

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year B

2nd September 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, welcomes 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 Chelsea House (Parish Hall). They are **not** permitted to climb the brick walls, the hand rails both leading into the Church and Chelsea House (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.**

BLESSING FOR FATHER'S DAY:

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the **God of compassion** walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. **Amen**

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community: *Tristan Gerard Harding* and *Gabriella Wagner* who were Baptised last weekend.

Parishioner's birthday for this coming week:

3rd: *Neville Taylor*

4th: *Dexter Harris*

5th: *Anica Michelutti*

7th: *Maureen Molland*

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Maureen Hennessy, Maria Byron, Elaine Hoffmann, Gulliver, Ellen Healy, Patricia McInerney, Helen Rawson, Betty Berthon, Maureen Wyer, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, 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: Jay Jablonskis (R.D.), Natalie Dwyer (R.D.), Bernard Hoffmann (Anniv), Peter Giannetti (Anniv), Erukua & Gino Dicesare, Dominico & Loreta Giannetti, Lena Pereira, Mauro Mariano, Fr Tony Daly, John Read, Faleniko Tiatele, Keith Gomes, Balbino Xavier Gomes, Monica Gomes, John Baptist D'Sa, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, Alice Harris, Ladislav Feher, Bobby Cameron and Maria Cabonara. **May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual Light shine upon them.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Parish Masses on Saturday 22nd September and Sunday 23rd September. **Please continue to keep in your prayers the 59 children, their families and their teachers.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2018: Is held at the beginning of the Sunday 9.00am Mass (during School Terms). This is for School aged children from Kindergarten up to and including Year 6. If you would like more information or would like to join this Parish Ministry, please contact Joanne on 0421 802 132.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME: Is held every Tuesday (during School Terms) from 9.30am – 11.30am in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) 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. If you have any enquiries, please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: The current Roster is about to end. If you wish to join this Parish Ministry, please put your name and contact details on the clipboard on the table at the entrance to the Church. If you are currently on the Roster, please also include your name and contact details on the clipboard.

BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD BRINGS TO YOUR ATTENTION THE SVDP SOCIETY'S VINNIES NSW DROUGHT APPEAL and asks that you support this appeal with your usual generosity and charity.

The appeal will provide individuals and families assistance with groceries, household bill payments, fund the delivery of water and animal feed by partner organisations and organise social events for respite and mutual support. Donations can be made at local St Vinnies de Paul shops, calling 13 18 12; at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/donate#!state=nsw&appeal=159>.p.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - DROUGHT APPEAL

Thank you very much to everyone who supported this very important appeal. The response was pleasing. If anyone missed the appeal weekend or still wants to donate, envelopes remain available at the back of the Church. Simply complete and place in either collection and we will make sure the funds get to needy rural communities asap. **Please be generous as the need is great**

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL – 40TH ANNIVERSARY PAVERS: As part of the School's 40th Anniversary, they are looking to pave the area in front of the "We Remember" wall with special family pavers.

Past and present families will have the opportunity to purchase an engraved paver, to create a "We Remember" area. The pavers will come in 2 sizes: single and double. **The order forms are on the table at the main entrance to the Church. All enquiries please phone the School Office on: 4625 6561.**

SAVE THE DATE: St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Bus Shopping Trip: Saturday 10th November. More information to follow.

Please take home a copy of the School Newsletter to keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for \$2.00 each. It contains many interesting articles for your perusal. **Please put monies into the red letterbox on top of the Catholic Weeklies**

MACATHUR SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING INVITE: "Do you ever wonder why you make certain choices? Why do you do what you do? Why do you like certain things? Why are you better at some things than others? Join us in **St John the Evangelist Catholic Church Parish Hall, Campbelltown** next **Saturday 8th September 10.00am to 11.30am** to hear Certified Clifton's Strengths Coach Mahesh Trivedi for the Introductory Presentation – Understanding Your Strengths in the Parish Setting. All parishioners welcome".

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Weekend: 8th/9th September: Child Protection Sunday
Weekend: 15th/16th September: Bishops Annual Appeal
Weekend: 22nd/23rd September: First Holy Communion
Weekend: 29th/30th September: Social Justice Sunday

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre: September retreats

247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, Ph: 8795 3400
retreats@carmelite.com

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Icon painting at Mt Carmel: September: 14 - 16

Cost: \$600 (concessions apply) Presenter: Anna Prifti

Working with our shadow using Carl Jung and St John of the Cross. September: 14 - 16 Presenter: Anne Donald
Cost: \$250 (concessions apply)

"And all who are free, tell me a thousand graceful things of you..."- Spiritual Canticle of St. John of the Cross

GROWING GOOD MEN – DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG

FATHER AND SON CAMP: A life changing father and son weekend will be held from Friday 2 November – Sunday 4 November 2018 at Cataract Scout Camp, Appin. Spots are limited to just 15 fathers with their son aged between 12-16. One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father, or significant father figure. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE. You don't get this time back so make this opportunity a priority! Contact Jude Hennessy on Ph: 4222 2407 or email jude.hennessy@dow.org.au to register or ask any questions.

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:

Monday 3rd September: 6.30pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre

Monday 3rd September: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 4th September: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)

Thursday 6th September: 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.

Tuesday 11th September: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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

Saturday 8th September: Saturday Vigil Mass: James Munro & John Greene

Sunday 9th September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Loretta & Laitaga Tuigamala

Saturday 15th September: Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron & Julie McKenzie

Sunday 16th September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau & Mavon Vaughan

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

Saturday 8th September: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie & Carmel Munro

Sunday 9th September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Samoan Community

Saturday 15th September: Saturday Vigil Mass: May Michelutti

Sunday 16th September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley & Tess Writer

• **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 8th September: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland

Sunday 9th September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

Saturday 15th September: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne

Sunday 16th September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy

• **CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 8th September: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau HELP NEEDED (8.30am start)

Saturday 15th September: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

We have many ill Parishioners or Parishioners who have moved out of the area. If you have ever considered joining one of our many Parish Ministries eg: Reader's, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Sacramental Team, Acolyte's, Altar Servers, Music, Church Cleaner's, Parish grounds maintenance, Refreshments after Mass, Children's Liturgy, etc. This is another way of being a part of our Parish Family/ Community. There will be a clipboard from next weekend for you to write your details. Please consider joining one or more of our Parish Ministries.