

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



27th August 2017

World Refugees & Migration Day

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 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 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.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CANNOT COME TO MASS FROM OUR PARISH: We currently have 2 Acolyte's who visit Parishioners and bring them Communion every Tuesday to those who are ill or elderly and unable to come to Mass. Please encourage them (or a family member) to contact either Fr Michael or the Parish Office on 4628 2967 during Office Hours.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please keep in your prayers the 56 Children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Also for their families and the teachers who are giving of their time in preparing these children. **The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be at the Weekend Parish Masses: Saturday 9th September at 6.00pm Vigil Mass and Sunday 10th September at 9.00am Mass.**

WE WELCOME: Into our Parish Community **Elizabeth Ximena Croaker** who was Baptised last weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The **many** sick in our Parish Community including: 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, Ellen Healy, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Bernard Hoffmann (**Anniv**) Lena Pereira (**Anniv**), Fr Tony Daly, Lena Keith Gomes, Ladislav Feher, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Josephine & Frank McKay, Genie Lynch, Alice Harris and Maria Cabonara. **Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.**

Parishioner's Birthdays this coming week:

26th: Gloria Eggert

27th: Daniel McMurray

Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary this coming week:

31th: Marilyn & Bill Fabry (49 years)

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

2016 NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY RESULT FOR OUR PARISH:

Children's Views about Groups:

When asked about groups for children and youth, the children most like:

Being with people my own age: 70%

The Leaders here: 70%

Children's Views of God:

God helps me to lead a better life: 90%

I know that Jesus is very close to me: 80%

Gifts & Skills of children at this Church:

Children at this parish most commonly identified "Being kind to people who don't have any friends yet" and "Having lots of new and different ideas" as their gifts and skills.

These results are from the 140 forms (Adults) and 10 (Child forms) that were completed in November last year. Attenders could select up to 3 options so percentages may not add up to 100%.

PARISH LADIES GROUP: FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE: Tickets are on sale this weekend after all Parish Masses. **Tickets are \$1.00 each and there are 9 great prizes.** The Raffle will be drawn next Sunday during the 9.00am Mass

Please support this Parish Fundraiser. Funds raised will go towards the "revamping" of the Parish Hall.

PARISH LADIES GROUP: SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 29th October: Parish Ladies Group High Tea. More details to follow.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Is held during the 9.00am Sunday morning Mass (during School Terms) and is for school aged children - Kindergarten to Year 6 (inclusive). If you would like more information on this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 0421 802 132.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME: Is held on Tuesday's (during School Terms) from 9.30am - 11.30am in our Parish Hall. **Gold coin donation.** Parents/Guardians/Grandparents, if you have children including School aged and bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the children enjoy playtime activities. If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

THE RETIREES SOCIAL GROUP: Would like to invite senior parishioners (over 55) to join our group in the hall after 9.30am Mass (Thursday's). We meet twice a month. **Please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.**

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.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: We are always grateful to those who contribute through Planned Giving. It gives us a good basis of finance to plan Parish Apostolate. If anyone would like to join this method of contributions to Parish, please call Parish Office.

PARISH PIETY STALL: We have **ample of new stock** available for sale eg: Baptism gifts, Rosary Beads etc. The Piety Stall is **open after the Sunday 9.00am Mass.**

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Save the date:

Saturday 7th October: St Thomas More School

Shopping bus trip: leaving the Church grounds at 7.00am. Numbers have to be in by Tuesday 19th September. Please take a flyer on the tables at the entrance of the Church, please take one or more. This is a most enjoyable fun day.

Please take home a School Newsletter to keep up to date with what is happening. They are located on all the tables at the entrance to the Church.

MANY CULTURES: ONE IN CHRIST MASS: Will be celebrated at Mt Catholic Church, Varroville today (Sunday 27 August) at 2pm with Bishop Peter. This Mass will be followed by a celebration at Mount Carmel Catholic College till 5pm.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE SEPTEMBER DAY

RETREAT: 2nd September. Presenter: Fr Paul Maunder Please remember to bring your own lunch. Cost: \$25.00 For more details please: Phone: 02 8795 3400 email: retreats@carmelite.com www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

PALMS INFO SESSION: Calling for experienced professional, business or trades people. Communities in Asia, the Pacific and Africa seek skilled Australians to mentor local personnel. You will assist to improve and sustain organisations vital in reducing poverty. Learn more about how you will be supported through this exciting, life-changing opportunity, Thursday, 7 September 5:30pm-7pm Xavier Centre Conference room, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong. RSVP joey@palms.org.au or call 9560 5333.

POSTAL PLEBISCITE ON "SAME-SEX MARRIAGE"

ANNOUNCED: The Australian Government has announced there will be a postal plebiscite on whether the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act 1961 should be changed to include "same-sex marriage". Ballot papers will be sent out to households on Tuesday, 12 September and all votes must be received back by Tuesday, 7 November. If you are not enrolled to vote, or if you need to update your postal address, go to www.aec.gov.au/enrol/ before the cut-off date of Thursday, 24 August. **To keep marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man, vote NO.**

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: If you would like to have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home, **please phone Bev on: 4625 0659. "When you prayer the Rosary, you have our Lady's hand in your hand. When you pray the Holy Rosary you have the power of God in your hand".**

BISHOPS' SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT ON THE ECONOMY: We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 24 September. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2017 is titled: **'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'**. For further details about the Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

CATHOLICARE: Please look on the notice boards for the Calendar of Workshops for Term 4. For enquiries phone: 4254 9316

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Monday 4th September: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group Meeting in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 5th September: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall

Thursday 7th September: 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. (see notice)

Monday 11th September: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 12th September: 7.30pm 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:

2nd September: Saturday Vigil Mass: James Munro & Winnie Cameron

3rd September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Annette Read & Catherine Minogue

9th September: Saturday Vigil Mass: (First Holy Communion):Bev McKenzie & Maureen Molland

10th September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: (First Holy Communion):

READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

2nd September: Saturday Vigil Mass: Marisel King & Kerry Hennessy

3rd September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Feyise & Julie Writer

9th September: Saturday Vigil Mass: First Holy Communion: Bev & Julie McKenzie

10th September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: First Holy Communion: Julie & Feyise Writer

USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

2nd September: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland

3rd September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy

9th September: Saturday Vigil Mass: First Holy Communion: Vicky Horne

10th September: Sunday 9.00am Mass: First Holy Communion: Brian & Gwen Harris

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 2nd September: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau, Colleen Jablonskis., Rosa & Manuel Herrera

Saturday 9th September: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group

We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

