

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

31st January 2016
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"*

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS (ALTAR BREAD): 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.

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 let Fr Tony or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We have 2 Acolyte's and Fr Tony who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.*

WE WELCOME: Our Kindergarten students who will be commencing the beginning of their School Life this coming week.

MERCY: Lenten Program 2016: There is a clipboard on the back table of the Church, if you would like to host a Lenten group or attend please put your name down with your contact details. Or if you wish to purchase a book and/or Triple CD Resource (Digital download) please contact Jennifer on 4222 2411 or email at orders@dow.org.au.

LENT TIMETABLE 2016:

Ash Wednesday: 10th February:
9.00am Mass and Ashes
7.30pm Mass and Ashes
Stations of the Cross will be every Friday evening during Lent in the Parish Church at 7.30pm

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday 24th March:
7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper, then Altar of Repose till 11.30pm
Friday 25th March: GOOD FRIDAY
10.00am: Stations of the Cross
3.00pm: The Passion of the Lord
7.30pm: Evening Prayer of Divine Office
Saturday 26th March: HOLY SATURDAY
7.00pm: Easter Vigil Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)
Sunday 27th March: SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
9.00am: Easter Sunday Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Mario Sala, Maree and Noel Laming, Kerry Hennessy, Betty White, Rita Jowsey, Anna Kovac, Jeannie and George Nicholson, Stevie Dilen, Bill Eccleston, 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, and Mary Fredericks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Naomi Gomes, Fr George Ryan (past Parish Priest at Eaglevale), Dominico Marfia, Mark Wilson, Genie Lynch, Michael Bartolo, Barry Ford, Eileen (Connie) Daly, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Mary Writer, Deborah Rix, Josephine and Frank McKay, Bernard Hoffmann, and Maria Cabonara. **May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.**

Parishioners' Birthday for this week:

1st: **Margaret Davis**
3rd: **Michael Cabonara**
4th: **Bernadine Walsh**

Parishioners Wedding Anniversary for this week:

5th: **Cathy and Michael Bye (44 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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2016: Returns today (Sunday 31st January) during the 9.00am Mass. This is for School aged children from Kindergarten to Year 6 inclusive. If you would like more information on this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on: 0421802132.

RETURNING OF OLD EASTER PALMS: Ash Wednesday is fast approaching (Wed 10th Feb), if you have any Palms that you wish to return please either leave them in the basket (near where the Catholic Weekly is sold) or the Parish Office (during Office Hours) by the 7th February. Thanking you in anticipation.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL TEAM: We are looking for interested people to join the Parish Sacramental Team. This Ministry prepares candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation which are: Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. This is a very rewarding form of Catechesis (teaching). **Our first meeting is to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and will be held this Wednesday 3rd February at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre. Please see Fr Tony for any enquiries.**

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2016:

First Reconciliation: (For Baptised children in Year 3 and above). **Parent/Carer Information Night: Wednesday 17th February at 7.30pm** in the Parish Church. Parent's/Carer's have to attend for your child to make this Sacrament. Classes will commence on Sunday 21st February.

First Holy Communion (Eucharist): (For Baptised Children in Year 3 and above and have made the Sacrament of Reconciliation). **Parent/Carer Information Night: Wednesday 6th April at 7.30pm** in the Parish Church. Parent's/Carer's have to attend for your child to make this Sacrament. Classes will commence on Sunday 24th April.

Confirmation: Date to be announced.

If you have any enquiries regarding any of the Sacraments please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 during Office Hours.

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. Irregular contributions. (The Direct Credit facility is new and 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 46282867 or e-mail: ruse@parish.woll.catholic.org.au. Thank you.**

CALLED TO MINISTRY? Have you considered serving our parish as an Acolyte, Adult Altar Server, or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? The 2016 Diocesan Training courses in these ministries are scheduled for **Saturday 13 February**, with institution and commissioning ceremonies to be held during May. More information about these ministries on the website <http://www.liturgydow.org.au/ministry.html>. You can express your interest in any of these ministries using the form at: <http://www.liturgydow.org.au/expression-of-interest.html>.

The times for each of the Ministry training are:
Acolytes and Adult Altar Servers: 10am - 4pm.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 10am - 1pm
Sacramental Preparation Coordinators and Team Members (Special In-Service) 20 February 2016, 10am - 1pm
All the training will be held at: Xavier Conference Centre Ingham and Wilson Rooms, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong.
If wish to attend any of these training days please see Fr Tony.

MEETING THE GOD WHO WANTS TO MEET YOU" ..a day for the young people of our diocese. Saturday 6th February, Benedictine Abbey 695 Jamberoo Mountain Rd, Jamberoo. Led by: Sr. Hilda. For more information and Registration (essential) please phone: Petrina on 42 36 0533. There is no cost.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE:

*The Rosary Statue will be in the home of Beverley and Julie on Monday 1st and 8th February at 4.00pm. The address is on the main notice board.
If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry in 2016, please phone Bev on: 4625 0659*



Monday 1st February: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group Meeting and AGM (1st for 2016)
Tuesday 2nd February: 10.00am Catechist's meeting in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 2nd February: 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre (1st for 2016)
Wednesday 3rd February: 7.00pm Sacramental Team meeting in the Parish Centre (preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation)
Tuesday 9th February: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre, all are most welcome to the meeting and hear about the good works of St Vincent de Paul
Thursday 11th February: 9.30am Retiree's Social Group Gathering in the Parish Hall, all retiree's over 55 are most welcome. Come along for a chat, cuppa and a laugh etc.
Thursday 11th February: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Centre (first for 2016)

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 6th Feb: Trish Newman and Maureen Molland
9.00am Mass: Sunday 7th Feb: Fay and Junior Faamau
Vigil Mass: Saturday 13th Feb: Louise Phillips and Bev McKenzie
9.00am Mass: Sunday 14th Feb: Helen Rawson and Annette Read

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
(Could the 2nd Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)
Vigil Mass: Saturday 6th Feb: Pauline Menzies
9.00am Mass: Sunday 7th Feb: Brian O'Brien and Pesio Aiga
Vigil Mass: Saturday 13th Feb: James Munro and Louise Phillips
9.00am Mass: Sunday 14th Feb: Pesio Aiga and May Michelutti

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS
Saturday 6th Feb: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy
Saturday 13th Feb: Group 6: Tongan Youth Group

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 6th Feb: Vicky Horne
9.00am Mass: Sunday 7th Feb: Chris Reddy & Helen Rawson
Vigil Mass: Saturday 13th Feb: Carmel Munro
9.00am Mass: Sunday 14th Feb: Gwen and Brian Harris

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SUNDAY 9.00am MASS:
Sunday 14th February: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Colleen Jablonskis and Maria Hill.

