



13<sup>th</sup> August 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.

**FEAST of The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Is a Holy Day of obligation. Our Parish will have Masses at: 9.30am, 11.30am (at our Parish Catholic Primary School) and 7.30pm.

**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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Helen Rawson, Faleniko Tiatele, Maureen Wyer, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, 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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:** Bernandino Ordiz (R.D.), Bruce McDonald, Keith Millar, Sadie Mir, John McMillan, Margaret Wheeler, 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.*

**Parishioner's Birthdays this coming week:**  
13<sup>th</sup>: James Munro

*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)*

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Parish Community *Makayla Janet Kazmar* and *Liam Desmond Volker* who were Baptised last weekend.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Please keep in your prayers the Children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion for the next 3 weeks. Also for their families and the teachers who are giving of their time in preparing these children. *The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be at the Weekend Parish Masses: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm Vigil Mass and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00am.*

**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 LADIES GROUP: FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE:** Tickets will go on sale the weekends: 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> August after all Parish Masses. Tickets are \$1.00 each and there are 8 great prizes. *Please support this Parish Fundraiser. Funds raised will go towards the "revamping" of the Parish Hall.*

**PARISH LADIES GROUP: SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October: Parish Ladies Group High Tea.** More details to follow.

**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.

**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.

**2016 NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY RESULT FOR OUR PARISH:**

**Parishioners most value:** Celebrating the Eucharist/receiving Holy Communion: 60%, Sermons and Homilies: 26%, Traditional style of worship or music: 23%, Praying for one another: 23%.  
**Parishioners want to give attention to:** Increasing the number of people at Mass: 40%, Creating a clear vision for the Church: 32%, Building a strong sense of community: 29% and Spiritual growth: 26%.  
*These results are from the 140 forms (Adults) and 10 (Child forms) that were completed in November last year. Attenders could select up to 3 options so percentages may not add up to 100%.*

**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:** Thank you to the many Parishioners, Parents, Friends etc who supported our Parish Catholic Primary School Fete last Sunday. A very successful day was had.  
**Save the date:**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October: St Thomas More School Shopping bus trip:** leaving the Church grounds at 7.00am. Numbers have to be in by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Please take a flyer on the tables at the entrance of the Church, please take one or more. This is a most enjoyable fun day.  
*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](http://ATLAS.org.au) for details. Draw a line around Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

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

**BISHOPS' SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT ON THE ECONOMY:** We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 24 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: *'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'*. The Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website ([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)) or call (02) 8306 3499.

**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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> August: 6.30pm** Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre (*please note change of day and time - this is a once off only*)  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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)

**PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

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

19<sup>th</sup> August: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bertha Barbari & Winnie Cameron  
20<sup>th</sup> August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Faye & Junior Faamau  
26<sup>th</sup> August: Saturday Vigil Mass: Trish Newman & Bev McKenzie  
27<sup>th</sup> August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan & Julie Writer

**READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

19<sup>th</sup> August: Saturday Vigil Mass: James & Carmel Munro  
20<sup>th</sup> August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Noelle & Pesio Aiga  
26<sup>th</sup> August: Saturday Vigil Mass: Kerry Hennessy & Marisel King  
27<sup>th</sup> August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Andrew Truong & Maureen Molland

**USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

19<sup>th</sup> August: Saturday Vigil Mass: HELP REQUIRED  
20<sup>th</sup> August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Gwen & Brian Harris  
26<sup>th</sup> August: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro  
27<sup>th</sup> August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley

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

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August: Group 3: Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro

**REFRESHMENTS** after SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 9.00am Mass:  
Group 2: Carmel Munro, Christine Foreman and Annette Read

*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. SC 10*

