19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Fr Michael **before** Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.



You were very much missed.

Thank you, Pearce and Neville, for conducting the weekday Communion Services whilst you were away.

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 this 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.

OUR PARISH ST VINCENT de PAULCONFERENCE: This weekend is running an urgent Appeal in support of drought affected farmers in NSW. There are envelopes in the pews to enable tax deductible cash or credit card donations. As notice is short, envelopes may be taken home and returned next weekend or completed and placed on either collection at this weekend's Mass. **Please be generous as the need is great**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Maureen Hennessy, Jay Jablonskis, Maria Byron, 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:** Mauro Mariano (R.D.), 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: <u>ruse@dow.org.au</u>

Parishioner's birthday for this coming week: 13th: James Munro

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.*

<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2018</u>: 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.

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

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: The current Roster is about to end. If you wish to join this Parish Ministry, please put your name and contact details on the clipboard on the table at the entrance to the Church. If you are currently on the Roster, please also include your name and contact details on the clipboard.

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.

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: ST THOMAS MORE PARICH 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. The order forms are on the table at the main entrance to the Church. 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.

<u>CATHOLIC WEEKLY:</u> 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*

BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE ST MARY of the Cross MacKILLOP CHAPEL, at ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL, WOLLONGONG: WEDNESDAY 15th AUGUST (Feast of the Assumption) at 12.10pm. Most Rev Brian Mascord invites all Parishioners and visitors to this Blessing and Opening.

<u>TIMOR TIME</u>: 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

MANY CULTURES - ONE IN CHRIST MASS & FESTIVAL

Sunday 26 August 2018 at 2pm: St Francis Xavier Cathedral and St Mary Star of the Sea College, Harbour St Wollongong Our annual Mass and festival celebrating the rich cultural diversity and heritage existing within our Diocese occurs at the end of August. All are invited to celebrate with Bishop Brian Mascord the many blessings and roles our cultural communities play within our broader diocesan community. This celebration coincides with the annual *Migrant & Refugee Week*.

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 <u>www.wwme.org.au</u> or phone Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490 774419 or <u>adrian.janet1@bigpond.com</u>

<u>CREATING A SAFE CHURCH FROM WITHIN:</u> - Fr Hans Zollner SJ: Friday 31st August & Saturday 1st September at Campbelltown Catholic Club. Fr Hans Zollner will address the most significant issues facing the Catholic Church todway with respect to harmful behavior, including the theological and spiritual implications arising from the abuse crisis and their on victims and survivors. There will be 2 distinct and separate presents on the Friday and Saturday. *Please see information sheets on the tables at the entrance to the Church or:* <u>rsvp@dow.org.au</u>

<u>GROWING GOOD MEN – DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG</u>

FATHER AND SON CAMP: A life changing father and son weekend will be held from Friday 2 November – Sunday 4 November 2018 at Cataract Scout Camp, Appin. Spots are limited to just 15 fathers with their son aged between 12-16. One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father, or significant father figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could and should provide is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their gifts as they take their place in the world. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE.

You don't get this time back so make this opportunity a priority! Contact Jude Hennessy on Ph: 4222 2407 or email jude.hennessy@dow.org.au to register or ask any questions.

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 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

Thursday 23rd 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

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS: • EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

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

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

Saturday 25th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron & James Munro

Sunday 26th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue & Mavon Vaughan

• <u>READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:</u> Saturday 18th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: May Michelutti & John Greene

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

Saturday 25th August: Saturday Vigil Mass:John Greene & Marisel King

Sunday 26th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Marian Cross & Maureen Molland

• <u>USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:</u> Saturday 18th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: HELP REQUIRED

Sunday 19th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy Saturday 25th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne Sunday 26th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley

• <u>CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:</u> Saturday 18th August: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

Saturday 25th August: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachies

• <u>REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am Mass: Next</u> <u>Sunday 19th August:</u> Group 4: *Tongan Community*