

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A



**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 welcome the one who sent me".  
Matthew 10:40*

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS:** If you require *Low Gluten Hosts* for Holy Communion please see Fr Michael *before* Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

**IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN OUR PARISH:** Who is ill/or unable to come to Mass and would like to have Holy Communion please either inform Fr Michael or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We have 2 Acolyte's who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.

**APPOINTMENT OF FR MICHAEL HEALY AS PERMANENT PRIEST IN RESIDENCE:**



It is with great pleasure and prayerful thanks we welcome Fr Michael Healy as St Thomas More Catholic Parish Ruse, Parish Priest, from this week. Fr Michael had been the Parish Priest at St John the Evangelist Parish, Campbelltown for the last 19 years. His experience and knowledge of the Campbelltown community will be most valued and appreciated.

As Pastor of our Parish, we are looking forward to working with Fr Healy in the development of our future as we continue to grow in the fulfilment of our Faith. After the best part of a year without an incumbent Parish Priest, our prayers have been answered.

**Welcome! Welcome! Welcome Fr Michael!**

Mike Young

On Behalf of St Thomas More Parish Pastoral Council!

*Our Parish has gone through many things this past 11 months both tragic and positive. The untimely passing of our Parish Priest, Fr Tony on the 29<sup>th</sup> February, his Vigil and Funeral. The celebration of the Church's opening 30 years ago (25<sup>th</sup> June), The Parish Ladies Group hosting the High Tea 11<sup>th</sup> September. The Easter and Christmas Celebrations. The many Baptisms and Weddings, the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.*

*We were Blessed last year with the Pastoral support of Fr Hugh Dowdell, Fr Michael Healy, Fr Lucas Myint, the Carmelite Priests, the Franciscan Friars, Fr Andrew Granc ofm, Fr Ross Naylor and Fr Mark De Battista*

*Thank you to all who have worked for and been of service to our Parish in so many, many ways over the past year. Your sense of responsibility, regular service, generosity, support, hospitality, courtesy, integrity and deep faith are most appreciated.*

*We pray that the Holy Spirit will lead us into the New Year with confidence to guide us forward in our journey with a sense of hope, peace and confidence.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:**

John (Jack) McInerney, Ev McInerney, Jim McKenzie, Mary McInerney, Maurya Hutton, Fr Tony Daly, Ken Dewick, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Josephine and Frank McKay, Ladislav Feher, Genie Lynch, Alice Harris and Maria Cabonara. **May internal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community *including:* Pio Byron, Elaine Hoffmann, Cathy Bye, Natalie Dwyer, Aimiti Seufatu, Robert Berthaly, Ken Flemming, Bryce Smith, 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:**  
18<sup>th</sup>: *Rosalie Vine & Eleanor Barbari*

*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)*

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community *Lucas James Bleeks* who was Baptised last weekend.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February.

The Executive will meet on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January to set the Agenda.

If any Parishioner has items they wish to be discussed at the meeting, please send an email with agenda points to either [mikemyoung@bigpond.com](mailto:mikemyoung@bigpond.com) or [annettefread@gmail.com](mailto:annettefread@gmail.com) by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January if possible.

**PARISH MAINTENANCE:** A reminder regarding the Parish Maintenance book on the main table at the entrance of the Church. You can either write in the book or phone/email the Parish Office, if you are aware or notice anything that is in need of repair.

**PARISH PLANNED GIVING:** Planned Giving is essential to the running costs of the Parish. Did you know that you can contribute in several ways: *Weekly Envelopes, Direct Debit* from your Bank Account, *Direct Credit* by electronically transferring funds (EFT) from your Bank Account direct to the St Thomas More Church Account and Irregular contributions. (The Direct Credit facility means that you control when you contribute but you need to join the Planned Giving Program to ensure that your contribution is recognized in our Finance System.)

*If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or e-mail: [ruse@parish.woll.catholic.org.au](mailto:ruse@parish.woll.catholic.org.au). Thank you.*

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Great value for only \$2.00 each, many interesting articles for your perusal.

**MESSAGE TO THE READERS:** I am organising a Readers Workshop with our former coordinator Julie W and would like to invite all the readers especially the new ones to come and join. We would like to conduct this on a date when most of us are more likely available and hopefully on no later than 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (before Lent). To decide on the date, I would like to hear from you your availability. There is a clipboard near the church entrance where you can list down your name and preferred day and time. I am looking forward for more attendees and thank you so much for dedicating your precious time to this ministry. - May

**LOVE AND MARRIAGE ACCORDING TO POPE FRANCIS 10-12 February 2017 Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Rd Varroville.** Lead by Fr Elio Capra this retreat will explore the theology and the spirituality underpinning Pope Francis' *The Joy of Love, Amoris Laetitia*. This retreat is for families, young people preparing for marriage and for all interested parishioners. Registration essential to the Retreat Centre on 8795 3400

**DIOCESAN FEBRUARY 2017 LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING CALENDAR:** Registration essential to Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au).

**Saturday 11 February 2017:**

*Acolytes and Adult Altar Servers, 10:00am - 4:00pm*  
St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown.

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, 10:00am - 1:00pm:* St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown. *Led by Bishop Peter Ingham and members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission; morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided*

**Saturday 25 February 2017: Communion of the Sick and Dying** (Pre-requisite of prior training as an Acolyte, Adult Altar Server or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion): **10:00am - 2:30pm:** St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown *Led by Members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission; morning tea and lunch provided.*

**DIOCESAN "JOURNEY" SUMMER EDITION:** Is available on all the tables at the entrance of the Church. This edition has many articles and images for you digest over the coming weeks during the Christmas break, so take a few extra copies and give them out to your family and friends.

**IMPORTANT FEAST DAYS FOR 2017**

*Ash Wednesday:* 1<sup>st</sup> March

*Easter Sunday:* 16<sup>th</sup> April

*Pentecost:* 4 June

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* (Holy Day of Obligation): Tuesday 15 August

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** *During the Christmas Season and School holidays, the Rosary Statue will not be going to Parishioners Homes.*

*I would like to thank the families of our Parish who had our Parish Rosary Statue in their homes this year. I wish you all a joyous Christmas and God's Blessings.*

*If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry in 2017 please phone Bev on: 4625 0659.*

**PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

**EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan: Bev McKenzie & Bertha Barbari**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan: Catherine Minogue & Annette Read**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan: Winnie Cameron & Maureen Molland**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan: Helen Rawson & Julie Writer**

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

*Vigil Mass: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan: Bev McKenzie & Kerry Hennessy*

*9.00am Mass: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan: Julie Writer & Andrew Truong*

*Vigil Mass: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan: Marisel King & Bev McKenzie*

*9.00am Mass: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan: Christine Foreman & Julie Writer*

**USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

*Vigil Mass: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan: Chantal Barbari*

*9.00am Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan: Chris Reddy & Helen Rawson*

*Vigil Mass: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan: Carmel Munro*

*9.00am Mass: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan: Christine Foreman & Catherine Minogue*

**CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS**

*Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan: Syro-Malabar Indian Community*

*Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Colleen Jablonskis, Fay Faamua, Rosa and Manuel Herrera*



Father,

*May the Grace of our Baptism ground us in our faith, open us to hope and guide us in love*

Amen