

The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
27<sup>th</sup> December 2015



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*

**Fr Tony's Christmas Message**



*A warm welcome to everyone who is visiting our Parish this Christmas Season. A special thank you to our Parishioners who through their continued support, prayer and activities in our Parish Ministries which promote the growth of our Parish into God's Kingdom.*

*This December 2015, being the beginning of "The Jubilee Year of Mercy", we ask the Christ Child to extend his wonderful Blessings of Loving Kindness to all our Parish families throughout this Christmas Season.*

*I would like to wish each and everyone one of you, a most Holy, Happy and Blessed Christmas celebration remembering the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
God Bless  
Fr Tony Daly  
(Parish Priest)*

**GLUTEN FREE HOSTS:** 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.

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

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS TIMETABLE:**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December:**  
6.00pm: New Year Vigil Mass – Mary, Holy Mother of the Church  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016:**  
9.00am: New Year's Day Mass – Mary, Holy Mother of the Church

**READERS FOR NEW YEARS DAY**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December:**  
Vigil Mass: 6.00pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Reader: Maureen Molland  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: James Munro

**New Year's Day: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January:**  
9.00am Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> Reader: Christine Foreman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: May Michelutti

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Maree and Noel Laming, Kerry Hennessy, Betty White, Rita Jowsey, Anna Kovac, Bernie Smith, 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, Tomas Laming and Mary Fredericks.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:** Please pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ev McInerney (Anniv), Ken Sutton, Bob Leece, Jim McKenzie, Mary McInerney, Maurya Hutton, Winnie Menzies, Peter Pereira, Ivo Pereira, Kelly Betherly, Mary Writer, Deborah Rix, Josephine and Frank McKay, Bernard Hoffmann, Marcia Rae, Imelda Zamprogno and Maria Cabonara. *May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

**PARISH THANKYOU:** *I would like to personally thank the many people who contributed to the Christmas Celebrations of our Parish: The Acolytes, The Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, The Powerpoint Creator, The Sacristans, the Flower Arrangers, The Groundspeople, The Cleaners, The Readers, the Musicians/Choirs, The Pageant Coordinators and participants, the Usher's, those who worked the Powerpoint during the Masses and the Parish Counter's.*

*The giving of your time and talents is greatly appreciated.  
God Bless and thank you Fr Tony*

**Parishioner's Birthday for this week:**  
26<sup>th</sup>: *Jim Writer*

**Parish Wedding Anniversaries for this week:**  
27<sup>th</sup>: *Steven and Catherine Robinson (18 years)*  
29<sup>th</sup>: *Hector and Hazel Bernardino (55 years)*  
30<sup>th</sup>: *Russell and Christine Goodall (26 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)*

**ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY: Thank you**

Your St Vincent de Paul Conference is extremely grateful for the support of parishioners during what has proved to be a busy 2015.

We are encouraged in our work when we witness generous support for the Winter Appeal, Assist a Student Weekend and the Jesse Tree. We especially thank the Parish Ladies Group for the later but our supporters throughout the St Thomas More Community are many and it is impossible in this brief note to acknowledge them all.

This Christmas we have been able to provide toys to 42 households helping 146 children while facilitating nutritious hamper delivery to 86 households. We could not do this without your help. Thank you.

While we are busy, our work is very rewarding. In 2016 we hope to conduct a recruitment drive and we encourage you to give this your prayerful consideration.

*God Bless and Merry Christmas on behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society Ruse/ Airds conference*

**PARISH LADIES GROUP THANKYOU:** *The Parish Ladies Group would like to thank everyone who has supported the fundraising raffles throughout the year. With your support we will be able to help with various improvements in our Parish Church and Hall. Wishing you all the very best for the coming Year.*

**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](mailto:ruse@parish.woll.catholic.org.au). Thank you.*

**PIETY STALL:** There are still plenty of Columban Calendars for next year available for sale. Please go and visit our Parish Piety Stall.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 2016:** The Parent/Carer Information Night for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.30pm in the Parish Church. Your child has to be Baptised and in Year 3 and above. For more information please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE DATE OF EASTER:**

**Ash Wednesday** (the beginning of Lent) is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

**The Ascension of the Lord** is Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Pentecost** (joyful conclusion the season of Easter) is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May

**First Sunday of Advent** is Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – SUMMER EDITION:**

This week and right throughout the summer period *The Journey* Catholic Radio program will continue to bring you weekly Gospel reflections, great music etc. What a great way to prepare for 2016 and the Year of Mercy. Tune into PULSE 94.1 FM on Sun at 11am or go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) to get weekly updates sent to you.

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:**

*During the Christmas Season and School holidays, the Rosary Statue will not be going to Parishioners Homes until February 2016. I take this opportunity to thank the Parishioners who had the Rosary Statue in their homes during 2015. I wish them and their families a joyous Christmas and God's Blessings. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan:** *Maureen Molland and Bertha Barbari*

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan:** *Fay and Junior Faamau*

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan:** *Winnie Cameron and James Munro*

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan:** *Helen Rawson and Karenne Harvey*

**READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

(Could the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2016:** *Bev and Julie McKenzie*

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan:** *Pesio Aiga and Chris O'Brien*

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan:** *Julie Writer and Maryse Parisi*

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan:** *Chris and Brian O'Brien*

**CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2016:** *Group 6: Tongan Youth Group (Nasio Family)*

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan:** *Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Eugene Wasko and Barry Daley*

**USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan:** *Carmel Munro*

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan:** *Christine Foreman*

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan:** *Vicki Horne*

**9.00am: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan:** *Chris Reddy and Helen Rawson*

**FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Jan:** *Samoan Divine Mercy Group*

**9<sup>th</sup> Jan:** *Julie Writer*

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SUNDAY 9.00AM MASS:**

Will be returning in February. Thank you to the many people who are members of this Ministry and also to the Parish Ladies Group who continue to support this Parish Ministry.

**A Prayer, for the Feast of The Holy Family**

**Father, help us to live as the holy family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

