

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B



11th February 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, 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.

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

LENT 2018:

The Australian Catholic bishops have proclaimed the days from Ash Wednesday until the following Saturday (February 14-17) Days of Fasting and Reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and the healing of victims. In addition to the work that has been undertaken in the area of the protection of children and vulnerable adults, the Days of Fasting and Preparation are an authentically Catholic response to supplement those efforts. Resources can be accessed at www.catholic.org.au/fastingandreparation

LENT TIMETABLE:

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday 14th 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 20th February.

PARISHIONER'S BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:

13th: *Howard Pew*

14th: *Denis Wass*

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

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:

Macie Bella Plain who was Baptised last weekend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2018: Is held 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 this coming Tuesday 13th 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 this Wednesday 14th February. Our Parish is having 2 Lenten Groups: Monday evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, and Wednesday mornings after the 9.30am Mass in Chelsea House (Parish Hall). Parishioners are invited to join in with either of these groups. The books "Surrender" are \$5.00 each and are available at either the Lenten Groups or you are able to purchase the books from the Piety stall.

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.

MESSAGE TO THE PARISH READERS: A Readers Workshop has been organised for **Saturday 24th 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.

PARISH PIETY STALL: Have for sale the Lenten books "Surrender" \$5.00 per copy as well as many other Religious goods.

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.

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

PROJECT COMPASSION (CARITAS AUSTRALIA) 2018: Each year Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. *In the baskets at the entrance to the Church there are either Project Compassion Boxes or envelopes to take home. The envelopes can be returned each week and placed in either of the collections at Mass. Please give generously.*

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 22nd February at **WIN Entertainment Centre, Wollongong.** The previous Bishops of Wollongong were: Bishops Thomas Absolom McCabe (1951-1974), William Edward Murray (1975-1996), Philip Edward Wilson (1996-2000) and Peter William Ingham (2001-2017).

The Sacramental role of a Bishop is: like priests, celebrate the Eucharist, baptise, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, unite couples in Marriages, and Anoint the Sick. Bishops confer the sacrament of Holy Orders and are able to ordain deacons, priests and bishops. Bishops are the original ministers of Confirmation, though priests may confirm when delegated or when liturgical law indicates. Only bishops consecrate Chrism, the Holy Oil used at Baptism, Confirmation and Ordinations.

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**

Diary Dates:

12th February: 7.00pm Information/Enrolment evening for Reconciliation (please read main notices for information)

13th February: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre (1st for 2018)

14th February: Ash Wednesday - Masse and ashes please see main notices for times

20th February: 7.00pm Stations of the Cross

21st February: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre (1st for 2018)

22nd February: 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

24th February: 9.30am-11.30am Reader's Workshop - see notices for details

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

- **EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

17th February: Saturday Vigil Mass: James Munro & Trish Newman

18th February: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Faye & Junior Faamau

24th February: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bertha Berbari & Bev McKenzie

25th February: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan & Catherine Minogue

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

17th February: Saturday Vigil Mass: James Munro & David Minogue

18th February: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Maryse Parisi & Barry Daley

24th February: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro & Pauline Menzies

25th February: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley & Maureen Molland

- **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

17th February: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland

18th February: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy

24th February: Saturday Vigil Mass: Help needed

25th February: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

- **CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

Saturday 17th February: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

Saturday 24th February: Group 3: Christine Foreman, James & Carmel Munro

- **REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00AM MASS**

Sunday 18th February: Group 2: Carmel Munro, Christine Foreman, Annette Read and Sue Boyd

Prayer

Lord, may the joy of the gospels be a lamp unto my feet.