

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A



12th February 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.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN OUR PARISH: Who is ill/or unable to come to Mass and would like to have Holy Communion please either inform Fr Michael or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We have 2 Acolyte's who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.



ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITOR'S TO OUR PARISH THIS WEEKEND are invited to share in Refreshments after Sunday 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation program will commence shortly, and notes will be going home to the children via STM Parish School and from Catechists for those children in our Parish State Schools. **Please note in your diaries that the Parents/Carers Information Night will be on Tuesday Evening 21st February at 7pm in the Church.** A copy of your Child's Baptismal Certificate will need to be brought to the session. More information will be available on the evening.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2017:

TEACHERS / HELPERS REQUIRED: Training will be made available, Session times last 45mins - 1 hour per Week over 4 weeks, Support provided, **NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** Preparation for the Sacrament for Reconciliation is coming up for local Primary Students. For further information, interested persons please contact either: Annette Read **Ph 0404 112 335** or Mike Young **Ph 0414 999 606.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Mathew Cherian, Fr Tony Daly, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Josephine and Frank McKay, Ladislav Feher, Genie Lynch, Alice Harris and Maria Cabonara.

May internal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish

Community *including:* Maureen Hennessy, Rosa Santos, Pio Byron, Elaine Hoffmann, Natalie Dwyer, Aimiti Seufatu, Robert Berthaly, Ken Flemming, John Hill, Liban (Wako) Family, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

Parishioner's Birthday for this week:

13th: Howard Pew

14th: Clair Astruc & Denis Wass

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

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community *Daniel Peter Shaggal* who was Baptised last weekend.

CHILDRENS' LITURGY 2017: Is held during the Sunday 9.00am Mass (in the Parish Hall). This is for School aged children from Kindergarten to Year 6 inclusive. If you like more information on this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 0421802132.

THE PARISH LADIES GROUP held its AGM last Monday, and the office bearers for this year are -

President: Maree Laming, Secretary: Maureen Molland, Treasurer: Gwen Harris, and Publicity Officer: Annette Read.

The group meets in the Parish Centre on the first Monday evening of each month, and all ladies of the Parish over 18 years of age are warmly invited to join.

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.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME: Commences for 2017 **this Tuesday 14th February** from 9.30am - 11.30am in the Parish Hall. This is held during School Terms. Parents/Guardians/Grandparents if you children including School aged and bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the children enjoy playtime activities including Bible Story time, songs, craft, outside/inside play and pray time. Gold coin donation. If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS 1 MARCH: Please bring in your palms from last year's Palm Sunday. Please bring them in next weekend or the weekend after. There will be baskets at the back of the Church.

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.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take home a copy of the first school newsletter and see what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS:

JOHN TERRY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: Open Day and Enrolment Information sessions for interested parents and their children on **Saturday 18th February** from 11:00am to 2:00pm. A formal presentation and information session in the school hall at 11:00am. Enrolment applications for Year 7 2018 will be available and accepted from Monday 20th February 2017 until Friday 31st March 2017. Enrolment documents and packages will be distributed from the school hall during the Open Day. Packages can also be collected from the school office. For All Enquiries: please contact the school office on 4645 8100

ST GREGORY'S COLLEGE CAMPBELLTOWN: Open Day **Sunday 19 February** 10am to 1pm. For more information/enquiries please contact: College Registrar - Kate Stott 4629 4269 or www.stgregs.nsw.edu.au

MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC COLLEGE: Year 7 Information evening is being held in the College Hall on **Monday 27 February** (arriving at 6.30pm for a 6.45pm commencement. For more information/enquiries please contact the School Office on: 9603 3000

DIOCESAN FEBRUARY 2017 LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING CALENDAR: Registration essential to Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au.

Saturday 25 February 2017: Communion of the Sick and Dying (Pre-requisite of prior training as an Acolyte, Adult Altar Server or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion):
10:00am - 2:30pm: St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown
Led by Members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission; morning tea and lunch provided.

(Please note proposed change of date for the following): The Liturgical Ministry Training for Acolytes, Adult Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, training will be:
Saturday 4 March 2017: 10am-4pm for Acolytes and Adult Altar Servers; 10am-1pm for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Campbelltown.

CATECHIST TRAINING: LEVEL 1 TRAINING COURSE (INCLUDING CHILD PROTECTION, CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT AND SMARTBOARD). Start date: **Monday, 13 February** (6 week course on consecutive Mondays). CCD Resource Centre, Micah House, 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown. Time: 9.30am - 1.30pm. Updates available for Child Protection and Classroom Management on Mon 13 Feb and SmartBoard on Mon 6 March. For bookings or questions please contact Cindy Oliver by 6 Feb on 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au.
There is no cost involved with these courses. Morning tea is provided. Please bring your own lunch.

DIARY DATES:

Monday 13th February: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 14th February: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting (first for 2017) in the Parish Centre, anyone is most welcome to come and see the good works they do.

Tuesday 21st February: 7.00pm Reconciliation & Enrolment Information Evening in the Church for Parents/Carers/Guardians (see main notices)

Wednesday 22nd February: 7.30pm: Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre

Thursday 23rd February: Retiree's Social Group gathering is after the 9.30am Mass. *(Any Retiree's over the age of 55 are warmly welcome to join this group).* Gathering is held in the Parish Hall. Come along and share a cuppa some laughs and meet other Parishioners.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish has a Parish Rosary Statue that Parishioners are able to have in their Home and prayer the Rosary as a family.

For this Monday (13th February) the Parish Rosary Statue will be Prayed in the home of Beverley (address is on the main noticeboard) at 4.30pm.

If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry in 2017 and would like to find out more information please phone Bev on: 4625 0659.

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR

Vigil Mass: Saturday 18th Feb: Winnie Cameron & Bertha Barbari

9.00am Mass: Sunday 19th Feb: Fay & Junior Faamau

Vigil Mass: Saturday 25th Feb: Trish Newman & Bev McKenzie

9.00am Mass: Sunday 26th Feb: Catherine Minogue & Julie Writer

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS':

Vigil Mass: Saturday 18th Feb: James Munro & David Minogue

9.00am Mass: Sunday 19th Feb: Alison Hourigan & Jim Writer

Vigil Mass: Saturday 25th Feb: Pauline & Gabby Menzies

9.00am Mass: Sunday 26th Feb: Jim Writer & Allison Hourigan

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 18th Feb: Maureen Molland

9.00am Mass: Sunday 19th Feb: Helen Rawson & Chris Reddy

Vigil Mass: Saturday 25th Feb: Carmel Munro

9.00am Mass: Sunday 26th Feb: Christine Foreman & Catherine Minogue

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 18th Feb: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

Saturday 25th Feb: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie Barry Daley and Eugene Wasko

Prayer

Respecting one another

God our Father, you call each of us by name, and you treasure each of us individually, inspire us to respect and value each person who comes into our lives each day. **Amen**

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for only \$2.00 each, many interesting articles for your perusal.

