

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



23rd October 2016
Year C

THE YEAR OF MERCY
(2016 World Mission Sunday)

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"*

CATHOLIC GLUTEN FREE HOSTS (ALTAR BREADS): 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.

MISSION WORLD MISSION APPEAL: *Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.* Through its partnership with Mercy Works, Catholic Mission supports community leaders like Steven Dude in Papua New Guinea to engage with their communities and be instrument of peace, so they can find consolation, understanding and love, and heal the wounds caused by domestic violence and broken relationships. By supporting the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal today, or by partnering with us through your monthly gift, you are helping community leaders in Papua New Guinea receive training so they can advocate for their communities and allow them to find peace through mercy. Freecall: 1800 257 296 or catholicmission.org.au/PNG

CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Please note the following until further notice:
Tuesday 9.30am Mass
Wednesday 9.30am Mass
Thursday 9.30am Mass
Friday 9.30am Mass
Please note the time change (only) for: Wednesday 2nd November – All Soul's Day Mass will be at 9.00am and 7.00pm

Please continue to keep in your prayers the HSC students of the Parish (and their families) who are currently sitting their exams and also for anyone else sitting exams.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Is held during the Sunday 9.00am Mass (during School Terms) for children in Kindergarten to Year 6 (inclusive).

NOVEMBER: *Is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2nd November and praying the Lord's Prayer for the pope's intentions Norm 15,7*

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: *All Masses will be offered for the deceased relatives and friends of all our Parishioners. We will record all the names that have been given in the Parish Book of Remembrance, set up in the Sacred Space. Please notify either Fr Ross or the Parish Office should you wish to include deceased relatives and/or friends in the Book of Remembrance.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Baptist D'Sa, Keith Gomes, Ruth Condon, 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:** Natalie Dwyer, 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, Jeannie and George Nicholson, and Mary Fredericks.

Parishioner's Birthday's for this week:
25th: *Christine Goodall*

Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary for this week:
25th: *Trish and Paul Newman (43 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 ruse@dow.org.au

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **Brooklyn Andrew Addison** who was Baptised last weekend.

ST THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME: Tuesday's 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.

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.

NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY: This survey will be held in all Parishes and Masses centres in our Diocese in the coming month. It is also conducted in more than 3000 other Christian Churches across the country and has been held every 5 years for the last 25 years. Bishop Peter has asked every parishioner to be involved and so have a chance to say what they think about the life and health of the Church in our Diocese. **More details to come as to when our Parish will be holding this Survey.**

PARISH PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM: If you would like to join our Planned Giving Program, either using the envelopes or by Direct Debit, forms are available on the tables near the church entrance doors.

Thank you for all who are generous to our Parish.

MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR PLAYING AT MASS: especially on 4th Sunday of the month and any Saturday. We have both an organ and keyboard, but would welcome anyone who also plays guitar. Mentoring would be available to anyone who is willing to share their talents. **If interested, please ring the Parish Office and leave your details, and a member of the music ministry will contact you.**

2017 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR: Is for sale from the Parish Piety Stall for \$9.00 per copy. These make an excellent Christmas present. Plus look at the vast array of goods for sale.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: The latest School Newsletter is available to take home on all tables at the entrance of the Church. Read and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

CHURCH WARNING ABOUT SAFE SCHOOLS PROGRAM: Despite a Federal Government Review, the Safe Schools Program that operates in many Government Schools remains unsuitable for children and young people, and the controversial and extreme gender theory promoted by the Safe Schools coalition is of serious concern. Parents / families of State School Children are urged to ensure their children are not exposed to this content, by exercising their right to withdraw children from these classes.

SAME SEX MARRIAGE – A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE
Saturday 5 November, 10am-12noon: St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Campbelltown.
Monica Doumit from *Catholic Talk* will discuss a Catholic perspective on the same sex marriage question followed by Q&A and morning tea. Cost: Gold Coin donation. **Bookings: secretary@msjn.org**

MAKING DISCIPLES: NURTURING, GROWING AND SHARING FAITH: Tuesday 8 November, 7:30pm-9:30pm: in our Parish Hall. We all want to pass on our faith to family, friends and those who are not fully engaged within our faith communities. We desire our communities to be places where people grow and become sharers in our joy and love of God. In this time together we will explore ways in which we can more effectively support and foster this growth in faith within and beyond our family and parish. Also included is a sneak-peek at the new *Alpha* series, come and see what it's all about. **Registration essential by Friday 4 November to Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au**

THE ROSARY – A SYNTHESIS OF THE HISTORY OF GOD'S MERCY: Pope Francis, speaking at the Vigil of the Marian Jubilee (10 October 2016) said: "Praying the rosary does not remove us from the problems of life. On the contrary, it demands that we immerse ourselves in the history of each day so as to grasp the signs of God's presence in our midst." He also said "The mysteries we have contemplated are concrete events by which God's intervention on our behalf develops. Through prayer and meditation on the life of Jesus Christ, we see once more his merciful countenance which he shows to everyone in all the many needs of life. Mary accompanies us along this journey, pointing to her Son who radiates the very mercy of the Father."

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 25th October: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the *Parish Centre* (come along to hear about all their good works)
Monday 31st October: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class (for November) in the Parish Centre
Thursday 3rd November: 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 laughs

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 29th Oct: Chantelle Barbari
9.00am Mass: Sunday 30th Oct: Chris Reddy & Helen Rawson
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5th Nov: Carmel Munro
9.00am Mass: Sunday 6th Nov: Christine Foreman & Catherine Minogue

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 29th Oct: James Munro & Louise Phillips
9.00am Mass: Sunday 30th Oct: Annette Read & Helen Rawson
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5th Nov: Winnie Cameron & Bev McKenzie
9.00am Mass: Sunday 6th Nov: Catherine Minogue

READERS' FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 29th Oct: David Minogue & Pauline Menzies
9.00am Mass: Sunday 30th Oct: Chris & Brian O'Brien
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5th Nov: Gabby Menzies & James Munro
9.00am Mass: Sunday 6th Nov: Pesio & Noelle Aiga

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 29th Oct: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Fay Faamau, Rosa & Manuel Herrera & Colleen Jablonskis
Saturday 5th Nov: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group