

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
1<sup>st</sup> May 2016



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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 the Acolytes before Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community *Marley Jennifer Thornell* and *Indianna Rose Dredge* who were Baptised last weekend.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Melanie Blessing, Liban (Wako) Family, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Brian Harris, 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: Angelina Cameron, Mary Writer, Fr Anthony (Tony) Daly, Betty White, Ladislav Feher, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, 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.*

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CANNOT COME TO MASS:** We have Members of our Parish Community who visit parishioners and bring Communion every week to those who are ill or elderly and unable to come to Mass. Please encourage them (or a family member) to contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 during Office Hours.

**FATHER TONY'S PONTIFICAL FUNERAL MEMORIAL CARD:** We have Fr Tony's Memorial Cards available for you to take home. They are available on all the tables at the entrance of the Church.

**Parishioners' Birthday for this week:**

30<sup>th</sup> April: *Bill Molland*

2<sup>nd</sup> May: *Mike Young*

5<sup>th</sup>: *Gwen Harris*

6<sup>th</sup>: *Megan Mahanay and Joanne Griffin*

**Wedding Anniversary for this week:**

7<sup>th</sup> May: *Margaret & Col Davis (52 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](mailto:ruse@dow.org.au)*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Please keep in your prayers the 55 Children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Also for their families and the teachers who are giving of their time in preparing these Children.

*The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May (Vigil Mass) and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May (9.00am Mass)*

**The Sacrament of Confirmation:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 (more details to follow). *If you have any enquiries regarding any of the Sacraments please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 during Office Hours.*

**ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:**

The Parish Pastoral Council held its first meeting with the recently elected members Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. The new executive of the council is as follows:

**Chairperson - Mr Michael Young;**

**Deputy Chair - Mrs Kim Sami;**

**Secretary - Ms Julie McKenzie;**

**Asst Secretary - Mrs Annette Read.**

We thank these people for accepting the responsibility of each role, which will last for a two year period.

**MESSAGE FOR READERS:** The current Reader's roster finishes at the end of June and I have decided that it is time I gave someone else the opportunity to co-ordinate this Ministry. It is a rewarding role in the Parish *and an essential one.*

If you are interested please give your name to Carmel at the Parish Office (4628 2967) or to me (4625 7744) and I will be in touch. Regards **Julie**

**PARISH LADIES GROUP MOTHERS' DAY RAFFLE:**

Tickets are on sale at all Masses this weekend. \$1.00 per ticket and there are 10 great prizes. The raffle will be drawn after the 9.00am Mass on Mother's Day (8<sup>th</sup> May). *Please support this raffle/fundraiser, all proceeds are used to help with upkeep of our Church.*

**ST THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME:** Has returned for this Term. Tuesday's from 9.30am – 11.30am in our Parish Hall. Parents/Guardians and Grandparents, if you have children including under 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. God coin donation. If you have any enquires please contact Catherine on 4627 1842

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**ANNIVERSARY NEWS!** The parish will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Church's opening at a special Mass on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June (Mass time to be confirmed). Do you have an interesting personal memory or significant anecdote about the church, former parish priests or any parish events that you would like to be included in the 30th Anniversary souvenir booklet? Please send an email to [juliemckenzie@hotmail.com](mailto:juliemckenzie@hotmail.com) with your story. All stories welcome. Please note that some stories may be edited or combined with other similar stories to save room in the booklet.

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

Please take home a copy of our Parish Catholic Primary School newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO FR MICHAEL DYER:** Last week Bishop Peter Ingham ordained Fr Michael Dyer to the priesthood at a packed St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Wollongong. It was a truly moving and emotional ordination. You can see photos of the day on Bishop Peter Ingham's Facebook page [facebook.com/Bishop Peter Ingham](https://www.facebook.com/BishopPeterIngham). Don't forget to like Bishop Peter's Facebook page while you are there.

**DIOCESAN MASS COUNT:** Every five years or so the Diocese undertakes Mass Attendance Counts in parishes, ethnic communities, retreat centres, religious communities, military bases and schools within the Diocese as part of our pastoral planning. This year the Mass Count will take part over four weekends at all Masses from the 8 May to 29 May. On one of these weekends, the Mass Count will involve an age and gender count. As a result of the Mass Count the Diocese obtains valuable information about the community's overall life and growth which, together with information from the national census, helps us in preparing for our future.

**MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE: MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND DYING Saturday 14 May Xavier Centre**

**10am-1pm.** This course provides general formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who minister to the Sick and Dying. The course comprises of variety of topics over two sessions. For further information visit [www.liturgy.dow.org.au](http://www.liturgy.dow.org.au) or contact Paul Mason [liturgy@dow.org.au](mailto:liturgy@dow.org.au) or 4222 2462. For enrolment registration contact Helen Bennett [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) or 4222 2403

**THE POOR CLARES OF BETHLEHEM MONASTERY -**

Annual Ecumenical Service, Monastery Chapel 170 Narellan Road Campbelltown, on the Vigil of Pentecost, **Saturday 14 May** at 2.30, followed by afternoon tea. RSVP by 4 May [clarescamp@bigpond.com](mailto:clarescamp@bigpond.com) or contact 4625 1591.

**MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE RETREATS:** Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville. Phone: 02 8795 3400 email: [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com) [www.carmeliteretreats.com.au](http://www.carmeliteretreats.com.au). **LAUDATO SI: ENCOUNTERING GOD'S MERCIFUL CREATION: Sat 7 May, 10am-4pm (Retreat Day). Tues 10 May, 7:30pm-9:30pm AT Parish Meeting Room Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish. For further information and essential**

registration contact Darren McDowell 4222 2463 or [darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au)

**OUR YOUTH MISSION TEAM 2016 MEMBERS NEED**

**YOUR SUPPORT:** We are blessed in the Diocese of Wollongong in 2016 to have 6 new Youth Mission Team volunteers who will share their faith with young People in schools and via Catholic Youth programs. Any members of the Catholic Community who can assist the Youth Mission Team with paid work on Mondays and or Tuesdays, please contact 4284 6600 or [nationaloffice@ymt.com.au](mailto:nationaloffice@ymt.com.au)

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:**

*For next Monday, the Parish Rosary Statue will be in the Home of Freda and Wilfred and will be said on Mondays at 11.00am. Their 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*

**DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: 7.30pm** Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre, new members are most welcome

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: 7.00pm** Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: 7.30pm** Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall (all Parishioners are most welcome to attend as observers)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May: 9.30am** Retiree's (over 55) Social Group gathering in the Parish Hall (after the 9.00am Communion Service)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre (new members are most welcome, or come along to the meeting to see the good works of the Conference)

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May: 7.30pm** Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre

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

**EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS:**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May: Winnie Cameron & Bev McKenzie**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May: Catherine Minogue & Helen Rawson**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Trish Newman**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Fay & Junior Faamau**

**READERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May: Bev McKenzie & Louise Phillips**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May: Andrew Truong & Barry Daley**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Julie & Bev McKenzie**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Pamela Samaha & Julie Writer**

**CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Tongan Youth Group**

**USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May: Vicky Horne**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May: Gwen & Brian Harris**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Maureen Molland**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Chris Reddy & Helen Rawson**

