

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C



6th March 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 welcome the one who sent me".
Matthew 10:40*

Welcome!

The Parishioners of our Parish would like to welcome Father Hugh Dowdell who will be celebrating our Parish Masses this weekend.

THANK YOU RUSE PARISHIONERS

Bishop Peter Ingham DD has expressed his delight and appreciation for the wonderful work done by so many of our parish community in providing such a magnificent farewell to our much loved Parish Priest, Father Tony Daly.

*To organise Father's Vigil for the Deceased (Wednesday evening) and Pontifical Funeral Mass (Thursday) at such short notice speaks volumes of the skills and dedication of all concerned.
Thank you again God Bless*

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.

Parishioners' Birthday for this week:

9th March: **Bob Rawson, Brian Wyer**
10th March: **Betty Wright, Kerry Hennessy**

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

PARISH WORKING BEE: *To prepare our Church and surrounds for Easter it is proposed to hold a working bee on Saturday 12th March 2016 commencing at 9am. Tasks will involve mowing, Car Park cleaning, Whipper snipping, weeding, and general tidy up. Can you please claim the date.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Anna Kovac, 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: Fr Anthony (Tony) Daly (R.D.), Betty White (R.D.), Ladislav Feher (7th Anniv), Nathan Berthaly (1st Anniv), Sharon Michelutti, Mark Wilson, Genie Lynch, 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.**

LENT TIMETABLE 2016:

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)

CHURCH WELCOMER: Would you like to join our small group of Ushers. Your duties involve welcoming people to mass each weekend on a roster basis. A "Good evening" or "Good Morning" plus a smile goes a long way to make our Community feel welcome to our celebration of worship. If you are interested please place your name on the sheet at the back of the Church or contact the Parish Office during Office hours

"Lighting the Way" CHRISM MASS WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 7.30PM St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. In celebration of Pope Francis' Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. The Cathedral will be lit up in a wash of purple and yellow, "Lighting the Way" for this year's Chrism Mass. Everyone is warmly invited to witness this historic event of the Cathedral under lights and to celebrate the beautiful Chrism Mass prior to the Easter Triduum. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Conference Centre. For catering purposes, please RSVP to Jennifer Raposio by 14 March 2016. jennifer.raposio@dow.org.au or call 4222 2411.

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2016:

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: Saturday 3rd September 2016 (more details to follow)

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Please keep in your prayers the children, and their families who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you also to the teachers who are giving their time and talents in preparing the Candidates for this Sacrament.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL
6 ST JOHNS ROAD, CAMPBELLTOWN.
ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2017
(ENROLMENTS CLOSE 8 APRIL 2016)

OPEN DAY/EVENING
Children Most Welcome

Wednesday 9 March 2016 at 9:00am and 7:00pm
Open Day/Evening Sessions begin with a Principal's talk in the School Hall 9:00 a.m. in the morning and 7:00 p.m. in the evening. Contact details ph: 4625 6561 or email: info@stmdow.catholic.edu.au

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.
- Cheques/Cash

If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 46282967 or e-mail: ruse@parish.woll.catholic.org.au. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2016: Is held 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

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

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take home a copy of our Parish school newsletter to keep up to date with the happenings. Copies are available on the tables at the entrance of the Church.

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday 7th March: 7.30pm Parish Ladies meeting in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 8th March: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre

Thursday 10th March: 9.30am Retiree's Social Group gathering in the Parish Hall

PARISH ROSARY STATUE:

If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry in 2016, please phone Bev on: 4625 0659

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 12th March: Trish Newman and Winnie Cameron

9.00am Mass: Sunday 13th March: Catherine Minogue and Julie Writer

Vigil Mass: Saturday 19th March: Louise Phillips, Bertha Barbari

9.00am Mass Sunday 20th March: Fay Faamau, Junior Faamau

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Could the 2nd Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)

Vigil Mass: Saturday 12th March: Bev and Julie McKenzie
9.00am Mass: Sunday 13th March: Jacqui and Marion Cross

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 12th March: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Fay Faamau, Colleen Jablonskis, Rosa & Manual Herrera
Saturday 19th March: Group 1: Syro - Malabar Indian Community

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 12th March: Help Required
9.00am Mass: Sunday 13th March: Gwen & Brian Harris
Vigil Mass: Saturday 19th March: Maureen Molland
9.00am Mass: Sunday 20st March: Barry Daley

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am SUNDAY MORNING MASS: Sunday 20th March: Group 4 Tongan Community

PALM SUNDAY

Vigil Mass: Saturday 19th March: Maryse Parisi, James Munro
Gospel/Passion: (N) Andrew James, (O) Kerry Hennessy
Crowd: Choir and Congregation
9.00am Mass Sunday 20th March: Maria Feher, Christine Foreman
Gospel/Passion: (N) Bill George, (O) Marion Cross
Crowd: Choir and Congregation

EASTER 2016

Holy Thursday 24th March 7.30pm
Commentary for Procession of Oils - Pauline Menzies
Readers: Pesio Aiga, Andrew James
Prayers of Intercession: Following Washing of Feet-(no creed) - Julie McKenzie
Good Friday: 25th March 10.00am Mary's Way of The Cross
3.00pm: The Lord's Passion
Readers: Chris O'Brien, Brian O'Brien
Gospel/Passion (N) Bev McKenzie, (O) Andrew James
General Intercessions - Louise Phillips
Easter Vigil: Saturday 26th March:
Readers: Pauline Menzies, Gabby Menzies, Andrew James
Epistle and Prayers of the Faithful:- May Michelutti
Easter Sunday 27th March 9.00am
Readers: Christine Foreman, Jim Writer

