

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



5th November 2017

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, welcome 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.

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: It is a special time to pray for the dead. All Masses will be offered for the deceased relatives and friends of all our Parishioners. We will record all the names that have been given in the Parish Book of Remembrance, set up in the Sacred Space. Please notify either Fr Michael or the Parish Office should you wish to include deceased relatives and/or friends in the Book of Remembrance.

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 BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:

5th: *Ann Webster*
10th: *Faye Faamau*

PARISHIONER'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK:

7th: *Hedy & Janos Toth* (30 years)

WE WELCOME: Into our Parish Community *Harlow Lorna Henderson* who was Baptised last weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr David Catterall, Helen Rawson, Colleen Keane, Betty Berthon, Faleniko Tiatele, Maureen Wyer, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, Elaine Hoffmann, 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.

MESSAGE FOR READERS: The current Readers' Roster ends on the 31st December and the 2018 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 for reading and would love to share their God-given talent. 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 address and preferred Mass time. Should you have any question regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me (May) on **0451468931**. *Thank you to the old readers for their loyalty and welcome to new ones into this rewarding Ministry.* – May

MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR PLAYING AT MASS: Especially on the 4th Sunday of the month and some Saturday Vigil Masses. We have both an organ and keyboard, but would welcome anyone who also plays guitar. Mentoring would be available to anyone who is willing to share their talents. For more information, please ring or email the Parish Office 4628 2967 or ruse@dow.org.au and a member of the Music Ministry will contact you. Thanking you in anticipation.

PARISH LITURGY MEETING (preparation for Advent/Christmas): Wednesday 15th November at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall, to plan for the Advent and Christmas ceremonies. All Ministries (Acolyte's, Reader's, Musician's, Sacristan's, Children's Liturgy teams, etc) are asked to attend. For any information please phone Annette: 0404 112 335.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Is held during the 9.00am Sunday morning Mass (during School Terms) and is for *school aged children - Kindergarten to Year 6 (inclusive)*. If you would like more information on this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 0421 802 132.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME: Is held on Tuesday's (during School Terms) from 9.30am - 11.30am in our Parish Hall. *Gold coin donation.* Parents/Guardians/Grandparents, if you have children including School aged and 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 PIETY STALL: Are selling the 2018 Columban Art Calendar, \$9.00 each. Come and see what they have in stock, plenty of Christmas present ideas etc

CHOSEN - Advent and Christmas Reflections 2017 book. Continuing the tradition from past years, *Chosen* is a 72 page pocket-size book containing short daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (3 Dec. 2017) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 Jan. 2018). *These are now available from the Piety Stall for \$2.00 each.*

CATHOLIC MISSION: Thank you for your prayers and generous contributions for this year's Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal. We invite you to consider partnering with us through a regular monthly gift and continue your support of the life-giving work of Catholic Mission. Freecall: 1800 257 296, catholicmission.org.au/Vietnam

YOUR PARISH ST VINCENT de PAUL CONFERENCE: Wish to thank everyone who assisted the recruitment weekend, there is still a need for more members. If you are considering this vital and rewarding work, as a way of serving our neighbors, please feel most welcome to attend any of the Conference meetings. These are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Alternatively, you may ring the Parish Office with your details and we will contact you. *We ask for your continued prayers and encouragement as we seek New members to assist with this most rewarding work.*

PARISH MAINTENANCE: Like anywhere, from time to time little things need 'doing' in the Church, Parish Hall, toilets etc. It's good to keep on top of things. If you happen to notice eg: kneelers need mending, or anything that is need of repair, please write in the 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.

MENTION MY NAME MASS: (Saturday 21st October):

Thank you to Father Michael Healy and the parishioners of St Thomas More for their participation in this Mass.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take a copy of the School Newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: If you would like to have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home, **please phone Bev on: 4625 0659.** *"When you prayer the Rosary, you have our Lady's hand in your hand. When you pray the Holy Rosary you have the power of God in your hand".*

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: In Baptism, each one of us is called to share in the ministry of Jesus Christ - to bring good news to the poor and let the oppressed go free (Luke 4:18). We are asked to serve people in need - in our workplace, church or social groups, whether known or unknown to us, on the streets or in the broader community, in solidarity, we must challenge views that condemn them. We work for an economy that prevents exclusion. <http://dow.sh/socialjustice2017>

FRENCH MASS: Sunday 12th November at 6.00pm at St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown. This is held the 2nd Sunday of every month.

THE BEATITUDES' Songs & Stories with Peter Kerney:

Friday 17th November at 7.30pm: Faith and Supper at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church, Varroville. This prayerful concert presentation will feature hymns and songs that illustrate the values of 'the Beatitudes' in various ways. Donations welcome.

St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown(2 positions):

1. Housekeeper-Cook Parish Presbytery: - As a housekeeper, you will be responsible for all housekeeping duties, including deep cleaning of all rooms, laundry, organizing cupboards, and caring for furniture. As a cook, you will generally do all the grocery shopping, as well as make meals. 15 hrs per week 3 days per week – Applications close Tuesday 6 Nov. 2017. For a full job description & application form contact frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au

2. Parish office administration A part time job share position is available within the parish office for 12 hours per week, 2 days per week. The position requires experience with bookkeeping, database entry and customer service. Applications close Tuesday 6 Nov.2017. For a full job description & application form contact frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Monday: 6th November: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre

Tuesday: 7th November: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall

Tuesday 14th November: 12noon Catechist meeting in the Parish Hall

Tuesday 14th November: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre

Wednesday 15th November: 7.00pm Parish Liturgy meeting for Advent in the Parish hall (see notices for information)

Thursday 16th November: Retiree's Social Group gathering is after the 9.30am Mass. (Any Retirees over the age of 55 are warmly welcome to join this group) in the Parish Hall.

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

11th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: *Bertha Barbari & Trish Newman*

12th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: *Catherine Minogue & Loretta Tuigamala*

18th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: *Maureen Molland & James Munro*

19th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: *Mavon Vaughan & Julie Writer*

READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

11th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: *Kerry Hennessy & Marisel King*

12th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: *Andrew Truong & Julie Writer*

18th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: *Kerry Hennessy & David Minogue*

19th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: *Elisapeta Minisale & Barry Daley*

USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

11th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: *Maureen Molland*

12th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: *Gwen & Brian Harris*

18th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: *Carmel Munro*

19th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: *Barry Daley*

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 11th November: Group 2: *Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie*

Saturday 18th November: Group 1: *Syro-Malabar Indian Community*

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00AM MASS: Sunday

12th November: Group 1: *Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Maria Hill, Colleen Jablonskis*

