

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year B
14th October 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.**

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING. This is an opportunity for us to assist Pope Francis, Bishop Brian and ourselves to examine and evaluate where we are and where we want to be in the future.

We need your input so we can advise Bishop Brian and Pope Francis what we think and what we want to know!

"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Bishop Brian wrote in his letter to all parishioners "....it is an opportunity for us to listen deeply to our own hearts and the hearts of others in expressing what we love about who we are as the Church, as well as identifying and naming our shortcomings and disappointments, and expressing in concrete ways our hopes for the future."

Listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to guide us in our endeavours together.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR PARISH MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST AT 7.30PM IN CHELSEA HOUSE (PARISH HALL), TO FIND OUT MORE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS OF HAVING YOUR SAY. Supper will be served!

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4: For our Parish Children. We wish you well in your studies for the last school term for 2018.

PRAYERS: Please continue to keep in your prayers those who are preparing for the Higher School Certificate, who are unwell and those who "just" need prayers.

ST VINCENT de PAUL: ASSIST -A-STUDENT APPEAL. Will be held next weekend at our Parish Masses. The St Vincent de Paul Society is active in the Asia/Pacific Region. Life in many places in the area can be extremely harsh and challenging for those without opportunity. Many families simply cannot afford to send their children to school and young children are often forced to work, just so a family can make ends meet. There is a way we can help turn this around and that is by sponsoring a child for 12 months, through the Assist a Student Scheme. Next week the local conference of the Society is conducting an appeal on behalf of such communities.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Maree Laming, Maureen Hennessy, Jessica & Ella Channon, Maria Byron, Elaine Hoffmann, Gulliver, Ellen Healy, Patricia McInerney, Helen Rawson, Betty Berthon, Maureen Wyr, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, Aimiti Seufatu, Robert Berthaly, John Hill, Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Bobbie Cameron, Julia Healy, Jay Jablonskis, Natalie Dwyer, Bernard Hoffmann, Lena Pereira, Fr Tony Daly, John Read, Keith 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:

14th: **Ronald Fredericks & Sueina Nelson**

15th: **Therese Barbari**

Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary for this coming week:

16th: **Maria & Alfred Hill (37years)**

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

IF ANY PARISHIONER IS HANDY AND/OR HAS SPARE TIME:

We currently have a parishioner who does an **excellent** job of keeping the surrounds tidy but with the rain and increasing minor repairs some further assistance is urgently required. We have many small jobs that are in need of some love and attention. Eg: hammering, painting, weeding etc. If you could please either see Barry Daley or contact the Parish Office for more information.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2018: Is held at the beginning of the Sunday 9.00am Mass (during School Terms).

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.

PARISH PIETY STALL: We now have available the 2019 Columban Calendar for sale at just \$9.00 per copy, this makes an ideal Christmas gift.

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.

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.

FRENCH MASS: The next French Mass will be held at St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown on **Sunday 14th October at 6.00pm.**

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: "A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land". You can download a copy of the Statement: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements

Homelessness can often be a hidden problem as it is not confined to our major cities. Find out what the housing issues are in your local area from research bodies such as: CatholicCare:catholiccare.dow.org.au, St Vincent de Paul Society: dow.sh/SvDPWoll, Homelessness NSW: homelessnessnsw.org.au

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK: 14-20 OCTOBER: A week where all Australians are encouraged to organise or take part in an activity aiming to highlight or overcome issues of poverty and hardship here in Australia or overseas. For more information go to: antipovertyweek.org.au

FATIMA DAY CELEBRATION MASS: With the Australian Apostolic Nuncio His Excellency Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana on Sunday 21st October: Celebration starts at 2pm with the Rosary followed by Holy Mass at 3pm at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, Varroville. For enquiries please phone Gabriel on 0402 740 518

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE: OCTOBER RETREATS:

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

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Gregorian Chant workshop and retreat: Oct 19: 6:00 pm – Oct 21: 1:30 pm, Presenter: Tony Vaughan, (Director, Schola Cantorum of Brisbane). Cost: \$250. Concessions apply. A weekend learning Gregorian Chant, suitable for both beginners and those familiar with singing chant. **A special feature this year will be to learn & sing the great hymn of praise the "Te Deum", dating back to 4th Century AD.**

The Baptismal call to service of the world: Oct 26: 6:00 pm – Oct 28: 1:30 pm Presenter: Fr David Orr, OSB. Cost: \$250. Concessions apply. **An opportunity to enrich your life through knowledge of the Baptismal Priesthood for life.**

GROWING GOOD MEN – DIOCESAN FATHER AND SON CAMP: Friday 2 – Sunday 4 November 2018 (Cataract Scout Park, Appin). Spots are limited to just 15 fathers with their son aged between 12-16 years. Register online menalive.dow.org.au or phone Jude Hennessy on 4222 2407 or judee.hennessy@dow.org.au

SIX DAY GUIDED RETREAT: Saturday 24 Nov – Saturday 1 Dec 2018. Hartzer Park Retreat & Conference Centre (25 Eridge Park Rd, Bowral). The theme is: "Turning to God" and will be presented by Fr Aloysius Rego OCD. Cost is \$650.00 RSVP by 10 November at 4861 3223 or hartzprk@bigpond.net.au

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: *The Parish has a Parish Rosary Statue that Parishioners are able to have 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:

Thursday 18th 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

Tuesday 23rd October: St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

- **EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 20th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: James Munro & Trish Newman

Sunday 21st October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau & Annette Read

Saturday 27th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland & Bertha Barbari

Sunday 28th October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue & Julie Writer

- **READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 20th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie & Ian Star

Sunday 21st October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Bill George & Cecile Satchell

Saturday 27th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: Ian Star & Kerry Hennessy

Sunday 28th October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris O'Brien & Christine Foreman

- **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 20th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: HELP REQUIRED

Sunday 21st October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley

Saturday 27th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro

Sunday 28th October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Gwen & Brian Harris

- **CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 20th October: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

Saturday 27th October: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau, Rosa & Manuel Herrera & Colleen Jablonskis

- **REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS:**

Sunday 21st October: Group 1: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Maria Hill, Colleen Jablonskis and Emma Rizk.

