

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year B
7th October 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.

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.*

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING. This is an opportunity for us to assist Pope Francis, Bishop Brian and ourselves to examine and evaluate where we are and where we want to be in the future.

We need your input so we can advise Bishop Brian and Pope Francis what we think and what we want to know!

"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Bishop Brian wrote in his letter to all parishioners "...it is an opportunity for us to listen deeply to our own hearts and the hearts of others in expressing what we love about who we are as the Church, as well as identifying and naming our shortcomings and disappointments, and expressing in concrete ways our hopes for the future."

Listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to guide us in our endeavours together.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR PARISH MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST AT 7.30PM IN CHELSEA HOUSE (PARISH HALL), TO FIND OUT MORE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS OF HAVING YOUR SAY. Supper will be served!

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

Eisley Lucille Hogan who was Baptised last weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Maree Laming, Maureen Hennessy, Jessica & Ella Channon, 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, Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Bobbie Cameron (1st Anniv), Julia Healy, Renato Sa-Cordeiro, Ida Sa-Cordeiro, Jay Jablonskis, Natalie Dwyer, Bernard Hoffmann, Peter Giannetti, Erukua & Gino Dicesare, Dominico & Loretta 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, Maurya 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.*

Parishioner's birthday for this coming week:

11th: Marion Cross and Catherine Minogue

12th: Wilfred Miranda and Pearce Nelson

Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary for this coming week:

9th: Maureen and Bill Molland (42 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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LOCAL ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE: Recently celebrating 50 years of service.

Thank you to all members of our Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference.

IF ANY PARISHIONER IS HANDY AND/OR HAS SPARE TIME:

We currently have a parishioner who does an **excellent** job of keeping the surrounds tidy but with the rain and increasing minor repairs some further assistance is urgently required. We have many small jobs that are in need of some love and attention. Eg: hammering, painting, weeding etc. If you could please either see Barry Daley or contact the Parish Office for more information.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2018: Is held at the beginning of the Sunday 9.00am Mass (during School Terms).

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.

PARISH PIETY STALL: We now have available the 2019 Columban Calendar for sale at just \$9.00 per copy, this makes an ideal Christmas gift.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for \$2.00 per copy, it contains many interesting articles for your perusal. Please remember to put monies into the red letterbox on top of the Catholic Weeklies.

PRAYER: Please continue to keep in your prayers those who are preparing for the Higher School Certificate, who are unwell and those who "just" need prayers.

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 DATES:

Friday 2nd 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: 10th November: *St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Shopping Bus Trip. Please take a flyer on the tables to the entrance to the Church.*

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre: September retreats

247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, Ph: 8795 3400
retreats@carmelite.com.

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

"All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well". Guided retreat: A week with St Therese of Lisieux. **Oct 8:** 6:00 pm – **Oct 14:** 9:30 am
Presenter: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD Cost: \$750.00.
Concessions apply.

FRENCH MASS: The next French Mass will be held at St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown on **Sunday 14th October at 6.00pm.**

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: "A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land". "Every day in our streets, we, like the Samaritan, see wounded people desperately in need of help. They are the homeless and the lost, injured by misfortune, by violence and by poverty. How have so many people come to be on the streets of such a rich nation?" (SJS, Reflection on the parable of the Good Samaritan, 3). You can download a copy of the Statement: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK: 14-20 OCTOBER: A week where all Australians are encouraged to organise or take part in an activity aiming to highlight or overcome issues of poverty and hardship here in Australia or overseas. For more information go to: antipovertyweek.org.au

FATIMA DAY CELEBRATION MASS: With the Australian Apostolic Nuncio His Excellency Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana on Sunday 21st October : Celebration starts at 2pm with the Rosary followed by Holy Mass at 3pm at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, Varroville. For enquiries please phone Gabriel on 0402 740 518

GROWING GOOD MEN – DIOCESAN FATHER AND SON

CAMP: Friday 2 – Sunday 4 November 2018 (Cataract Scout Park, Appin). Spots are limited to just 15 fathers with their son aged between 12-16 years. Register online menalive.dow.org.au or phone Jude Hennessy on 4222 2407 or judee.hennessy@dow.org.au

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: *The Parish has a Parish Rosary Statue that Parishioners are able to have 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: 8th October: *Parish Ladies Group meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre*

Tuesday 9th October: *St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre*

Thursday 18th October: *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 13th October: *Saturday Vigil Mass: John Greene & Winnie Cameron*

Sunday 14th October: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Loretta & Lafitaga Tuigamala*

Saturday 20th October: *Saturday Vigil Mass: James Munro & Trish Newman*

Sunday 21st October: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau & Annette Read*

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

Saturday 13th October: *Saturday Vigil Mass: Annette Read & Bev McKenzie*

Sunday 14th October: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Cecile Satchell & Barry Daley*

Saturday 20th October: *Saturday Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie & Ian Star*

Sunday 21st October: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Bill George & Cecile Satchell*

• **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 13th October: *Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne*

Sunday 14th October: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy*

Saturday 20th October: *Saturday Vigil Mass: HELP REQUIRED*

Sunday 21st October: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley*

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

Saturday 13th October: *Group 3: Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro*

Saturday 20th October: *Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community*

• **REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUDAY 9.00am MASS:**

Sunday 21st October: *Group 1: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Maria Hill, Colleen Jablonskis and Emma Rizk.*

FRIDAY PENANCE: Friday is a traditional day of penance and should be marked by:

- **Prayer-** participating in the Eucharist, family prayer, visiting a Church, reading the scriptures, making the Way of the Cross, praying the Rosary
- **Self-denial** – abstaining from meat, sweets or dessert, giving up entertainment to spend time with the family, limiting food and drink in support of the poor,
- **Helping others** – giving special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely, overburdened.

