

The ASCENSION of the LORD

Year B



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, 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 Andrew *ofm* 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 inform either Fr Michael or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We currently have 2 Acolytes who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.

FLU SEASON HEALTH ALERT: A reminder to Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion that flu season has arrived, and it is important to cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze and it is essential to wash hands before distributing Communion.

Thank you

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Will be celebrated in the Parish by Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 17th June 2018. Please keep the Candidates, their families and teachers in your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr Michael, Fr David Catterall, Ellen Healy, Patricia McInerney, Helen Rawson, Betty Berthon, Faleniko Tiatele, Maureen Wyer, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, Elaine Hoffmann, Natalie Dwyer, 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: Paddy Normoyle, Joan Normoyle, Christine Hudson (Anniv), John Trimble, Fay Bourke, Keith Gomes, Balbino Xavier Gomes, Monica Gomes, John Baptist D'Sa, Fr Tony Daly, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Alice Harris, Ladislav Feher, Bobby Cameron, Bernard Hoffmann and Maria Cabonara. *May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual Light shine upon them.*

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*

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

Parishioner's Birthday for this Week:
13th: Elaine Nakasenh & Bertha Berbari

Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary this week:
12th: Freda & Wilfred Miranda (55 years)
13th: Christnai & Junior Faamau (11 years)

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.

PARISH SACRISTAN'S NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE CURRENT SACRISTAN'S: The Sacristan Team assist in the Sacristy in the preparation for Mass and other celebrations. The Sacristan Team is responsible to ensure all linen, brass, vessels and candles are in excellent condition and to reset the Altar after Mass and for any special liturgies. If you would like to join this Parish Ministry or would like more information, please contact Christine on: 0404 3277 892

THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEER GENTLEMEN: Who have been coming during the week and cleaning/tidying the Church grounds, garden beds, the garden in front of the toilet block and the painting of the Hall rail for Chelsea House. *Your gifts of time and talents are greatly appreciated.*

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 including Bible Story time, songs, craft, outside/inside play and prayer time. If you have any enquiries, please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

THE RETIREES SOCIAL GROUP: Would like to invite retired parishioners (over 55) to join our group in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) after Thursday's (17th May) 9.30am Communion Service. We meet twice a month. Please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat, share many laughs and form new friendships. We hope you will join us. *From your fellow Retired Parishioners*

PARISH PLANNED GIVING: Planned Giving is essential to the running costs of the Parish. If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or e-mail: ruse@dow.org.au *Thank you.*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER APPEAL: Will commence from next weekend 19th/ 20th May.

We are not in urgent need of cash this year but for Parishioners who find cash donations more convenient, there will be envelopes on the seats at Mass next weekend and at the back of the Church for the remainder of the Appeal. Simply complete and place the envelope in either the 1st or 2nd collection. Any cash received will be put towards buying food or resources for the Nagle Centre.

This year our main focus is food for the Nagle Centre, where homeless, hungry and lonely people of our area go to receive filling meals. It is a service that is vital to our community and your support is vital.

The Nagle Centre have specifically requested: Tuna (tinned), tinned spaghetti, Baked beans, tinned soup, Tinned fruit, Milk powder, Long life full cream milk, Custard powder, Hot chocolate, Tea, Coffee, Cordial, Pasta sauce, Tomato paste, 2-minute noodles, Nappies, Wet wipes for babies, Beanies, Scarves and Gloves

Please note that this year Nagle do not require blankets, socks, flour, rice or pasta as we they have a good supply of all of those items and storage is an issue.

St. Thomas More Primary School 40th Anniversary Quilt:

This year is the St. Thomas More Primary School's 40th Anniversary. To commemorate this occasion we are looking to create a St. Thomas More family quilt, made up of squares from each family in our school, both past and present.

Families, who would like to participate, will be given a fabric square to create an image to represent their family as part of the St. Thomas More family.

We are hoping you will include your family name and/or the names of each child in your family who has attended St. Thomas More. The square could also contain an image or symbol to represent your family and your journey at St. Thomas More. It is up to you.

You could use: embroidery, quilting, patchwork or whatever other medium you choose.

You can do it yourself or have someone do it for you.

The only request will be that the entire piece is created using school colours: gold, royal blue, white or grey. School uniform fabric can also be used. This will help keep the quilt uniform and tie it altogether.

If you would like to participate in the quilt, could you please contact the school on 46256561 to let us know what colour backing material (white, royal blue or grey) you would like and arrange to pick a piece up. These will be available from the school office from Monday 30th April. **We would like your square finished and returned by Friday 18th May.**

THOMAS MORE PARISH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: is currently enrolling children for Kindergarten 2019. The school offers Catholic education for boys and girls from Kindergarten to Year 6. *Please collect an enrolment application form from the School Office (phone: 4625 6561). Applications close during the month of June.*

FRENCH MASS: Is celebrated at St John's Parish, Campbelltown, every second Sunday of the month; the next one is Mother's Day, Sunday 13th of May, 6:00 pm. The celebrant is Fr Jan Chrzczonowicz (mob.: 0412 786 245)."

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:

16th May: Parish Finance Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

17th May: Retiree's Social Group Gathering after the 9.30am Communion Service in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) (all Retiree's over 55 are most welcome), come for a chat, laugh and a cuppa

22nd May: 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 19th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland & James Munro

Sunday 20th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan & Catherine Minogue

Saturday 26th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron & Bev McKenzie

Sunday 27th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer & Mavon Vaughan

• READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 19th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: John Greene & Marisel King

Sunday 20th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Feyise & Julie Writer

Saturday 26th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Pauline Menzies & John Greene

Sunday 27th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Julie & Feyise Writer

• USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 19th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro

Sunday 20th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

Saturday 26th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne

Sunday 27th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy

• CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 19th May: Group 1 Syro-Malabar Indian Community

Saturday 26th May: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS: Sunday

20th May: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Maria Hill and Colleen Jablonskis.

Mother's Day Prayer

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old. We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.



