

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year B

30th September 2018
(Social Justice Sunday)

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.**

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: "A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land". The latest Census figures show that more than 116,000 Australians are homeless – something unacceptable for a rich and well-resourced nation like ours. Yet these people are only the tip of the iceberg: House prices and rents are spiralling out of reach of too many families and placing huge financial stress on ordinary people, even when they are employed. The Statement challenges us all to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing. You can download a copy of the Statement: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements

FATHER MICHAEL: will be on ANNUAL DIOCESAN CLERGY RETREAT with the Priests of the Diocese from Monday to Thursday this week. *Though the Presbytery will be occupied for security reasons, please refer all Parish matters to the PARISH OFFICE 9.30am – 3.30pm) Tuesday to Thursday.*

COMMUNION SERVICE: (Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the usual time of 9.30am. **Mass** on Friday at 9.30am (as per usual)

WISHING OUR PARISH SCHOOL CHILDREN and their families: a very restful and safe holiday break.

The Parishioners of our Parish would like to congratulate the 49 children who made the Sacrament of First Holy Communion last weekend. Thank you to the many people (Teachers and Families) who prepared the Children for this Sacrament.

Thank you on behalf of the First Holy Communion Candidates and their families: to the Sacramental Team who prepared the Church, to the Church Cleaners, to the Musicians who played especially for the Holy Communion Masses last weekend, to the PowerPoint creator who created the PowerPoint for last weekend and to the many people behind the scenes. Your time and talents were greatly appreciated by all who attended the First Holy Communion Masses last weekend.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL- to support the Retirement and Health of Clergy: *Caring for those who care for us. Thank you for your generous support of this appeal. Donations are still being gratefully received via today's collections and can be made using the special envelopes provided.* Donations can also be made online via the Diocese of Wollongong's website www.dow.org.au "I am very grateful for your support in helping me to ensure that we can provide for the retirement and health care of our clergy. God Bless you" **Bishop Brian Mascord.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The **many** sick in our Parish Community including: Maree Laming, 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, Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Julia Healy, Renato Sa-Cordeiro (Anniv), Ida Sa-Cordeiro (Anniv), Jay Jablonskis, Natalie Dwyer, Bernard Hoffmann, Peter Giannetti, Erukua & Gino Dicesare, Dominico & Loretta 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, Murya 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.**

Parishioner's birthday for this coming week:

1st Oct: Manuel Herrera

4th: John Berbari

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2018: Is held at the beginning of the Sunday 9.00am Mass (during School Terms).

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.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for \$2.00 per copy, it contains many interesting articles for your perusal. Please remember to put monies into the red letterbox on top of the Catholic Weeklies.

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 is a clipboard for you to write your details and you will be contacted. Please consider joining one or more of our Parish Ministries.

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 DATES:

Friday 2nd November: St Thomas More P & F Trivia Night being held in the Campbelltown Catholic Club 7.00pm in the Lachlan Macquarie Room – please read School Newsletter for more details

Saturday: 10th November: St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Shopping Bus Trip. Please take a flyer on the tables to the entrance to the Church.

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

BLESSING OF ANIMALS: Monday 1st October at 9.30am at St Michael's Church, Thirroul. All pets and carers are welcome Bring your phone/camera to record the memorable day. Dogs on leads etc

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre: September retreats

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

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Exploring God's love with Julian of Norwich:

Oct 6: 10:30 am – 4:00 pm Presenter: Sheila Upjohn
Cost: \$30 Pick-ups from Minto train station at 930am and 1000am Please remember to bring your own lunch.

"All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well". Guided retreat: A week with St Therese of Lisieux. **Oct 8:** 6:00 pm – Oct 14: 9:30 am
Presenter: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD Cost: \$750.00. Concessions apply.

FRENCH MASS: The next French Mass will be held at St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown on Sunday 14th October at 6.00pm.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: *The Parish has a Parish Rosary Statue that Parishioners are able to have 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.



PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING. This is an opportunity for us to assist Pope Francis, Bishop Brian and ourselves to examine and evaluate where we are and where we want to be in the future. We need your input so we can advise Bishop Brian and Pope Francis what we think and what we want to know! "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Bishop Brian wrote in his letter to all parishioners "...it is an opportunity for us to listen deeply to our own hearts and the hearts of others in expressing what we love about who we are as the Church, as well as identifying and naming our shortcomings and disappointments, and expressing in concrete ways our hopes for the future."

Listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to guide us in our endeavours together.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR PARISH MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST AT 7.30PM IN CHELSEA HOUSE (PARISH HALL), TO FIND OUT MORE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS OF HAVING YOUR SAY. Supper will be served!

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 2nd October: 6.30pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 2nd October: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) – all members please attend

Thursday 4th October: 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 9th October: St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 6th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie McKenzie & James Munro

Sunday 7th October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan & Faye Faamau

Saturday 13th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: John Greene & Winnie Cameron

Sunday 14th October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Loretta & Lafitaga Tuigamala

READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 6th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: Annette Read & Julie McKenzie

Sunday 7th October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Jim & Feyise Witer

Saturday 13th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: Annette Read & Bev McKenzie

Sunday 14th October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Cecile Satchell & Barry Daley

USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 6th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland

Sunday 7th October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

Saturday 13th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne

Sunday 14th October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 6th October: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie

Saturday 13th October: Group 3: Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro

