

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year B
23rd September 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 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.**



The Parishioners of our Parish would like to congratulate the 50 children who will be making the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend.

Thank you to the many people (Teachers and Families) who have prepared the Children for this

Sacrament.

Thank you on behalf of the First Holy Communion Candidates and their families: to the Sacramental Team who prepared the Church, to the Church Cleaners, to the Musicians who have played especially for the Holy Communion Masses this weekend, to the PowerPoint creator who created the Power Points for this weekend and to the many people behind the scenes. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated by all who attended the First Holy Communion Masses this weekend.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL- to support the Retirement and Health of Clergy: *Caring for those who care for us. Thank you for your generous support of this appeal last weekend. Donations are still being gratefully received via today's collections and can be made using the special envelopes provided.* Donations can also be made online via the Diocese of Wollongong's website www.dow.org.au "I am very grateful for your support in helping me to ensure that we can provide for the retirement and health care of our clergy. God Bless you" **Bishop Brian Mascord.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Maureen Hennessy, Maria Byron, Elaine Hoffmann, Gulliver, Ellen Healy, Patricia McInerney, Helen Rawson, Betty Berthon, Maureen Wyer, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, 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: Julia Healy (Anniv), Renato Sa-Cordeiro (Anniv), Ida Sa-Cordeiro (Anniv), Jay Jablonskis, Natalie Dwyer, Bernard Hoffmann, Peter Giannetti, Erukua & Gino Dicesare, Dominico & Loretta Giannetti, Lena Pereira, Mauro Mariano, Fr Tony Daly, John Read, Faleniko Tiatele, 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 and Maria Cabonara. **May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual Light shine upon them.**

Parishioner's birthday for this coming week:

23rd: *Maureen Hennessy*

27th: *Fr Michael*

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

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.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: The current Roster has finished. If you wish to join this Parish Ministry, please put your name and contact details on the clipboard on the table at the entrance to the Church. If you are currently on the Roster, please also include your name and contact details on the clipboard.

We have many ill Parishioners or Parishioners who have moved out of the area. If you have ever considered joining one of our many Parish Ministries eg: Reader's, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Sacramental Team, Acolyte's, Altar Servers, Music, Church Cleaner's, Parish grounds maintenance, Refreshments after Mass, Children's Liturgy, etc. This is another way of being a part of our Parish Family/ Community. There is a clipboard for you to write your details and you will be contacted. Please consider joining one or more of our Parish Ministries.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - DROUGHT APPEAL

Thank you very much to everyone who supported this very important appeal so far. If anyone missed the appeal weekend or still wants to donate, envelopes remain available at the back of the Church. Simply complete and place in either collection and we will make sure the funds get to needy rural communities asap. **Please be generous as the need is great**

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for \$2.00 per copy, it contains many interesting articles for your perusal. Please remember to put monies into the red letterbox on top of the Catholic Weeklies.

PARISH PIETY STALL: We have ample new stock in, please come and look after Mass eg: Rosary Beads, First Holy Communion Religious goods, cards etc.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL - 40TH ANNIVERSARY PAVERS:

As part of the School's 40th Anniversary, they are looking to pave the area in front of the "We Remember" wall with special family pavers. Past and present families will have the opportunity to purchase an engraved paver, to create a "We Remember" area. The pavers will come in 2 sizes: single and double. **The order forms are on the table at the main entrance to the Church. All enquiries please phone the School Office on: 4625 6561.**

SAVE THE DATES:

Friday 2nd November: *St Thomas More P & F Trivia Night being held in the Campbelltown Catholic Club 7.00pm* in the Lachlan Macquarie Room – please read School Newsletter for more details

Saturday: 10th November: *St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Shopping Bus Trip. Please take a flyer on the tables to the entrance to the Church. Please take home a copy of the School Newsletter to keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.*

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre: September retreats

247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, Ph: 8795 3400
retreats@carmelite.com

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Deep into the thicket. September: 28 - 30

Cost: \$250 (concessions apply). Presenter:

Sr Nory Ordiz, CM. St John of the Cross is our guide in the journey of love which calls us to enter deeply into God's fullness.

GROWING GOOD MEN-DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG FATHER & SON CAMP: 2-4 November 2018. A life changing father and son weekend at Cataract Scout Park, Appin.

You don't get this time back so make this opportunity a priority. Contact Jude Hennessy on 4222 2407 or jude.hennessy@dow.org.au to register or for any questions. Spots available for 15 fathers with their son/s aged between 12-16.

SOCIAL JUSTICE FOOD FOR THOUGHT – Seasons of

Creation. Care for your pets: Pets are lovable and often make good companions. Cities, suburbs and rural areas are more than social communities in which human beings live and grow, they are also part of natural communities in which we share space with a wondrous variety of life.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING.

Most Local Animators for parishes have completed training to enable them to draw parishes into the processes of listening to what the Spirit is saying. As individuals and parish communities, there are some simple but important things you can do right now to participate. Visit the website www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au which provides great resources that will enable individuals and groups to learn more, pray for guidance, commence dialogue and subscribe for regular updates.

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:

Tuesday 25th September: *St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at 7.30pm* in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 2nd October (note day/date change): *6.30pm Baptism Preparation Class* in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 2nd October: *7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting* in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) – all members please attend
Thursday 4th October: *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

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

• EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 29th September: *Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland & Bev McKenzie*

Sunday 30th September: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer & Annette Read*

Saturday 6th October: *Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie McKenzie & James Munro*

Sunday 7th October: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan & Faye Faamau*

• READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 29th September: *Saturday Vigil Mass: Pauline Menzies & James Munro*

Sunday 30th September: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Feyise & Jim Writer*

Saturday 6th October: *Saturday Vigil Mass: Maryse Parisi & Julie McKenzie*

Sunday 7th October: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Jim & Feyise Witer*

• USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 29th September: *Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro*

Sunday 30th September: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Gwen & Brian Harris*

Saturday 6th October: *Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland*

Sunday 7th October: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman*

• CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 29th September: *Group 6: Tongan Community*

Saturday 6th October: *Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie*

Volunteer Lay Ministers

Volunteer lay ministers are people that are not part of the professional paid staff of a parish but do work that is instrumental to the operation of a parish. Without them many of the things that happen in parish life would not be available.

Eg Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: *these Parishioners help with the distribution of the precious blood and body*

Sacristans: *helper or helpers who wash and prepare the Church linen, clean the sacred vessels and prepare the Altar, enough candles for the Altar etc*

