love you made all things.
Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of parenting.
Bless those who have lost a spouse to death, separation, or divorce, and who are parenting their children alone.
Strengthen all Dads by your love that they may become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen!

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue is currently in the home of *The Robinson Family. The family will be praying the Rosary on Monday 7th and 14th September at 7.30pm.* The address is on the main noticeboard of the Church.
If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry please phone Bev on: 4625 0659

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Monday 7th September: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 8th September: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in the Parish Centre, new Members are most welcome
Thursday 10th September: 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 a laugh.
Friday 11th September: 7.30pm The Sacrament of Confirmation
Tuesday 15th September: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall
Wednesday 16th September: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Hall

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 12th Sept: Louise Phillips and Maureen Molland
9.00am Mass: Sunday 13th Sept: Catherine Minogue and Julie Writer
Vigil Mass: Saturday 19th Sept: Bertha Barbari and Bev McKenzie
9.00am Mass. Sunday 20th Sept: Fay and Junior Faamau

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS: (Could the 2nd Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)

Vigil Mass: Saturday 12th Sept: Andrew James and Pauline Menzies
9.00am Mass: Sunday 13th Sept: Feyise and Tess Writer
Vigil Mass: Saturday 19th Sept: Pauline and Gabby Menzies
9.00am Mass: Sunday 20th Sept: Pamela Samaha and Julie Writer

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 12th Sept: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Fay Faamau, Rosa & Manuel Herrera and Colleen Jablonskis
Saturday 19th Sept: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 12th Sept: Carmel Munro
9.00am Mass: Sunday 13th Sept: Barry Daley
Vigil Mass: Saturday 19th Sept: Help needed
9.00am Mass: Sunday 20th Sept: Brian and Gwen Harris

FLOWER ARRANGER'S FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 12th Sept: Christine and Carmel
Saturday 19th Sept: Christine Gomes

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 9.00am MASS: (Sunday 20th September): Ruse Tongan Community