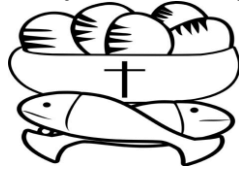


17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year B
29th July 2018

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 Gerard *before* Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

FR MICHAEL ANNUAL LEAVE: Fr Michael is on Annual Leave until the 10th August. Until then please note the following timetable of Masses and Weekday Services:

The Parish Weekend Masses will be the same:

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 5.00pm – 5.30pm
Sundays: Vigil (Saturday) Mass at 6.00pm
Sunday Mass at 9.00am.

The Weekend Masses will be covered by Supply Priests.

Tuesday to Friday (inclusive): Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Services will continue to be at 9.30am. (Weekday Mass at St John's, Campbelltown Monday to Thursday at 9.30am and on Fridays at 8.30am).

*Please refer all Parish Matters to the Parish Office.
Tuesday – Friday 9.00am -3.30pm.*

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Will be celebrated in our Parish at our Parish Masses on the weekend of 22nd and 23rd September 2018. **The Parent/Carer Information and Enrolment Evening is on Monday 13th August at 7.00pm in the Parish Church.** The Candidate must be a Baptised Catholic, made their Reconciliation and in Year 3 and above.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community: **Ella Margaret Channon** who was Baptised last weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Maureen Hennessy, Jay Jablonskis, Mauro Mariano, Elaine Hoffmann, Gulliver, Ellen Healy, Patricia McInerney, Helen Rawson, Betty Berthon, Maureen Wyer, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, 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: Ern & Dulcie Munro, John Read, Sr Patricia Murphy O.L.N, Faleniko Tiatele, Fr Tony Daly, Keith Gomes, Balbino Xavier Gomes, Monica Gomes, John Baptist D'Sa, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, 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.*

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 coming week:
31st: Paul Newman*

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

The **FIRST COLLECTION** (taken during the Offertory Procession) is for the 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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: There are **still** Planned Giving Envelopes for 2018/2019 to be collected, from the table at the Entrance to the Church. *If you would like to join our Parish Planned Giving programme, the forms are available on the table at the main entrance to the Church or contact the Parish Office during Office hours.*

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. If you have any enquiries, please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH LADIES GROUP HIGH TEA: Sunday 16th September 12noon – 2.00pm. RSVP with money by Friday 31st August 2018. *Please take home invitation.*

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*

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.

ST VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL: There are still envelopes available at the entrance of the Church for the remainder of Winter. The envelopes can be completed and placed in either collection or delivered to the Parish Office. Any further food donations can also be delivered to the Parish Office during office hours. *We thank you again, for your continuing generosity and support.*

URGENT HELP REQUIRED: For Scripture Teacher's and/or Classroom helper's: If you have a spare ½ hour each week during School Terms, on either/and a Wednesday and Thursday morning, we are in need of assistance with "spreading the good news" to our Parish State Schools. Please think about joining this very important Parish Ministry. For more information please contact the Parish Office – 4628 2967. *Thanking you in anticipation.*

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 CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Save the date: Sunday 5th August: St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Fete from 9.00am-4.00pm.

Goods for the White Elephant Stall can be dropped off to the School (in the Big Shed) today, Sunday 29th July 10.00am – 2.00pm (no whitegoods, no stuffed toys, no furniture and only electrical goods that work.

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

BETHANY GROUP: Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow is commencing on Wed 1st August a new group for those who are grieving the death of someone close and those who support them. It is being facilitated by the Catholic Cemeteries Trust. To RSVP or for enquiries please phone Nancy on 9646 6908 or email: bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

Men ALIVE: MACARTHUR REGION WEEKEND: 4-5 August

2018: Parish Hall @ St John the Evangelist Church, Campbelltown. Men you will be inspired and encouraged to renew your faith and rediscover God's purpose in your life. Experienced leaders from menALIVE Team will be running the weekend. *Please see the brochures on the tables at the entrance to the Church.*

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE AUGUST RETREATS

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville. 02 8795 3400 retreats@carmelite.com
www.carmelite-retreats.com.au.

Knowing peace beyond understanding: When: Aug 4: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Presenter: Cathy Kennedy. Cost: \$30.00. Bring your own lunch. Pickups from Minto train station at 930am and 1000am. Discovering God in the unsettling mystery of life's surprises.

Mothering with the God who loves us: When: Aug 10: 6:00 pm – Aug 12: 1:30 pm. Mothering with the God who loves us Presenters: Marilyn Rodrigues. Cost: \$250.00 (concessions apply)

TIMOR TIME: Thank you for 5 years of 'Repaying the Debt of Honour' to East Timor. We are celebrating this anniversary with a luncheon at Dooley's Lidcombe Catholic Club, Please come and join us. **DATE:** Saturday, 25th August @ 12.00 noon. **COST:** \$60.00 - 3 course meal & entertainment
BOOKINGS: Noreen 02 9833 8152 or nicoara@optusnet.com.au

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:

Monday 6th August: 6.30pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre

Monday 6th August: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 7th August: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)

Thursday 9th August: 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 14th August: 7.30am St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

• EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 4th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: Trish Newman & Bertha Berbari

Sunday 5th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan & Julie Writer

Saturday 11th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: John Greene & Maureen Molland

Sunday 12th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Loretta & Lafitaga Tuigamala

• READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 4th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: Kerry Hennessy & Stephanie Roux

Sunday 5th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Cecile Satchel & Alison Hourigan

Saturday 11th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: Stephanie Roux & May Michelutti

Sunday 12th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Andrew Truong & Julie Writer

• USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 4th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland

Sunday 5th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Gwen & Brian Harris

Saturday 11th August: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro

Sunday 12th August: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

• CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 4th August: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group

Saturday 11th August: Group 6: Elisapeta Misinale (Tongan Community)

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

The Lord's Prayer is the perfect prayer of the Christians. It puts God, our Father, first. It asks only for what we need, and calls us to forgive others, so that we may have the hope of forgiveness by God.

