

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year B

21st 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.**

2018 CATHOLIC MISSION WORLD MISSION APPEAL: This year highlights the variety and scope of the work of Catholic Mission around the world. It also encourages the donors to recognise their important role in mission work – through prayer and donations towards life – giving projects. You can take home the envelopes and return next week and placed on either collection. For more details contact: **Freecall:1800 257 296 or catholicmission.org.au/youaremission**

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!**

ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO OUR PARISH THIS WEEKEND: are invited to Refreshments in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) after Sunday 9.00am Mass. A great time to catch up with friends and to meet new ones. Looking forward to seeing you there.

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4: For our Parish Children. We wish you well in your studies for the last school term for 2018.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY: *Demi Elizabeth Gilleland* who was Baptised last weekend.

Parishioner's birthday for this coming week:

20th: *Yvonne Reddy*

25th: *Christine Goodall*

Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary for this coming week:

25th: *Trish and Paul Newman (45 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

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: Kevin Gomes (R.D.), Thomas Burke (R.D.), Bobbie Cameron, Julia Healy, Jay Jablonskis, Natalie Dwyer, Bernard Hoffmann, Lena Pereira, Fr Tony Daly, John Read, Keith 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.**

ST VINCENT de PAUL: ASSIST -A-STUDENT APPEAL: Has been postponed until early next year. The St Vincent de Paul Society is active in the Asia/Pacific Region. Life in many places in the area can be extremely harsh and challenging for those without opportunity. Many families simply cannot afford to send their children to school and young children are often forced to work, just so a family can make ends meet. There is a way we can help turn this around and that is by sponsoring a child for 12 months, through the Assist a Student Scheme. **For more information about this Appeal, please see one of our Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference Members.**

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.

MESSAGE FOR READERS: The current Readers' Roster will end in December and the year 2019 Roster will be released by mid-December this year. **We would like to invite more new Readers to join us this New year.** We are looking for individuals, couples or families who have passion in reading and would love to share their God-given talents in reading. We highly encourage young people, who are in Year 5 and above and are good Readers' to join us. Those of you who have been Readers' in the past, we hope you will continue. There is a sign-up clipboard on the table at the Church entrance for the next few weeks for your name, phone numbers, email addresses and preferred Mass time. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me 041 3077 824. Thank you to the "old" Readers for their loyalty and welcome "new" Readers' into this rewarding Ministry. **May**

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.

PRAYERS: 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: 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.

Sunday 25th November: 40th Anniversary Picnic: Past, present and future students, parents, staff and parishioners are all invited to come along and celebrate 40 years of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Ruse.

Where: School grounds, **Time:** 11.00am-3.00pm **BYO** food and drink

Please take home a copy of our Parish Catholic Primary School Newsletter.

THE MATER DEI COUNTRY FAIR: Will take place **today** (Sunday 21st October) from 9am – 3pm. 229 Macquarie Grove Rd, Camden. There will be over 50 Stalls- Food, White Elephant, dancers, face painting etc. Please come along and have a great time.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: "A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land". You can download a copy of the Statement: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements. CatholicCare:catholiccare.dow.org.au, St Vincent de Paul Society: dow.sh/SvDPWoll, Homelessness NSW: homelessnessnsw.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.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE: OCTOBER RETREATS:

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

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

The Baptismal call to service of the world: Oct 26: 6:00 pm – Oct 28: 1:30 pm Presenter: Fr David Orr, OSB. Cost: \$250. Concessions apply. **An opportunity to enrich your life through knowledge of the Baptismal Priesthood for life.**

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:

Tuesday 23rd October: St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Thursday 1st November: 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 27th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland & Bertha Barbari

Sunday 28th October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue & Julie Writer

Saturday 3rd November: Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie McKenzie & John Greene

Sunday 4th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Annette Read & Mavon Vaughan

• READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 27th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: Ian Star & Kerry Hennessy

Sunday 28th October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris O'Brien & Christine Foreman

Saturday 3rd November: Saturday Vigil Mass: Kerry Hennessy & Raquel Villareal

Sunday 4th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman & Chris O'Brien

• USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 27th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro

Sunday 28th October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Gwen & Brian Harris

Saturday 3rd November: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland

Sunday 4th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

• CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 27th October: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau, Rosa & Manuel Herrera & Colleen Jablonskis

Saturday 3rd October: Group

