

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A



5th February 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.
"Anyone 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.

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 either inform Fr Michael or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We have 2 Acolyte's who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.

Welcome!

Back to our Parish School Children who have commenced their School

Year for 2017 this past week. Also a special welcome to our Kindergarten children who will begin their formal School life this coming week.

To any new Parishioners and people who are visiting our Parish this weekend.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF

RECONCILIATION: The Sacrament of Reconciliation program will commence shortly, and notes will be going home to the children via STM Parish School and from Catechists for those children in our State Schools. **Please note in your diaries that the Parents/Carers Information Night will be on Tuesday Evening 21st February at 7pm in the Church.** A copy of your Child's Baptismal Certificate will need to be brought to the session. **More details will follow.**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2017:

TEACHERS / HELPERS REQUIRED: Training will be made available, Session times last 45mins - 1 hour per Week over 4 weeks, Support provided, **NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** Preparation for the Sacrament for Reconciliation is coming up for local Primary Students. For further information, interested persons please contact either: Annette Read **Ph 0404 112 335** or Mike Young **Ph 0414 999 606.**

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for only \$2.00 each, many interesting articles for your perusal.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Mathew Cherian, Fr Tony Daly, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Ken Dewick, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Josephine and Frank McKay, Ladislav Feher, Genie Lynch, Alice Harris and Maria Cabonara. **May internal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The **many** sick in our Parish

Community **including:** Maureen Hennessy, Rosa Santos, Pio Byron, Elaine Hoffmann, Natalie Dwyer, Aimiti Seufatu, Robert Berthaly, Ken Flemming, John Hill, Liban (Wako) Family, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

Parishioner's Birthday for this week:

4th: Bernadine Walsh

Parishioner's Wedding Anniversaries for this week:

5th: Michael & Cathy Bye (45 years)

8th: David & Catherine Minogue (20 years)

If any Parishioner/s would like to have their Birthdays and or Wedding Anniversaries included in the bulletin, please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or ruse@dow.org.au

WE WELCOME: Into our Parish Community:

Joshua Kearney, Lily Anne Loudon, Indiana Violet Bartolo, Bryanna Therese and Skarlett Rose Kentwell who were Baptised last weekend.

MESSAGE TO THE READERS: I have organised a Readers Workshop with our former coordinator Julie W and would like to invite all the readers especially the new ones to come and join.

The Workshop will be held on Saturday 11th February at 10.00am in the Church. There is a clipboard near the church entrance where you can list down your name and contact details. I am looking forward for more attendees and thank you so much for dedicating your precious time to this Parish Ministry - May 045 146 8931

CHILDRENS' LITURGY 2017: Returns today Sunday (5th Feb) during the Sunday 9.00am Mass. This is for School aged children from Kindergarten to Year 6 inclusive. If you like more information on this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 0421802132.

PARISH LADIES GROUP: All ladies over the age of 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. The more ladies we have joining this group the more and varied activities we can engage in.

PARISH MAINTENANCE: A reminder regarding the Parish 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.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME: Commences for 2017 on Tuesday 14th February from 9.30am - 11.30am in the Parish Hall. This is held during School Terms. Parents/Guardians/Grandparents if you children including School aged and bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the children enjoy playtime activities including Bible Story time, songs, craft, outside/inside play and pray time. Gold coin donation. If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take home a copy of the first school newsletter for the year and see what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS:

JOHN TERRY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: Open Day and Enrolment Information sessions for interested parents and their children on Saturday 18th February 2017 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. A formal presentation and information session in the school hall at 11:00am. Enrolment applications for Year 7 2018 will be available and accepted from Monday 20th February 2017 until Friday 31st March 2017. Enrolment documents and packages will be distributed from the school hall during the Open Day. Packages can also be collected from the school office. For All Enquiries: please contact the school office on 4645 8100

ST GREGORY'S COLLEGE CAMPBELLTOWN: Open Day Sunday 19 February 2017 10am to 1pm
For more information/enquiries please contact: College Registrar - Kate Stott 4629 4269 or www.stgregs.nsw.edu.au

MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC COLLEGE: Year 7 Information evening is being held in the College Hall on Wednesday the 1st March at 6.45pm. For more information/enquiries please contact the School Office on: 9603 3000

DIOCESAN FEBRUARY 2017 LITURGICAL MINISTRY

TRAINING CALENDAR: Registration essential to Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au.
Saturday 11 February 2017:

Acolytes and Adult Altar Servers, 10:00am - 4:00pm
St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, 10:00am - 1:00pm: St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown. *Led by Bishop Peter Ingham and members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission; morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided*

Saturday 25 February 2017: Communion of the Sick and Dying (Pre-requisite of prior training as an Acolyte, Adult Altar Server or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion):
10:00am - 2:30pm: St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown
Led by Members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission; morning tea and lunch provided.

CATECHIST TRAINING; LEVEL 1 TRAINING COURSE

(INCLUDING CHILD PROTECTION, CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT AND SMARTBOARD). Start date: Monday, 13 February (6 week course on consecutive Mondays). CCD Resource Centre, Micah House, 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown. Time: 9.30am - 1.30pm. Updates available for Child Protection and Classroom Management on Mon 13 Feb and SmartBoard on Mon 6 March. For bookings or questions please contact Cindy Oliver by 6 Feb on 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au.
There is no cost involved with these courses. Morning tea is provided. Please bring your own lunch.

DIARY DATES:

Monday 6th February: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group AGM & meeting (1st for 2017) in the Parish Centre (please see notices for more information).

Tuesday 7th February: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the Parish Hall

Thursday 9th February: Retiree's Social Group gathering returns for 2017 after the 9.30am Mass. **Any Retiree's over the age of 55 are warmly welcome to join this group.** Gathering is held in the Parish Hall. Come along and share a cuppa some laughs and meet other Parishioners.

Friday 10th February: 2.00pm Parish Catechist meeting to be held in the Parish Hall

Monday 13th February: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 14th February: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting (first for 2017) in the Parish Centre, anyone is most welcome to come and see the good works they do.

Wednesday 15th February: 7.30pm: Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish has a Parish Rosary Statue that Parishioners are able to have in their Home and prayer the Rosary as a family.

For the next 2 Monday's (6th & 13th February) the Parish Rosary Statue will be Prayed in the home of Beverley (address is on the main noticeboard) at 4.30pm.

If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry in 2017 and would like to find out more information please phone Bev on: 4625 0659.

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR

Vigil Mass: Saturday 11th Feb: Maureen Molland & Bev McKenzie

9.00am Mass: Sunday 12th Feb: Helen Rawson & Annette Read

Vigil Mass: Saturday 18th Feb: Winnie Cameron & Bertha Barbari

9.00am Mass: Sunday 19th Feb: Fay & Junior Faamau

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS':

Vigil Mass: Saturday 11th Feb: David Minogue & James Munro

9.00am Mass: Sunday 12th Feb: Christine Foreman & Chelsea Gaut

Vigil Mass: Saturday 18th Feb: James Munro & David Minogue

9.00am Mass: Sunday 19th Feb: Alison Hourigan & Jim Writer

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 11th Feb: Carmel Munro

9.00am Mass: Sunday 12th Feb: Barry Daley

Vigil Mass: Saturday 18th Feb: Maureen Molland

9.00am Mass: Sunday 19th Feb: Helen Rawson & Chris Reddy

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 11th Feb: Tongan Youth Group

Saturday 18th Feb: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00AM MASS: Sunday 12th February: Group 1: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Maria Hill, Colleen Jablonskis and May Michelutti

