24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Child Protection Sunday)

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11th 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

<u>GLUTEN FREE HOSTS (ALTAR BREAD)</u>: 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

We congratulate the 40 Candidates who made the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish last weekend, their families and Sponsor's. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

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.

PARISH LADIES GROUP: FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE:

Congratulations to the following winners: Norm Roberts, Vera Cleary, Colleen Jablonskis, Rosa Herrera, Fr Andrew and Michael Bye.

Thank you to 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. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ruth Condon (Anniv), 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: 11th: Denise Goodall & Samuel McMurray 14th: Col Davis

Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary for this week: 11th: John and Bertha Berbari (38 years)

Belated Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary: 31st August: Marilyn & Bill Fabry (48 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 <u>ruse@dow.org.au</u>

<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</u> 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 LITTLE FOLLOWERS (playtime): Is held on Tuesday mornings during the School Terms, from 9.30am – 11.30am in our Parish Hall. *The Little Followers Playtime will hold its last day for term 3, this Tuesday 13th September, Time 9:30am to 11:30am and will resume on Tuesday 11th October, Time 9:30am to 11:30am.*

If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

<u>ALTAR SERVERS WANTED</u>: Boys and Girls who have made their First Holy Communion and would like to be trained to Serve at Mass. Please leave your name and contact details on the clipboard in the Sacristy after Mass. You will be contacted for when the training session/s will be held.

<u>ST VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER APPEAL</u>: 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 <u>CHURCH THANK YOU:</u> 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 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.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – IN SUPPORT OF SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY: In our Diocese, this support is funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal, which will be held in our parish next weekend. 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 and retired clergy who have dedicated their lives in service of the Church. For the first time, donations can also be made online, via the Diocese of Wollongong's website www.dow.org.au

<u>ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL</u> 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.

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 <u>helen.bennett@dow.org.au</u>

HARTZER PARK SIX DAY GUIDED RETREAT "The Parables of Jesus" Presenter: Fr Michael Hickey CP Friday 23 September - Thursday 29 September 2016, Hartzer Park 25 Eridge Park Rd Bowral. Cost \$550. RSVP by 16 Sept Cathy or Sr Jenny on 0248613223 or email hartzprk@bigpond.net.au

<u>CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:</u> Please note the following until further notice:

Tuesday	9.30am Communion Service
Wednesday	9.30am Mass/Communion Service
Thursday	9.30am Communion Service
Friday	9.30am Mass/Communion Service

Until further notice there will be no Communion Service on a Saturday morning

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:

Tuesday 13th September 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre (come along to hear about all their good works

Thursday 22nd September: *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:

<u>USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:</u> Vigil Mass: Saturday 17th Sept: Vicki Horne Sunday 9.00am Mass: Sunday 18th Sept: Gwen & Brian Harris Vigil Mass: Saturday 24th Sept: Carmel Munro Sunday 9.00am Mass: Sunday 25th Sept: Barry Daley

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 17th Sept: Bertha Berbari & Louise Phillips Sunday 9.00am Mass: 18th Sept: Fay & Junior Faamau Vigil Mass: 24th Sept: Maureen Molland & Winnie Cameron Sunday 9.00am Mass: 25th Sept: Helen Rawson & Annette Read

READERS' FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 17th Sept: Tara Small & Bev McKenzie Sunday 9.00am Mass: 18th Sept: Pesio & Noelle Aiga Vigil Mass: 24th Sept: Julie McKenzie & May Michelutti Sunday 9.00am Mass: 25th Sept: Feyise Writer & Maureen Molland

<u>CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:</u> Saturday 17th Sept: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community Saturday 24th Sept: Group 5 Samoan Divine Mercy Group

<u>REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00AM MASS:</u> Sunday 18th September: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Colleen Jablonkis, May Michelutti and Maria Hill

The Church earnestly desires that the faithful be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations called for by the very nature of the liturgy.

Such participation by the Christian people as 'a a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people' is their right and duty by reason of their Baptism.

In the reform and promotion of the liturgy, this full and active participation by tall the people is the aim to be considered before all else, for it is the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit ...

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