

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year B



**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.

**Welcome!**  
**BACK TO THE 2018 SCHOOL YEAR:** The Parishioners of St Thomas More Parish would like to welcome Mr Phillip Barrington, our new Primary School Principal, Mrs Jean- Maree Morris, our new REC and Sister Necia Allport, in charge of School Pastoral Support. Wishing all our Parish Teacher's, School children and their families all the very best for the School Year ahead. **Also a special welcome** to our Kindergarten children who will began their formal School Life this week.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Parents Information/Enrolment Evening:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm in the Parish Church. Candidates have to be *Baptised Catholic and in Years 3 and above.*

**PARISHIONER'S BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:**  
3<sup>rd</sup>: *Michael Cabonara*  
6<sup>th</sup>: *Francesca Chow*

**PARISHIONER'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK:**  
5<sup>th</sup>: *Cathy and Michael Bye* (46 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)

**IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN OUR PARISH:** Who is ill/or unable to come to Mass and would like to have Holy Communion please inform either Fr Michael or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We currently have 2 Acolytes' who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.

**WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:** *Shante Sarah, Braxton Jay, Kaden Jai* and *Monique Stephanie Cashman-Pridy* who were Baptised last weekend.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2018:** Will be returning today (Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb) at the beginning of the Sunday 9.00am Mass. This is for **School aged children from Kindergarten up to and including Year 6.** If would like more information or would like to join this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 042 180 2132.

**ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME:** Commences for 2018 on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 9.30am - 11.30am in Chelsea House (Parish Hall). This is held during School Terms 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 including Bible Story time, songs, craft, outside/inside play and prayer time. If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

**PARISH LENTEN GROUPS 2018:** Lent begins on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. There is a clipboard on the table at the entrance to the Church. Please put your name down for if you would like to host a group or join in a group. Also if you wish to purchase the Lenten Book and/or CD.

**LENT TIMETABLE 2018:**  
**Ash Wednesday: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February:**  
**9.30am:** Mass and Ashes  
**11.30am at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School:** Mass and Ashes for Year 3 to Year 6 inclusive. Kindergarten to Year 2 (inclusive) Liturgy  
**7.30pm:** Mass and Ashes  
  
**Stations of the Cross will be every Tuesday at 7.00pm during Lent in the Parish Church commencing Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr Michael, Fr David Catterall, Patricia McInerney, Helen Rawson, 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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:** Aida Evans, Marj Esdall, Heidi Thompson, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Fr Tony Daly, Ralph Carmona, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, 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.**

**PARISH LADIES GROUP:** All ladies over 18 are invited to join this group. This group is a Parish based Social group focusing on supporting each other in our faith development and in looking to help or assist in the wider needs of our Parish. We host regular morning teas after the Sunday morning Mass, we hold raffles to raise funds to assist in beautifying the Church and surrounds. We are currently still upgrading Chelsea House (Parish Hall). We also host activities eg: The Parish Ladies High Tea which has proved popular and grows each year. **The more ladies we have joining this group the more and varied activities we can engage in.**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** will have its first meeting of the year **this Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February.** If you have any agenda items you would like discussed, please send to the Parish Office from where they will be forwarded to the Chairperson.

**MESSAGE TO THE PARISH READERS: A Readers Workshop has been organised for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February from 9.30am to 11.30am** (morning tea included). **All Readers are required/encouraged to attend.** For any enquiries and to **RSVP** (for catering purposes) please contact May on: 0413 077 824. I am looking forward to seeing you and thank you for dedicating your precious time to this Parish Ministry.

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Great value for only \$2.00 each (please pay in the red letterbox on top of the Catholic Weeklies). Filled with many interesting articles.

**GROUNDS MAINTENANCE:** The Parish is looking for a volunteer who will be willing to work on a regular basis each week in an effort to keep the Church grounds and surrounds neat and tidy. Hours would be flexible and any handyman skills would also be beneficial as there sometimes small tasks that need doing but it is expensive to bring a tradesman in. If you are able to assist please contact the Office on 46282967 your help would be greatly appreciated.

**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.

**REGIONAL FAREWELL MASS FOR BISHOP PETER INGHAM TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2018:** Fr Peter Caruana—on behalf of the Eastern Macarthur region of the Diocese—has warmly invited our parish to attend a **farewell Mass for Bishop Peter Ingham at 7:30pm on Shrove Tuesday 13 February 2018 at Holy Family Catholic Church, Ingleburn** (136 Oxford Rd). Bishop Peter will preside at the Mass and it will be a great opportunity for parishioners to say their farewells. Refreshments will follow immediately after the Mass. No RSVP is necessary.

**THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF MOST REVEREND BRIAN GREGORY MASCORD:** Fifth Bishop of Wollongong, 7pm Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February **at WIN Entertainment Centre, Wollongong.** It is anticipated that the ordination will be celebrated by up to 4,500 people including approx. 30 Bishops (including the Papal Nuncio in Australia, His Excellency Most Reverend Adolfo Tito Yllana), 100 Priests and Deacons, parishioners and families from all our Parish School, staff, diocesan agencies, and affiliated organisations, leaders of other Churches and faiths, civic leaders of government and business, media, their families, many of Brian's family, friends, parishioners and community members from the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.  
**This is a ticketed event the RSVP date has been extended to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Please contact our Parish Office if you would like to be included with the Parish.**

**ALPHA – BEGIN THE JOURNEY: Monday 5 Feb, 7pm - 9pm Mary Mother of the Church parish Hall, 58 Edgar St, Macquarie Fields or Wednesday 7 Feb, 7pm-9pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 80 Demetrius Rd Rosemeadow.** Do you know someone who hasn't been to church for a while? Maybe never been to Church at all? Perhaps you come to Church but want to get to know God better or are struggling with life's big questions? You're invited to come along and try Alpha, a fun and friendly series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. Just so that there's plenty of food for you please RSVP to the respective Parish Office and let them know you'll be attending.

**Diary Dates:**  
5<sup>th</sup> February: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group AGM and meeting in the Parish Centre (1<sup>st</sup> for 2018): see main notices  
6<sup>th</sup> February: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) (1<sup>st</sup> for 2018): see main notices  
8<sup>th</sup> February: Retiree's Social Group Gathering after the 9.30am Mass in the Parish Centre (all Retiree's over 55 are most welcome), come for a chat, laugh and a cuppa  
12<sup>th</sup> February: 7.00pm Information/Enrolment evening for Reconciliation (please read main notices for information)  
13<sup>th</sup> February: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre (1<sup>st</sup> for 2018)

**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

**PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:**  
• **EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

10<sup>th</sup> February: *Saturday Vigil Mass: Bertha Berbari & Maureen Molland*  
11<sup>th</sup> February: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Loretta & Lafitaga Tuigamala*  
17<sup>th</sup> February: *Saturday Vigil Mass: James Munro & Trish Newman*  
18<sup>th</sup> February: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Faye & Junior Faamau*

• **READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
10<sup>th</sup> February: *Saturday Vigil Mass: David Minogue & James Munro*  
11<sup>th</sup> February: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Marian Cross & Bill George*  
17<sup>th</sup> February: *Saturday Vigil Mass: James Munro & David Minogue*  
18<sup>th</sup> February: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Maryse Parisi & Barry Daley*

• **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
10<sup>th</sup> February: *Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne*  
11<sup>th</sup> February: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley*  
17<sup>th</sup> February: *Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland*  
18<sup>th</sup> February: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy*

• **CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:**  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February: *Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko & Kathy Donachie*  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February: *Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community*  
• **FRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00AM MASS**  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February: *Group 2: Carmel Munro, Christine Foreman, Annette Read and Sue Boyd*

