



30th 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.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CANNOT COME TO MASS FROM OUR PARISH: We currently have 2 Acolyte's who visit Parishioners and bring them Communion every Tuesday to those who are ill or elderly and unable to come to Mass. Please encourage them (or a family member) to contact either Fr Michael or the Parish Office on 4628 2967 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Margaret Wheeler, Dulcie & Ern Munro, Ken Franklin, 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:
31st: Paul Newman

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: If any Parishioners or visitors have any Holy Communion dresses that they would like to donate to our Church for our First Holy Communion children, it would be greatly appreciated. They can be left either in the Church Kitchen or at the Parish Office.

Please keep in your prayers the Children who will be preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Also for their families and the teachers who are giving of their time in preparing these children.

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.

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.

PARISH PIETY STALL: We have plenty available stock for sale eg: Rosary Beads, various medals, cards etc. The Piety Stall is open after the Sunday 9.00am Mass. If you have any questions please see John or Bertha.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:
Save the dates:
Next Sunday 6th August: School Fete.
School Fete: White Elephant Drop off day: next Saturday 5th August: 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.
Please take home a School Newsletter to keep up to date with what is happening. They are located on all the tables at the entrance to the Church.

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 immediate need is for food and water, shelter and medical supplies to help reduce the loss of life due to malnutrition and disease. You can help deliver emergency relief* by donating on-line at www.caritas.org.au/foodcrisis or calling 1800 024 413. Donation envelopes are available in the church foyer and can be mailed directly to Caritas – no stamp required.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE: Weekend retreat: Gregorian Chant. Presenter: Mr Tony Vaughan
Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 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.

GOSPEL LEADERSHIP IN TIMES OF CHAOS: THE HOPE OF POPE FRANCIS: Thursday 10 August, 10:15am – 3:00pm, St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, 35 Cordeaux St Campbelltown. We live in a troubled and changing world. Pope Francis represents the hope of many people in these times of uncertainty: his message talks about belonging, dialogue, social justice, and mercy in a way that is both a challenge and inspiration for the world and the church. At this year's eConference, prominent international and national speakers and panelists will reflect upon these turbulent times and discuss them in the context of Pope Francis' unique style of leadership. Come along and share your thoughts in this practical and informative eConference. Morning & Afternoon tea provided, BYO Lunch. **Registration essential to: Parish Office 4625 8044**

The LITURGY is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the **fount** from which all the Church's power flows. **SC10**

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: 18 -20 August at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville
Relationship enrichment for married couples. Bookings online at www.wvme.org.au. Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL 2017 IN SYDNEY FROM 7-9 DECEMBER 2017: The registration for ACYF in Sydney from 7-9 December 2017 has been launched! Groups and Individuals are encouraged to register early to secure their spot at the Festival. Early bird registration closes on 18 August 2017. The Festival registration process can be found online at www.acyf.org.au.

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 1st August: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall
Monday 7th August: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 8th August: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre
Thursday 10th August: 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**). Gathering is held in the Parish Hall. (see notice)
Monday 14th August: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
5th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie & Bev McKenzie
6th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Helen Rawson & Catherine Minogue
12th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland & Trish Newman
13th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer & Lafitaga Tuigamala

READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
5th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie McKenzie & May Michelutti
6th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Brian & Chris O'Brien
12th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: May Michelutti & James Munro
13th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Pesio & Noelle Aiga

USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
5th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: HELP NEEDED
6th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy & Helen Rawson
12th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
13th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:
Saturday 5th August: Tongan Youth Group
Saturday 12th August: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Eugene Wasko and Barry Daley

