

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year B
5th August 2018

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, welcomes 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 the Priest *before* Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

FR MICHAEL ANNUAL LEAVE: Fr Michael is on Annual Leave until the 10th August. Until then please note the following timetable of Masses and Weekday Services:

This Weekend Masses will be covered by Supply Priests.

This week: Tuesday to Friday (inclusive): Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Services will continue to be at 9.30am. (Weekday Mass at St John's, Campbelltown Monday to Thursday at 9.30am and on Fridays at 8.30am).

*Please refer all Parish Matters to the Parish Office.
Tuesday – Friday 9.00am -3.30pm.*

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Will be celebrated in our Parish at our Parish Masses on the weekend of 22nd and 23rd September 2018. *The Parent/Carer Information and Enrolment Evening is on Monday 13th August at 7.00pm in the Parish Church.* The Candidate must be a Baptised Catholic, made their Reconciliation and in Year 3 and above.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Maureen Hennessy, Jay Jablonskis, Maria Byron, Mauro Mariano, Elaine Hoffmann, Gulliver, Ellen Healy, Patricia McInerney, Helen Rawson, Betty Berthon, Maureen Wyer, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, Natalie Dwyer, Aimiti Seufatu, Robert Berthaly, John Hill, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Fr Tony Daly, John Read, Faleniko Tiatele, Keith Gomes, Balbino Xavier Gomes, Monica Gomes, John Baptist D'Sa, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, Alice Harris, Ladislav Feher, Bobby Cameron, Bernard Hoffmann and Maria Cabonara. *May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual Light shine upon them.*

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

Parishioner's birthday for this coming week:

7th: Rosa Herrera

8th: David Mahanay

9th: Jacqueline Cross

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

The **FIRST COLLECTION** (taken during the Offertory Procession) 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, wages, insurance etc). This includes Parish Planned Giving Envelopes and all loose money in the Second Collection.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: There are still Planned Giving Envelopes for 2018/2019 to be collected, from the table at the Entrance to the Church. *If you would like to join our Parish Planned Giving programme, the forms are available on the table at the main entrance to the Church or contact the Parish Office during Office hours.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2018: Is held at the beginning of the Sunday 9.00am Mass (during School Terms). This is for School aged children from Kindergarten up to and including Year 6. If you would like more information or would like to join this Parish Ministry, please contact Joanne on 0421 802 132.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME: Is held every Tuesday (during School Terms) from 9.30am – 11.30am in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) and is a gold coin donation. Parents/Guardians/Grandparents, if you have children including bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the children enjoy playtime activities. If you have any enquiries, please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH LADIES GROUP HIGH TEA: Sunday 16th September 12noon – 2.00pm. RSVP with money by Friday 31st August 2018. *Please take home your invitation.*

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for \$2.00 each. It contains many interesting articles for your perusal. *Please put monies into the red letterbox on top of the Catholic Weeklies*

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Can you please supervise your children in the Church courtyard and Chelsea House (Parish Hall). They are **not** permitted to climb the brick walls, the hand rails both leading into the Church **and** Chelsea House (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.

ST VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL: There are still envelopes are available at the entrance of the Church for the remainder of Winter. The envelopes can be completed and placed in either collection or delivered to the Parish Office. Any further food donations can also be delivered to the Parish Office during office hours. *We thank you again, for your continuing generosity and support.*

URGENT HELP REQUIRED: For Scripture Teacher's and/or Classroom helper's: If you have a spare ½ hour each week during School Terms, on either/and a Wednesday and Thursday morning, we are in need of assistance with "spreading the good news" to our Parish State Schools. Please think about joining this very important Parish Ministry. For more information please contact the Parish Office – 4628 2967. *Thanking you in anticipation.*

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.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:
Save the date: Today, Sunday 5th August: St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Fete from 9.00am-4.00pm. Please come and support our Parish Catholic Primary. There are many stalls, rides, activities, entertainment, food stalls etc. **Don't forget to enter the draw for the pre-loved car.**
ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL – 40TH ANNIVERSARY PAVERS: As part of the School's 40th Anniversary, they are looking to pave the area in front of the "We Remember" wall with special family pavers. Past and present families will have the opportunity to purchase an engraved paver, to create a "We Remember" area. The pavers will come in 2 sizes: single and double. **On the table at the main entrance to the Church is the order form for the pavers. All enquiries please phone the School Office on: 4625 6561**
Please take home a copy of the School Newsletter to keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

MARCARTHUR SOCIAL JUSTICE: Do you ever wonder why you make certain choices? Why do you do what you do? Why do you like certain things? Why are you better at some things than others? Join us in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) next **Saturday 11th August from 2.30pm-4.30pm** to hear Certified Clifton's Strengths Coach Mahesh Trivedi for the Introductory Presentation – Understanding Your Strengths in the Parish Setting. All parishioners welcome.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE AUGUST RETREATS
Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville. 02 8795 3400 retreats@carmelite.com
www.carmelite-retreats.com.au

Mothering with the God who loves us: When: Aug 10: 6:00 pm – Aug 12: 1:30 pm. Mothering with the God who loves us Presenters: Marilyn Rodrigues. Cost: \$250.00 (concessions apply)

TIMOR TIME: Thank you for 5 years of 'Repaying the Debt of Honour' to East Timor. We are celebrating this anniversary with a luncheon at Dooley's Lidcombe Catholic Club, Please come and join us. **DATE:** Saturday, 25th August @ 12.00 noon. **COST:** \$60.00 - 3 course meal & entertainment
BOOKINGS: Noreen 02 9833 8152 or nnicoara@optusnet.com.au

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: 27-29 AUGUST: Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship – at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Book online www.wwme.org.au or phone Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490 774419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: *The Parish has a Parish Rosary Statue that Parishioners are able to home in their homes and prayer the Rosary as a family.* If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry and have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home during 2018, **please phone Bev on: 4625 0659.**

Diary Dates:

Monday 6th August: 6.30pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre

Monday 6th August: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 7th August: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)

Thursday 9th August: Retiree's Social Group Gathering after the 9.30am Mass in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) (all Retiree's over 55 are most welcome), come for a chat, laugh and a cuppa

Monday 13th August: Parent/Carer Information and Enrolment Evening for First Holy Communion at 7.00pm in the Church (please read bulletin notices for information)

Tuesday 14th August: 7.30am St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

• **EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 11th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: John Greene & Maureen Molland

Sunday 12th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Loretta & Laitaga Tuigamala

Saturday 18th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie McKenzie & Trish Newman

Sunday 19th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau & Annette Read

• **READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 11th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: Stephanie Roux & May Michelutti

Sunday 12th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Andrew Truong & Julie Writer

Saturday 18th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: May Michelutti & John Greene

Sunday 19th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer & Marian Cross

• **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 11th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro

Sunday 12th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

Saturday 18th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: HELP REQUIRED

Sunday 19th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy

• **CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 11th August: Group 6: Elisapeta Misinale (Tongan Community)

Saturday 18th August: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

• **REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am Mass: Sunday 19th August: Group 4: Tongan Community**

Historical Context – Bread: For thousands of years, bread has been a staple part of the human diet in many cultures. It is no accident that the image of Jesus as bread makes such a significant appearance in the gospel of John. For the Jews, like other Ancient Near Eastern cultures, bread was a vital mainstay of their diet. In the Bible, the word 'bread' often simply means all food – it was that important! For many, regular access to bread did equate to life. Bread also played a crucial role in religious practices, especially the Passover meal.

