

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A



19th 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.

**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.

**PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF**

**RECONCILIATION:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation program will commence shortly, and notes have gone 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/Enrolment Night is this Tuesday 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:**

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

**18th: Freda Miranda**  
**22nd: Michael Berbari**  
*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](mailto: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 would like more information on this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 0421802132.

**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:** Is held in the Parish Hall every Tuesday during School Terms from 9.30am - 11.30am.

Parents/Guardians/Grandparents if you have 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 prayer time. Gold coin donation. If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

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

**MASSES AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY: 1ST MARCH:**

9.30am: Parish Church  
10.30am: St Thomas More Catholic Primary School (Year 3 and above)  
7.30pm: Parish Church

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

**LENTEN PROGRAM 2017:**

There is a clipboard on the back table of the Church, if you would like to host a Lenten group or attend please put your name down with your contact details.

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

**HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS:**

**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](http://www.stgregs.nsw.edu.au)

**ST PATRICKS'S COLLEGE** for Girls **Open Day: Saturday 25 February** 10.00am - 2.00pm on the College Campus. For more information/enquiries please contact the School Office on: 4629 2999

**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](mailto: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.*

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.

**ONE DAY LENTEN RETREAT:** Next Saturday February 25. **Venue:** Benedictine Abbey 695 Jamberoo Mountain Rd, Jamberoo. **Time:** 10.00-4.00 with the option of Mass at 9.00 a.m. and Vespers at 5.00 p.m. **Presenter:** Sr. Hilda Scott OSB **Cost:** \$30.00 Morning and Afternoon Tea provided. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee are available. **Bookings:** Petrina 0242360533

**TALK & HEALING PRAYER BY ALAN AMES:** at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, Emerald Drive, Eagle Vale on Tuesday 28 February 2017. It will commence with Mass at 7.00pm followed by his talk at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more information visit his website [www.alanames.org/en](http://www.alanames.org/en)

**PROJECT COMPASSION 2017:** Beginning on **Wednesday March 1 (Ash Wednesday)** and running through the six weeks of Lent, Project Compassion raises both funds and community awareness about important global issues, empowering our neighbours across the world to build a brighter future. Our theme this year is **Love Your Neighbour**, with six inspiring stories from the Philippines (2), Timor-Leste, Australia, Vietnam and Fiji.

**DIARY DATES:**

**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 Retirees 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.

**Tuesday 28th February: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre

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

For this Monday (20th 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 25th Feb: Trish Newman & Bev McKenzie**

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

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 4th March: James Munro & Winnie Cameron**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 5th March: Annette Read & Jim Writer**

**READERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

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

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

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 4th March: Gabby & Pauline Menzies**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 5th March: Noelle & Pesio Aiga**

**USHERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 25th Feb: Carmel Munro**

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

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 4th March: Vicky Horne**

**9.00am Mass: Sunday 5th March: Gwen & Brian Harris**

**CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS**

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

**Saturday 4th March: Group 3: Christine Foreman, James & Carmel Munro**



"Love of God and love of our neighbour is one and the same thing"  
Pope Francis

