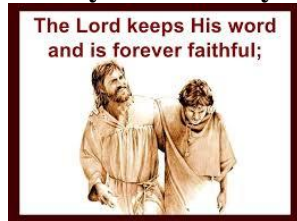


## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year B

9th September 2018  
Child Protection Sunday

### 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.

**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.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The **many** sick in our Parish Community including: Maureen Hennessy, 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, 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:** Jay Jablonskis, Natalie Dwyer, Bernard Hoffmann, Peter Giannetti, Erukua & Gino Dicesare, Dominico & Loreta Giannetti, Lena Pereira, Mauro Mariano, Fr Tony Daly, John Read, Faleniko Tiatele, Keith Gomes, Balbino Xavier Gomes, Monica Gomes, John Baptist D'Sa, Jim McKenzie, Maura Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, Alice Harris, Ladislav Feher, Bobby Cameron and Maria Cabonara. **May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual Light shine upon them.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Parish Masses on Saturday 22nd September and Sunday 23rd September.  
**Please continue to keep in your prayers the 59 children, their families and their teachers.**

### Parishioner's birthday for this coming week:

11<sup>th</sup>: Denise Goodall

14<sup>th</sup>: Col Davis

### Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary this coming week:

11<sup>th</sup>: John and Bertha Berbari (40 years)

**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)

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community: **Jackson Peter McDermott** who was Baptised last weekend.

**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.

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS:** The current Roster has finished. 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.

**We have many ill Parishioners or Parishioners who have moved out of the area. If you have ever considered joining one of our many Parish Ministries eg: Reader's, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Sacramental Team, Acolyte's, Altar Servers, Music, Church Cleaner's, Parish grounds maintenance, Refreshments after Mass, Children's Liturgy, etc. This is another way of being a part of our Parish Family/ Community. There is a clipboard for you to write your details and you will be contacted. Please consider joining one or more of our Parish Ministries.**

**MEMORIAL MASS: "Mention my Name:** Will be held in our Parish Church on Saturday 22nd September at **10.00am** followed by refreshments in Chelsea House (Parish Hall). **(This is being supported by Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria, Kenneally's Funerals, Lifeline, Macarthur Suicide Prevention Network and Bereavement Support).**

### 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**

**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**

### ST THOMAS MORE PARISH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL – 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PAVERS:

As part of the School's 40<sup>th</sup> 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 DATES:

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: St Thomas More P & F Trivia Night being held in the Campbelltown Catholic Club 7.00pm** in the Lachlan Macquarie Room – please read School Newsletter for more details  
**Saturday: 10<sup>th</sup> November: St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Shopping Bus Trip (more details 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.**

**THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL-** to support the Retirement and Health of Clergy: *Caring for those who care for us.* It is the responsibility of our Diocese, through the provision of accommodation, transport assistance and health care, to support and care for the retirement and health of our diocesan clergy. In our Diocese, this support is partly funded by the **Bishop's Annual Appeal**, which will be **held in our parish next weekend.** Donations can also be made online via the Diocese of Wollongong's website [www.dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au)

### Mt Carmel Retreat Centre: September retreats

247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, Ph: 8795 3400  
[retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com)

[www.carmeliteretreats.com.au](http://www.carmeliteretreats.com.au)

Icon painting at Mt Carmel: September: 14 - 16

Cost: \$600 (concessions apply) Presenter: Anna Prifti

Working with our shadow using Carl Jung and St John of the Cross. September: 14 - 16 Presenter: Anne Donald  
Cost: \$250 (concessions apply)

"And all who are free, tell me a thousand graceful things of you..."- Spiritual Cantic of St. John of the Cross

### PART TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – PARISH SECRETARY:

Ingleburn parish is seeking the services of a part time secretary for 3 days – 18 hours per week Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. The position requires skills in administration, bookkeeping and maintaining a database. The parish secretary needs to be a committed and practising Catholic, embracing the teachings and ethos of the Catholic Church in their daily life. If interested, please make contact via email to request an application pack for this position [frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au](mailto:frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au) Applications close Wednesday 19 September 2018.

### GROWING GOOD MEN-DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG FATHER & SON CAMP: 2-4 November 2018.

You don't get this time back so make this opportunity a priority. Contact Jude Hennessy on 4222 2407 or [jude.hennessy@dow.org.au](mailto:jude.hennessy@dow.org.au) to register or for any questions. Spots available for 15 fathers with their son/s aged between 12-16.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> September: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting** in the Parish Centre  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September: 12noon – 2.00pm Parish Ladies High Tea** in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September: Parish Finance Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre**  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: 10.00am – "Mention My Name" Memorial Mass** (please read main notices)

### PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

• **EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September: Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron & Julie McKenzie**  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau & Mavon Vaughan**  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: Saturday Vigil Mass: Trish Newman & Bertha Berbari**  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue and Bev McKenzie**

• **READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September: Saturday Vigil Mass: May Michelutti**  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley & Tess Writer**  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: Saturday Vigil Mass: James Munro & Pauline Menzies**  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Elisapeta Minisale & Barry Daley**

• **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September: Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne**  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September: 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy**  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: Vigil Mass: HELP NEEDED**  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley**

• **CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community**  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group**

### Prayer for Child Protection Sunday:

*Lord, You asked that the little children be allowed to come to you; for it is such as these that the Reign of God belongs. You entrust them to the care and protection of our communities of faith. Guide us as we strive to ensure that our Catholic communities provide a safe environment for each child. We pray especially for all those who have been harmed in their childhood. Give them courage in facing the past and lead them to your healing protection. Amen*

