

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time Year A



2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017

*"Today is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday" a day where we acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's first peoples.*

**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.*

*"Anymore who welcomes you, welcome me and anyone who welcomes me welcomes 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.

**NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY CELEBRATION 2 JULY:** The theme, *Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.* There are over 120,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics in Australia and ATSI Sunday is an opportunity for parishes and schools to celebrate the gifts and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to the Church. The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) has produced an online resource and is encouraging parishes and schools to invite an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person to provide a Welcome to Country or conduct an Acknowledgement of Country as part of local Celebrations. [www.natsicc.org.au/atsi-sunday-2017.html](http://www.natsicc.org.au/atsi-sunday-2017.html)



**CONFIRMATION:** *The Sacrament of Confirmation was held in our Parish this Saturday (1<sup>st</sup> July). Celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham DD. We congratulate the 51 Candidates, their families and sponsor's. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.*

Thank you to the Parish Sacramental Team and all who prepared the Candidates for this Sacrament to complete their initiation into full membership of the Catholic Church.

Thank you also to the many people who prepared the Church for this Sacrament and for us to worship in each week: Church Cleaner's, Sacristan's, Flower arrangers, Powerpoint creator, the Parishioners who helped with the grounds clean up (last weekend and during the week). **Your gifts of time and talents are greatly appreciated.**

**PARISH COLLECTIONS:**

The **FIRST COLLECTION** (taken up at the Offertory of the Mass) is for the Remuneration of the Priests of the Diocese, including the sick, Retired and aged Priests of the Diocese. The **SECOND COLLECTION** (taken up after Holy Communion) is for the Parish expenses (electricity, repairs and maintenance, insurance etc). This includes Parish Planned Giving Envelopes and all lose money in the Second Collection.

**PARISH PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** Are ready for collection. If your envelopes are not there, can you please put your name down on the clipboard in the middle of the boxes and they will be ready for you next weekend.

**Planned Giving is essential to the running costs of the Parish.** You are able to contribute in several ways: Weekly Envelopes, Direct Debit from your Bank Account/Credit Card, Direct Credit by electronically transferring funds (EFT) from your Bank Account direct to the St Thomas More Church Account. There are forms available to fill out on the tables of the Planned Giving Envelopes. The completed forms can be returned via: the Parish Collections, handed to Fr Michael, left at the Parish Office or in the locked letter box outside in Acacia Ave. For enquiries please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or via email: [ruse@dow.org.au](mailto:ruse@dow.org.au)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:**

Vic Langfield, Nenita Piamonte, Peter Thompson, Fr Tony Daly, Keith Gomes, Ladislav Feher, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Josephine and Frank McKay, Genie Lynch, Alice Harris and Maria Cabonara. **Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The **many** sick in our Parish Community including: Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Frank Byron, Rosa Santos, Pio Byron, Elaine Hoffmann, Natalie Dwyer, Aimiti Seufatu, Robert Berthaly, John Hill, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Ellen Healy, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community **Noah Robert Fairhall, Evie Elizabeth Simone** and **Grace Emily Pollicina** who were Baptised last weekend.

**Parishioner's Birthdays/Wedding Anniversaries:** *If any Parishioner/s would like to have their Birthdays and or Wedding Anniversaries included in the Parish Bulletin, please contact the Parish Office: 4628 2967 or email: [ruse@dow.org.au](mailto:ruse@dow.org.au)*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The Information evening for Parents/Carers is on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm** in the Church and the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be at the Parish Masses: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September Vigil Mass and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at the 9.00am Mass. We are seeking volunteers to teach classes, one per week over a four week period. If you are interested, or would like further information, please contact **Michael Young on 0414999606 or Annette Read on 0404112335. Thank you in anticipation.**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER APPEAL:** Your Parish, St Vincent de Paul Conference wishes to express a very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the Appeal this year. The response was once again outstanding. Envelopes will remain available at the back of the Church. These may be completed and placed in either collection or delivered to the Parish Office. Any late food donations can also be delivered to the Parish Office during business hours.

**We thank you again, for your continuing generosity and support.**

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS:** Can you please supervise your children in the Church courtyard and Parish Hall. They are not permitted to climb the brick walls, the hand rails both leading into the Church **and** the Parish Hall, the surrounding trees and the garden in the courtyard. Supervision is your responsibility. We cannot accept liability for a child hurting themselves if they engage in these activities.

**THE RETIREES SOCIAL GROUP:** Would like to invite senior parishioners (over 55) to join our group in the hall after 9.30am Mass (Thursday's). We meet twice a month, with the next meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat, share many laughs and form new friendships. We hope you will join us. **From your fellow Retired Parishioners.**

**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.

**THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Is available on the back table of the church. Great value for only \$2.00 (to be placed in the red letterbox on the table). Filled with many interesting articles.

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Save the dates: **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August - School Fete.** **St Thomas More School Shopping bus trip: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October** leaving the Church grounds at 7.00am. More details to come. **Please take home a copy of the School Newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.**

**TAKE A RISK AND GIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH:** In our parish there is a team of volunteers that take a risk and step out in faith. State Government schools do not provide lessons that teach the basic message about Jesus, our faith and the great adventure that life can be with God. We were all given our gift of faith by someone, someone stepped-up for us so that we would know Jesus. Each week of the school year Catechists present 30-minute lessons using a step-by-step lesson plan that helps Catholic children understand their faith, grow in love and maturity and learn what it means to be Catholic. Take a risk and give the gift of faith. Become a Catechist teacher or helper today! For more information, please call Colleen on: 0414 284 717 or speak with Fr Michael for more information.

**JOURNEY MAGAZINE:** News from the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong - Winter 2017 edition is available on all the tables at the entrance of the Church. Please see the article on our Parish Priest, Fr Michael and more happenings around our Diocese.

**2017 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS** If you are celebrating **25, 40, 50 or 60 years** of marriage this year and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on **Sunday, 13 August 2017** at 2.00pm, contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or email [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) at the Office of the Bishop by Monday 10 July and an invitation will be sent to you.

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** If you would like to have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home, **please phone Bev on: 4625 0659.** **"When you prayer the Rosary, you have our Lady's hand in your hand. When you pray the Holy rosary, you have the power of God in your hand".**

**PARISH DIARY DATES:**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: 7.30pm** Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July: 7.00pm** Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Retiree's Social Group** gathering is after the 9.30am Mass. **(Any Retirees over the age of 55 are warmly welcome to join this group).** Gathering is held in the Parish Hall. (see notice).

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

**EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
**8<sup>th</sup> July: Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron & Bertha Barbari**  
**9<sup>th</sup> July: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Loretta Tuigamala & Annette Read**  
**15<sup>th</sup> July: Saturday Vigil Mass: Trish Newman & Maureen Molland**  
**16<sup>th</sup> July: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Faye & Junior Faamau**

**READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
**8<sup>th</sup> July: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro & Bev McKenzie**  
**9<sup>th</sup> July: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Marian Cross & Chelsea Gaut**  
**15<sup>th</sup> July: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie & David Minogue**  
**16<sup>th</sup> July: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley & Elisapeta Misinale**

**USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
**8<sup>th</sup> July: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro**  
**9<sup>th</sup> July: Sunday Vigil Mass: Chris Reddy & Helen Rawson**  
**15<sup>th</sup> July: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland**  
**16<sup>th</sup> July: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman**

**CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:**  
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Group 3: Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July: Syro-Malabar Indian Community**

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS:** Group 1: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Maria Hill and Colleen Jablonskis

