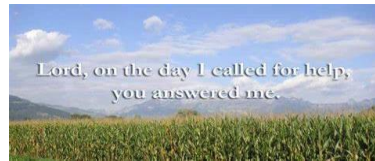


17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



28th July 2019

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

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.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED and the ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Ern Munro, Joe White, Monica Gomes, John Read, Dulcie Munro, Alberto Michelutti, Theresa Pierce, John & Constance Thomas, John Mir, Therese Mir, Theresa Malervery, William (Bill) Ford, Robyn Albury, Erlinda Santos, Cynthia Carmona, Tom Oxley, Len Donoghue, Cohan Boyd, Marguerite (Marg) Davis, David Peters, Mary Writer, Fr Tony Daly, Gail Wylie, Maree Laming, Keith Gomes, Balbino Gomes, Kyle Miller, Beryl Ford, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Alice Harris, Ladislav Feher, Bobby Cameron, Bernard Hoffmann and Maria Cabonara.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Luke Van Der Burg, Brieger Glover, Clare McManus, Steve Foreman, Fr John Whitty, Elaine Hoffmann, Ellen Healy, Patricia McInerney, Helen Rawson, Betty Berthon, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, Aimiti Seufatu, John Hill, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

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 Birthdays this week:
31st: Paul Newman

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parent/Carer Information and Enrolment Evening is on **Monday 12th August at 7.00pm** in the Parish Church. Your child must be in Year 3 and above, to be Baptised Catholic and to have made their Reconciliation.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2019: is held during the Sunday 9.00am Mass during School Terms. For children from Kindergarten to Year 6 (inclusive). For more details and/or if you would like to join this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 042 180 2132.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME 2019: is held in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) on Tuesdays during School Terms 9.30am - 11.30am. Mums/Dads/Carers/Grandparents come along with your pre-school child/children. A gold coin donation.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING: Planned Giving is essential to the running costs of the Parish. Did you know that you can contribute in several ways: Weekly Envelopes, Direct Debit from your Bank Account/Credit Card, Direct Credit by electronically transferring funds (EFT) from your Bank Account direct to the St Thomas More Church Account and cheques/cash. If you would like to join our Parish Planned Giving program, please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or email: ruse@dow.org.au. There are also forms on the tables at the entrance to the Church.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - WINTER APPEAL 2019:

Our Winter Appeal has concluded, and your St Vincent de Paul conference wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the Appeal this year. We would especially like to thank Fr Michael for his encouragement and support. Envelopes will remain available at the back of the Church and these may be completed at any time and placed in either collection or delivered to the Parish Office.

Any further food donations can also be delivered to the Parish Office during business hours. Again, thank you to the St Thomas More Parish community, for your wonderful generosity and support.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

SCHOOL FETE: Sunday 4th August 2019. White Elephant drop off this Sunday from 10am to 2pm and all-day Saturday the 3rd August? **Please see flyers on notice boards for more details. Please take home a copy of our Parish School Newsletter to keep up-to-date with their happenings.**

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for

Discernment #6-How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE (Upcoming Retreats): 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville Ph: 8795 3400

retreats@carmelite.com www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

The Love That Keeps Us Sane: A Day with Saint Therese of Lisieux: When: August 3, 10:30 am - 4:00 pm

Presenter: Br Phillip Tay, OCD

Cost: \$30 (concessions apply). Pick-ups from Minto train station at 930am and 1000am. Making choices that keep us sane and rooted in God.

Facing Today's Spectre of Meaninglessness with St Therese of Lisieux When: August 9 - 11 Presenter: Fr Paul Maunder, OCD. Cost: \$300 (concessions apply). "I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy... Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather, that your names are written in heaven" (Lk 10.17).

CALLED TO MINISTRY - UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING EVENTS:

Have you considered serving our parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Adult Altar Server, or minister of Communion of the Sick and Homebound? The 2019 Diocesan Training course in these ministries for the Macarthur Region is: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Adult Altar Servers 10am-2pm: **Saturday 10th August** at St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Campbelltown. Members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission will lead 2 sessions in the morning covering the common ministry of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and 1 session after lunch for servers. Morning tea and lunch provided. RSVP is essential to either Paul Mason 4222 2462 or liturgy@dow.org.au or Anthony Rewak 4222 2465 or Anthony.rewak@dow.org.au

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: 10-11 August at **St John Bosco Parish, Engadine.** The new format of this weekend is a "Live Out" weekend. Worldwide Marriage Encounter book online at www.wvme.org.au or contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490 774 419 or Adrian.jantet1@bigpond.com

THE YOUNG MEN OF GOD (YMG) MOVEMENT are hosting a one day retreat for young men (16-35 years & the young at heart), offering a unique opportunity to be strengthened in faith through inspiring talks, holy mass, prayer, reconciliation, adoration and brotherhood. Saturday 10 August, 9am - 9pm Sydney University, 150 City Road Darlington Cost: \$30-50 Register now at www.ymgmovement.org.au

CALLING ALL BUSINESS PEOPLE: Bishop Brian Mascord recently launched Catholic Business Connections (CBC) - an opportunity for business women and men in our diocese who share common values, to network and engage with each other and leaders representing the diocese. CBC will gather four times a year for lunch and to listen to guest speakers chosen to inspire with their unique story and share how they relate their work and spiritual life experience to the context of living in a modern world. The third CBC luncheon will be held on **Thursday 22 August 2019** at Ridge's Hotel Campbelltown (12pm-2pm). **Mr Greg Sheridan AO**, foreign editor of The Australian, will be speaking on "Is God good for you?". For more information on CBC and how to join, visit www.cbc.dow.org.au or contact Debbie Gates, Diocesan Director of Development and Community Engagement (02) 4222 2446. (Please note that membership rates are pro rata and concessional rates are available.) RSVP for August luncheon is Thursday 15 August.

AUSTRALIA TIMOR-LESTE ADVANCEMENT SOCIETY

TIMOR TIME 2019: Thank you for helping 'Repay the Debt of Honour' to East Timor. We are celebrating with a luncheon at Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club. Please come and join us. **Date:** Saturday, August 24 2019, **Time:** 12.00 pm for 12.30 pm start, **Cost:** \$60.00 - 2 course meal & entertainment
Bookings: Noreen Nicoara on 9833 8152 or nnicoara@optusnet.com.au **RSVP:** 2nd August 2019

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Interesting articles this weekend: Hospitals push back: WA Catholic Health Providers resist Government euthanasia plan, Love is grand: Couples celebrate marriage milestones, In His service: Priests celebrate Jubilees, Chosen: Meet our 7 new priests-to-be, Movie review: *The Lion King* and Victoria: The dying state

DIARY DATES TO NOTE:

Monday 5th August: 6.30pm Baptism Preparation class: 6.30pm in the Parish Centre
Monday 5th August: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group Meeting in the Parish Centre
Monday 12th August: 7.00pm Information and Enrolment Evening for First Holy Communion in the Church
Tuesday 13th August: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in the Parish Centre
Wednesday 14th August: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre
Thursday 15th August: Retiree's Social Group Gathering after the 9.30am morning Mass in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

USHERS

Saturday 3rd August: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
Sunday 4th August: 9.00am Mass: Brian and Gwen Harris
Saturday 10th August: Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne
Sunday 11th August: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

READERS:

Saturday 3rd August: Vigil Mass: John Greene and Julie McKenzie
Sunday 4th August: 9.00am Mass: Tess Writer and Karen Battour
Saturday 10th August: Vigil Mass: Cecil Marot and Ian Star
Sunday 11th August: 9.00am Mass:

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 3rd August: Vigil Mass: Trish Newman and John Greene
Sunday 4th August: 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan and Julie Writer
Saturday 10th August: Vigil Mass: Bertha Barbari and Maureen Molland
Sunday 11th August: 9.00am Mass: Loretta & Lafitaga Tuigamala

POWERPOINT OPERATOR'S:

Saturday 3rd August: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 4th August: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 10th August: Vigil Mass: Chantal Barbari
Sunday 11th August: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Saturday 3rd August: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group
Saturday 10th August: Group 6: Ruse Tongan Community

