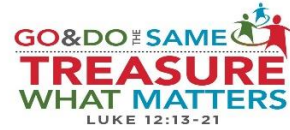


18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



4th August 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. "Anytime 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, William (Bill) Ford, Cohan Boyd, Marguerite (Marg) Davis, Mary Writer, Fr Tony Daly, 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, Briega 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:
7th: Rosa Herrera *9th:* Jacqueline Cross

SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS: Today Sunday 4th August: Our Parish would like to congratulate our Parishioners: Stephen and Kerry Noyce 17/02/1979 (40 years Marriage) and Kevin and Julie O'Keefe 26/05/1979 (40 years Marriage)

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.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parent/Carer Information and Enrolment Evening is next **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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER APPEAL 2019: 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.

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. ums/Dads/Carers/Grandparents come along with your pre-school child/children. A gold coin donation.

PARISH PIETY STALL: Come and peruse the new stock we have available for sale. We have gifts for Baptisms, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Many new Rosary Beads etc.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:
SCHOOL FETE: Today, **Sunday 4th August 2019.** A fun day is promised to all, there are many stalls eg: White Elephant, Books, plants, BBQ etc. Please support our Parish Catholic Primary School. You can even win a free car.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE (Upcoming Retreats): 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville Ph: 8795 3400
retreats@carmelite.com www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
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: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Adult Altar Servers 10am-2pm: Sat 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

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN MACARTHUR: The next Meeting of the Macarthur Social Justice Network (MSJN) will be held on **Saturday 10th August 2019 @ 2.30pm** in Chelsea House (Parish Hall). There will be discussion and planning concerning local social justice issues. All welcome.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: 10-11 August at **St John Bosco Parish, Engadine.** 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 1 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. Sat 10 August, 9am – 9pm Sydney University, 150 City Road Darlington Cost: \$30-50 Register now at www.ymgmovement.org.au

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published *Listen to what the Spirit is saying*, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process. Access the report at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

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 3rd CBC luncheon will be held on **Thursday 22 August** 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.

LEVEL 3 TRAINING COURSE, FOR CATECHISTS: Just a reminder to all Catechists about Level 3 Training Course, details are as follows: Venue: CCD Resource Centre, Micah House, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown. Start date: Monday, 12 August (6-week course on consecutive Mondays) Time: 9.30am - 1.30pm. For bookings or questions please contact Mrs Cindy Oliver by 5 August 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au.

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 nicoara@optusnet.com.au RSVP: 2nd August 2019

DIARY DATES TO NOTE:

Monday 5th August: 6.30pm Baptism Preparation class: in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)
Monday 5th August: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group Meeting in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 6th August: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in Chelsea House (please RSVP by Tuesday morning)
Monday 12th August: 7.00pm Information and Enrolment Evening for First Holy Communion in the Church (please read notices for more information)
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 10th August: Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne
Sunday 11th August: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman
Saturday 17th August: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Sunday 18th August: 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy

READERS:

Saturday 10th August: Vigil Mass: Cecil Marot and Ian Star
Sunday 11th August: 9.00am Mass: May Michelutti and Tess Writer
Saturday 17th August: Vigil Mass: Cecil Marot and Ian Star
Sunday 18th August: 9.00am Mass: Marian Cross and Maureen Molland

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 10th August: Vigil Mass: Bertha Berbari and Maureen Molland
Sunday 11th August: 9.00am Mass: Loretta & Lafitaga Tuigamala
Saturday 17th August: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Trish Newman
Sunday 18th August: 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau and Annette Read

POWERPOINT OPERATOR'S:

Saturday 10th August: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Sunday 11th August: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 17th August: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 18th August: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Saturday 10th August: Group 6: Ruse Tongan Community
Saturday 17th August: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS:

Sunday: 18th August: Group 1: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Colleen Jablonskis, Maria Hill and Emma Rizk

