

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year B
26th 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 Fr Michael **before** Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD BRINGS TO YOUR ATTENTION THE SVDP SOCIETY'S VINNIES NSW DROUGHT APPEAL and asks that you support this appeal with your usual generosity and charity. The St Vincent de Paul Society NSW has launched its major drought appeal to raise funds for rural communities in need. The appeal will provide individuals and families assistance with groceries, household bill payments, fund the delivery of water and animal feed by partner organisations and organise social events for respite and mutual support. Donations can be made by calling 13 18 12; at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/donate#!state=nsw&appeal=159> or at any local Vinnies Shop.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - DROUGHT APPEAL

Thank you very much to everyone who supported this very important appeal. The response was pleasing. If anyone missed the appeal weekend or still wants to donate, envelopes remain available at the back of the Church. Simply complete and place in either collection and we will make sure the funds get to needy rural communities asap. **Please be generous as the need is great**

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community: **Max Archer Gibbons** who was Baptised last weekend.

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:

26th: **Gloria Eggert**

27th: **Daniel McMurray**

Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary this week:

31st: **Marilyn & Bill Fabry (50 years)**

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: Lena Pereira, Mauro Mariano, 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.**

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.

PARISH LADIES GROUP HIGH TEA: Sunday 16th September 12noon – 2.00pm. RSVP with money by Friday 31st August 2018. **Please take home your invitation. An enjoyable afternoon is promised to all.**

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 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. **The order forms are on the table at the main entrance to the Church. All enquiries please phone the School Office on: 4625 6561.**

SAVE THE DATE: St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Bus Shopping Trip: Saturday 10th November. More information to follow. Please take home a copy of the School Newsletter to keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

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**

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*.

CREATING A SAFE CHURCH FROM WITHIN: - 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 today 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: rsvp@dow.org.au**

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre: September retreats

247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, Ph: 8795 3400
retreats@carmelite.com
www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
St Teresa of Avila speaks to us today. September 1: 10:30 am – 4:30 pm. Pick-ups from Minto station (930am and 1000am). Please remember to bring your own lunch. Cost: \$30. Presenter: Fr Paul Maunder, OCD
What wisdom can a Carmelite Nun from the 1500's offer today's 21st century world?

GROWING GOOD MEN – DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG 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. 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:

Tuesday 28th August: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre
Monday 3rd September: 6.30pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Monday 3rd September: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 4th September: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)
Thursday 6th September: 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 1st September: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie & Bertha Barbari
Sunday 2nd September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Annette Read & Julie Writer
Saturday 8th September: Saturday Vigil Mass: James Munro & John Greene
Sunday 9th September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Loretta & Lafitaga Tuigamala

• READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 1st September: Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie & Bev McKenzie
Sunday 2nd September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Maryse Parisi & Raquel Villareal
Saturday 8th September: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie & Carmel Munro
Sunday 9th September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Samoan Community

• USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 1st September: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
Sunday 2nd September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Gwen & Brian Harris
Saturday 8th September: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
Sunday 9th September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

• CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 1st September: Group 3: Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro
Saturday 8th September: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau HELP IS NEEDED (8.30am start)