

16th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A



23rd July 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.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Can you please supervise your children in the Church courtyard and Parish Hall. They are not permitted to climb the brick walls, the hand rails both leading into the Church **and** the 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.

CAMPBELLTOWN CATHOLIC CLUB 53rd ANNUAL COMMUNION MASS AND LUNCHEON:

Our Parish is the Host Parish for this Mass on: **Sunday 30 July 2017 at 10.30am**, followed by Lunch at the The CUBE Campbelltown Catholic Club at 12.30pm.
Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham and Fr Michael Healy.
Tickets \$15.00 per person. Our parish has been allocated 2 tables (10 per table) if you would like to purchase tickets please contact the Parish Office on 46282967 or come in during Office Hours.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: There are still Envelopes ready for collection. If your envelopes are not there, can you please put your name down on the clipboard in the middle of the boxes and they will be ready for you next weekend.

Planned Giving is essential to the running costs of the Parish. You are able to contribute in several ways: Weekly Envelopes, Direct Debit from your Bank Account/Credit Card, Direct Credit by electronically transferring funds (EFT) from your Bank Account direct to the St Thomas More Church Account. There are forms available to fill out on the tables of the Planned Giving Envelopes. The completed forms can be returned via: the Parish Collections, handed to Fr Michael, left at the Parish Office or in the locked letter box outside in Acacia Ave. For enquiries please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or via email: ruse@dow.org.au

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The Information evening for Parents/Carers is this **Wednesday 26th July at 7.00pm** in the Church and the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be at the Parish Masses: Saturday 9th September Vigil Mass and Sunday 10th September at the 9.00am Mass.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community: **Isaac James McMartin, Aubrey May Torpy-Ballard, Christopher Phillips Houweling** and **Nanthaniel James Houweling** who were Baptised last weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Margaret Wheeler (R.D.), Dulcie & Ern Munro (Anniv), Ken Franklin (Anniv), Fr Tony Daly, Keith Gomes, Ladislav Feher, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Josephine & Frank McKay, Genie Lynch, Alice Harris and Maria Cabonara.
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Faleniko Tiatele, Maureen Wyer, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Frank Byron, Rosa Santos, Pio Byron, Elaine Hoffmann, Natalie Dwyer, Aimiti Seufatu, Robert Berthaly, John Hill, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Ellen Healy, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

Parishioner's Birthdays this coming week:

24th: Tresora Wyer & Carmel Bartolo
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

RUSE ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE – WINTER APPEAL:

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Appeal this year. Envelopes will remain available at the back of the Church. These may be completed and placed in either collection or delivered to the Parish Office. Any late food donations can also be delivered to the Parish Office during business hours.
We thank you again, for your continuing generosity and support.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME: Is held on Tuesday's (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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Returns today Sunday (23rd July). This is held during the 9.00am Sunday morning Mass 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.

THE RETIREES SOCIAL GROUP: Would like to invite senior parishioners (over 55) to join our group in the hall after 9.30am Mass (Thursday's). We meet twice a month. Please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat, share many laughs and form new friendships. We hope you will join us. **From your fellow Retired Parishioners.**

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.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Is available on the back table of the church. Great value for only \$2.00 (**to be placed in the red letterbox on the table**). Filled with many interesting articles.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Save the dates:
Sunday 6th August: School Fete.
School Fete: White Elephant Drop off day: Saturday 29th July 1-3pm (plus fete set-up day (all day)). No white goods, stuffed animals, TVs, videos, junk, very old items and/or magazines.

Saturday 7th October: St Thomas More School Shopping bus trip: leaving the Church grounds at 7.00am. There are flyers on the tables at the entrance of the Church, please take one or more.

TAKE A RISK AND GIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH: In our parish there is a team of volunteers that take a risk and step out in faith. Each week of the school year Catechists present 30-minute lessons using a step-by-step lesson plan that helps Catholic children understand their faith, grow in love and maturity and learn what it means to be Catholic. Become a Catechist teacher or helper today! For more information, please call Colleen on: 0414 284 717 or speak with Fr Michael for more information.

EAST TIMOR IS OUR NEWEST AND POOREST NEIGHBOUR:

Despite the uncertainty about the Timor Sea, there is still good news with ATLAS working with the people to make positive change at orphanages, training for jobs and supporting education. **Visit ATLAS.org.au for details.**
Draw a line around Sunday 20th August in your calendar and save the date for Timor Time 2017. Tickets: 9833 8152

EAST AFRICA FOOD CRISIS - CARITAS APPEAL 2017:

The United Nations has said this is the largest humanitarian crisis since the end of the Second World War. Tragically, 23 million people are facing starvation. With the support of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC), Caritas Australia is responding to Pope Francis' call for assistance to the East Africa food crisis. Caritas will conduct an appeal for East Africa throughout our Diocese during July. Caritas Australia will contribute to the work of Caritas International, which is closely involved with those most in need. The immediate need is for food and water, shelter and medical supplies to help reduce the loss of life due to malnutrition and disease. www.caritas.org.au/foodcrisis or call 1800 024 413



The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE: Weekend retreat: Gregorian Chant. Presenter: Mr Tony Vaughan
Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville. **When:** Aug 4 – Aug 6 **Cost:** \$230 (concessions apply) **Ph:** 02 8795 3400 retreats@carmelite.com
www.carmeliteretreats.com.au. Come and experience the beauty & spiritually uplifting sound of Gregorian Chant ... one of the foundations of all Western European music. This sacred oral music can be traced back to the Jewish chant at the time of Christ.
Day retreat: The Practice of the Presence of God: a way through the pain of grief and loss. Day retreat: 5 August (10.30am – 400pm) Registrations from 9.00am
Presenter: Mr Geoff Stumbles **Cost:** \$25.00 Please bring your own lunch.

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".*

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 25th July: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre
Thursday 27th July: Retiree's Social Group gathering is after the 8.30am Mass (once off only this week). (**Any Retirees over the age of 55 are warmly welcome to join this group**). Gathering is held in the Parish Hall. (see notice).
Sunday 30th July:
Tuesday 1st August: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall
Tuesday 7th August: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
29th July: Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron & Maureen Molland
30th July: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan & Julie Writer
5th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie & Bev McKenzie
6th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Helen Rawson & Catherine Minogue

READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
29th July: Saturday Vigil Mass: Pauline Menzies
30th July: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris & Brian O'Brien
5th August: Saturday Vigil Mass:
6th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass:

USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
29th July: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne
30th July: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley
5th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
6th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy & Helen Rawson

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:
Saturday 29th July: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group
Saturday 5th August: Tongan Youth Group

