

Fifth Sunday of Easter



14th May 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. "Anyone 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.

PARISH COLLECTIONS: The Parish Finance Council has decided to change the Order of the week-end collection at all Masses to comply with the Diocesan Regulations. So from next weekend, the **FIRST COLLECTION** (taken up at the Offertory of the Mass) will be Remuneration of the Priests of the Diocese, including the sick, Retired and aged Priests of the Diocese. The **SECOND COLLECTION** (taken up after Holy Communion) is for the Parish expenses (electricity, repairs and maintenance, wages, insurance etc). This includes Parish Planned Giving Envelopes and all loose money in the Second Collection. **This will come into effect from next weekend, 20th - 21st May.**

LITURGY NOTES: Offertory Procession: If you are taking up the Gifts for the Offertory, please proceed to the back table at the conclusion of the Prayers of the Faithful, ready to process with the Gifts when Father comes to the bottom of the Sanctuary.

CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL: *Will be next weekend at both weekend Masses.* This year we are invited to participate in Jesus' life-giving mission, supporting women and children's health in Uganda. **Please come prepared next weekend and give generously.** Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/uganda

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community: **Alexandra Kate Willis, Vladimir Ivan Horvat, Connor Vincent O'Mullane, Olivia Jane Ward and Oscar James Price** who were Baptised last weekend.

POWERPOINT OPERATOR'S: If any Parishioner is interested in joining this Parish Ministry especially for the **Saturday Vigil Mass only**, please speak with Fr Michael. Training will be provided.

Parishioner's Birthday's for this week:
13th: Elaine Nakasenh & Bertha Barbari

Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary this week:
13th: Junior & Christnai Faamau (10 years)

If any Parishioner/s would like to have their Birthdays and or Wedding Anniversaries included in the bulletin, please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or ruse@dow.org.au

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:
Ellen Clifton (Anniv), Tom van Kints, Cheryl Johnson, Sonja Meyers, Jean Chartterton, Keith Gomes, Ladislav Feher, Fr Tony Daly, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Josephine and 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: Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Frank Byron, Chris Reddy, Rosa Santos, Pio Byron, Elaine Hoffmann, Natalie Dwyer, Aimiti Seufatu, Robert Berthaly, Ken Flemming, John Hill, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Ellen Healy, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

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.

PARISH LADIES MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE:
We thank you for your generous and continuous support of our fund raising efforts. The winners names will be in the Parish Bulletin next week.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 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.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME: Is held on Tuesdays (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, with the next meeting on Thursday 18th May, then a fortnight later on 1st June. Please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat, share many laughs and form new friendships. We hope you will join us. Hope to see you there. **From your fellow Retired Parishioners.**

PARISH PLANNED GIVING: If you would like to join the Parish Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or email: ruse@dow.org.au

PARISH PIETY STALL: Come and have a browse through our Parish Piety Stall, we have many Religious items etc for sale. If you have any enquiries please see John and Bertha our Piety Stall Co-Ordinators.

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 HALL UPDATE: New nails and replacement floor boards (that needed doing) have now been completed.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for \$2.00, includes many interesting articles. Money to be placed in the "red letterbox", on the table where the Catholic Weeklies are.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Save the dates: **Friday 16th June - P & F Trivia Night** and **Sunday 6th August - School Fete.**

Trivia Night: Commencing at 7.00pm in the School Hall \$10.00 per head, 10 people per table. All proceeds for the night will be generously donated for repairs/maintenance for our Parish Hall. BYO and there will be food platters for sale. Everyone is most welcome, please come and support our Parish Catholic Primary School. **Please take home a copy of the School Newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.**

A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples - set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! **Weekend date: 19-21 May at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Bookings online at www.wmme.org.au or Bill and Ardell Sharpe on 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au**

menALIVE WEEKEND FOR MEN: What are you doing on the 24/25 June? Could you benefit from a weekend, featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion, and space to reflect? For more information/enquiries phone Ian Boorman 042 700 6021 or Oran Park Parish Office on 4628 2226 or email oranparkmen@dow.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:

Wednesday 17th May: 7.00pm Information Evening for Confirmation in the Church
Thursday 18th May: 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)
Tuesday 23rd May: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
20th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland & James Munro
21st May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Julie & Jim Writer
27th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron & Bev McKenzie
28th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Annette Read & Helen Rawson

READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
20th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Pauline & Gabby Menzies
21st May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Tess & Jim Writer
27th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Gabby & Pauline Menzies
28th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Jim & Tess Writer

USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
20th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
21st May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman & Catherine Minogue
27th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicky Horne
28th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Gwen & Brian Harris

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:
Saturday 20th May: Syro-Malabar Indian Community
Saturday 27th May: Group 3: Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MORNING MASS: Sunday 21st May: Tongan Community

A Pray for Mothers

All-loving God we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers & great grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

