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CATHOLIC CHURCH - DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG

St. THOMAS MORE PARISH, RUSE

WELCOMES YOU

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Healy

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

11th OCTOBER 2020



"The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet."

Matthew 22:8-9.

FIRST READING - Isaiah 25:6-10.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord.
(R.) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING -

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20.
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
(R.) Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING -

Matthew 22:1-14.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.



Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved

to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.

The Gospel of the Lord.
(R.) Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

REFLECTION - by Fr Michael Tate.

The servants of the king went out and gathered in 'all whom they found, good and evil alike'. They respond, drawn by the attractive prospect of sharing in the life of the Lord of the Feast, and they are welcomed, whether good or evil.

What about the king's (God's) question to the wedding guest? 'My friend, how come you are here without a wedding garment?' The guest might have replied: 'Because of dire poverty', or 'Lack of time', but the story goes on, 'But the guest was silent'. The guest was tongue-tied because he was caught out having decided not to enter into the spirit of the occasion.

That is why, at every baptism, we look for a signal of commitment to respond to the spirit of the occasion, by the wearing of a white garment. This anticipates the later receiving of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of the Feast of Heaven.

We could pause for a moment at this Mass to enter into the Spirit of the occasion wearing the garment of our baptismal commitment.

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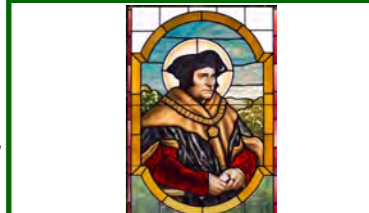


TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER
9.30am. - Mass.
WEDNESDAY 14th OCTOBER
9.30am. - Mass.
THURSDAY 15th OCTOBER
9.30am. - Mass.
FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER
9.30am. - Mass.

RECONCILIATION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER
Saturday Vigil for 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
6.00pm. - Mass.
SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
9.00am. - Mass.

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**STEWARDSHIP
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

In today's second reading, St. Paul thanks the Philippians for being willing to share in his hardships and promises that God, in turn, will fully supply all their needs.

Our God truly cannot be outdone in generosity!

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
18th OCTOBER 2020
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

First Reading:
Isaiah 45:1-6.

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Second Reading:
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5.

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 22:15-21.

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

HUMOUR CORNER

MUSLIMS IN IRELAND

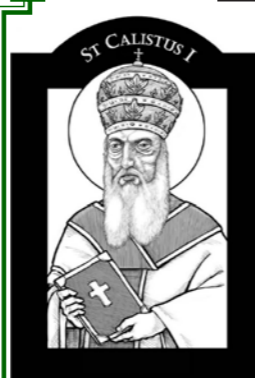
Eight-year-old Mohammad entered his classroom on the first day of school.
"What's your name?", asked Paddy, the teacher.
"Mohammad," he replied.
"You're in Ireland now," replied the teacher. "So from now on you will be known as Mick."
Mohammad returned home after school.

"How was your day, Mohammad?", his mother asked.
"My name is not Mohammad..... I'm in Ireland, and now my name is Mick."
"Are you ashamed of your name?
Are you trying to Dishonour your parents, your heritage, your religion? Shame on you!" And his mother beat him up.
Then she called his father, who beat him up again.

The next day Muhammad returned to school. The teacher saw all of his bruises.
"What happened to you, Mick?", he asked.

"Well, shortly after becoming an Irishman, I was attacked by two Muslims."

ST CALISTUS I



St Calistus I was born a slave and worked for a Christian master named Carpophorus. His master put him in charge of a bank, but Calistus lost the money to bad debts and fearing punishment he fled Rome. After his capture, Calistus worked in a treadmill and then the mines of Sardinia, before being released with a number of other Christians to become a free man. Pope Zephyrinus put Calistus in charge of the Roman burial grounds (known today as the 'Cemetery of St Calistus') and he became a deacon. In 217 AD, he was elected pope in a brief and controversial reign, which saw the readmission to communion for repentant murderers and adulterers. He also preached that differences in economic class should not be a barrier to marriage - a teaching which put him in conflict with Roman civil law and sparked riots that led to his death.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



11th October 2020

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.

“Anymore who welcomes you, welcomes me and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.”

Matthew 10:40

DO YOU WISH TO ATTEND A WEEKEND MASS?

You cannot just turn up for Mass as previously!! You HAVE TO REGISTER WITH THE PARISH OFFICE BY THE FRIDAY (12noon) BEFORE THE WEEKEND MASSES.

We are unable to accommodate more than 70 in our church, and it will not be possible to admit parishioners who have not pre-registered.

Please arrive early for Mass (at least 15 minutes beforehand). Church doors are locked as Mass begins, No collections are taken up at Mass. Usual Parish Collection donations can be placed in the baskets provided on the table at the Church entrance door. If you are elderly (70 years +) or not feeling well, the ruling states that, (for your own safety) YOU MUST STAY AT HOME.

After entering the Church for Mass, your hands will be sanitized and your temperature taken. (This is obligatory) then a Monitor will show you to your RESERVED seat, where **Social distancing (4 sq meters)** must be strictly observed, (except for people of the same house-hold). Holy Communion (in a single file) **must** be Received in the hand. **You** are to sanitize your hands again as you leave the Church and **Nobody** will be permitted to socially assemble in the courtyard before, during and after Mass.

2020 World Mission Appeal – Cambodia: “For the Joy of the Lord is your STRENGTH” Nehemian 8:10. This Appeal will be held in our Parish next weekend (17th/18th October).

This year’s Catholic Mission Church Appeal highlights the important work of the Church in Cambodia, which aims to reach out to those who have been affected by disability, and give them hope and support to live a fulfilling life. With every country around the world affected in some way by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important that now, more than ever, we stand together in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and support them in any way we can.

For more details and/or to donate please either Freecall: 1800 257 296 or email: catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia

WE WELCOME into our Christian Community: **Harper Mae McIntosh** who was Baptised last weekend.

PARISH COLLECTIONS: With the current situation it is imperative that you please keep up your weekly contributions, as the Parish runs on a limited budget and without these regular contributions to both the First and Second Collections, we will be in real financial difficulties. For this reason, I strongly encourage parishioners who currently give by envelope to change to Direct Debit or Credit Card contributions (please read the following notice on how to arrange this or contact the Parish Office) to ensure the regular income of the parish continues. **I Thank you.** Otherwise, please drop your Planned Giving Envelope Contribution into the secure letter box outside the Church in Acacia Ave, each week. Please don’t forget the first collection for the sustenance of the clergy (as we still have to live too!) For this collection please place your donation in a plain envelope and mark it ‘FIRST COLLECTION’ and drop it in the secure letter box outside the Church in Acacia Ave.

ELECTRONIC PARISH PLANNED GIVING: Parishes are urgently needing the ongoing financial support of parishioners more than ever, as their overhead costs will not change. The majority of parishioners give physically to their parish in the first and second collection baskets during Mass, we are encouraging all parishioners to join the electronic parish planned giving program. The Diocese have created a page with 2 simple options for parishioners to give to their local parish electronically. You can view the page and forms at the following link: <https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving>. If you have any questions about the form, please contact the CDF Wollongong: Trevor Kellam at trevor.kellam@dow.org.au
Thank you once again for your continued support of our Parish of St Thomas More, Ruse.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The Parishioners and Visitor’s to our Parish over the previous 4 weekends congratulate the **31** children who made the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in our Parish.
Thank you to the many people (Fr Michael, The Sacramental Team, Teacher’s and Families) who had assisted in the preparation of the Children for this Sacrament.
Special thank you on behalf of the First Holy Communion Children and their Families: to Fr Michael, The Sacramental Team and Teacher’s for assisting in helping to prepare our children for this Sacrament. **Thank you** also to the Powerpoint Creator, Church Cleaners’ and Organist.

CONFIRMATION is scheduled for early November. The Information and Enrolment Form/s have been given out and returned. The Parents/Carer’s will be given more information ASAP.

THANKYOU: Parishioner’s and Visitor’s to our Parish Masses during the week and weekends, who help with the santising of their seats plus the many areas that are touched eg: door handles, the Lecturn, Sactuary etc.

PARISH CHURCH CLEANER’S:
17th Oct: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy
24th Oct: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau, Colleen Jablonskis and Kerry Walker

BAPTISM: If you wish for your child to be Baptised in our Parish, please contact the Parish Office during Office Hours, so that a suitable date can be organized for the celebration. Due to COVID-19 we are currently having only 1 Baptism per Sunday.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: All the people who have died in this current pandemic, the recently deceased and whose anniversaries that occur at this time: Bernardino Espinola (Dec’d), Robert (Bobby) Cameron, Ida Sa Cordeiro, Renato Sa Cordeiro, Michael Hennessy, Fr Anthony (Tony) Daly), Bernard Hoffmann, John Read, Alice Harris, Mary Writer, Ladislav Feher, Beryl Ford, Jim McKenzie, Marguerite (Marg) Davis, Maree Laming, Jay Jablonskis, Deborah Rix and Maurya Hutton. **May they Rest in Peace**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: For the **many** sick in our Parish Community including: Trish Spackman, Katy Carolan, Jan Vaughan, Peter Gabas, Ron Fredericks, Kathleen Sidebottom, Kerry Walker, Jessica Nilsson, David Jabour, Dennis Jabour, Samantha Glover, Shirley Starr, Kenny Wilson, Antonio David, Mary Dolan, Frank Byron, Sean Scanlon, Kellie Brandes, Brian Harris, Francisco Carmona, David Minogue, Daphne and Edmund Pew, Steve Foreman, Luke Van Der Burg, Briege Glover, Fr John Whitty, Elaine Hoffmann, Betty Berthon, Moria Harris, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, Aimiti Seufatu, John Hill, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Jeannie and George Nicholson, Mary Fredericks and Flynn Griffiths.

FOR ANY PARISHIONERS: who would like to have their birthdays and/or wedding anniversaries included in the Parish Bulletin, please contact the Parish Office: 4628 2967 or email: ruse@dow.org.au.

Parishioner’s Birthdays this coming week:

11th: Marian Cross & Catherine Minogue

12th: Wilfred Miranda & Pearce Nelson

14th: Ron Fredericks & Sueina Nelson

15th: Therese Berbari

Parishioner’s Wedding Anniversary this coming week:

16th: Maria & Alfred (Bernie) Hill (39 years)

VINNIES APPEAL: Your St Vincent de Paul Conference was unable to run the Winter Appeal in 2020. However, there remain many people in need and anyone able to make a cash donation is encouraged to do so. Simply, visit www.vinnies.org.au/donate or call **13 18 12** to make a secure donation. All donations of \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

2021 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR’S: Are for sale from the Parish Office for the bargain price of \$9.00 each. These make terrific Christmas Presents.

THANK YOU to our Parishioners: who are keeping our Parish grounds mowed and our gardens looking well loved. People who come to worship here often comment on our beautiful surroundings. **Thank you for your time and talents you give.**

WISHING ALL OUR PARISH SCHOOL CHILDREN: The very best for Term 4 with their continued studies.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please contact the School Office on 4625 6561 for School enquiries. To keep up-to-date with the happenings in our Parish Catholic Primary School please use this link to read their School newsletter: <https://stmdow.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=50>



AROUND THE DIOCESE:

DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG MASS ONLINE: For all of the online Mass options – please visit the Dow website <https://dow.sh/dailymass>. Members of the faithful are urged to keep holy the Lord’s Day by making an act of Spiritual Communion.

THE DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG WEEKLY PODCAST: The Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast – ‘The Journey’ – **11th October:** don’t miss the great music, stories and God spots on our weekly Podcast. Uploaded every Friday for free download – go to www.jcr.org.au

PARISH RENEWAL: Reflecting n Pope Francis’ Recent Instruction on Parish Life: Online Sessions in 3 Parts – between 12 October -13 November. Visit: www.dow.org.au/news-and-events for more information or contact Darren on daren.mcdowell@dow.org.au

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Marriage Enrichment Weekend 20-22 November 2020 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Book online at www.wvme.org.au Alternatively contact Christine & Terry on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wvme.org.au

YOUTH MINISTRY ONLINE: Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong has launched LIVE -Check it out at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdC-Q7-OVY>. great way. To get in touch with the NET team and be part of this, simply follow the “CYMW” Facebook page or by Instagram at “wollongongnetteam”.

PRAYER RESOURCES for INDIVIDUALS and FAMILIES: these include daily prayers and readings, prayer services, the Sunday Office commentaries, homilies and reflections as well as Gospel based activities and resources to support personal and family prayer. Go to: liturgyhelp.com/aus/woll/pray and follow the prompts to access.

FAITH CIRCLES: free small group resource: Is available to download at www.faithcircles.dow.org.au or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.

CatholicCARE- Have you thought about becoming a foster carer? Needed is foster carers who provide love, care and support to help these children thrive and reach their full potential. For more information please either call 0418 783 956 or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au> .

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