

SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Year A



19th January 2020

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION AT MASSES on the AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND: (25th & 26 January): These funds will be donated to The St Vincent de Paul Bushfire Appeal NSW. Bishop Brian has asked that we all continue to pray for all in our Diocese as we all care for, and stand by, each other in this particular time of need. We also remember those who continue to fight fires and, may again face extraordinary weather conditions ahead. **If you wish to donate now to support the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal:** <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw>

We place these weeks and our circumstances in the hands of our loving God through the intercession of our Australian Saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop: pray for us and our Parched country. May God pour on us the rain we need.
Bishop Brian Mascord.

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 coming week:
18th: Rosalie Vine and Eleanor Berbari

Parishioner's Wedding Anniversaries this coming week:
23rd: Seta and Peter Berbari (17 years)

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

USHERS

Saturday 25th January: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
Sunday 26th January: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman
Saturday 1st February: Vigil Mass: Vicky Horne
Sunday 2nd February: 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy

READERS:

Saturday 25th January: Vigil Mass: John Greene and Annette Read
Sunday 26th January: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman and Allison Hourigan
Saturday 1st February: Vigil Mass: Julie McKenzie and Ian Star
Sunday 2nd February: 9.00am Mass: Bill George and Maureen Molland

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 25th January: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Maureen Molland
Sunday 26th January: 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue and Annette Read
Saturday 1st February: Vigil Mass: Trish Newman and Glynis Smith
Sunday 2nd February: 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue and Julie Writer

POWERPOINT OPERATOR'S:

Saturday 25th January: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Sunday 26th January: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 1st February: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 2nd February: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Saturday 25th January: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Colleen Jablonskis, Faye Faamau and Kerry Walker
Saturday 1st February: Group 5: Samoan Divine Mercy Group

DIARY DATES:

Monday 3rd February: 6.00pm: Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Monday 3rd February: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting (1st for 2020) in the Parish Centre
Thursday 6th February: after the 9.30am morning Mass Parish Retiree's Social Group Gathering in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)
Tuesday 11th February: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Society meeting (1st for 2020) in the Parish Centre

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The recently deceased and the Anniversaries that occur at this time: Olga Saulig (R.D.), Marie McGrath (R.D.), John (Jack) McInerney, Jim McKenzie, Mary McInerney, Ev McInerney, Fr Tony Daly, John Read, Mary Writer, Bobby Cameron, Alice Harris, Marguerite (Marg) Davis, Maree Laming, Jay Jablonskis, Deborah Rix, Bernard Hoffmann, Maurya Hutton, Ladislav Feher and Maria Cabonara.
May they rest in peace

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Mary Dolan, Frank Byron, Sean Scanlon, Kellie Brandes, Brian Harris, Francisco Carmona, David Minogue, Daphne and Edmund Pew, Luke Van Der Burg, Briege Glover, Steve Foreman, Fr John Whitty, Elaine Hoffmann, Ellen Healy, Patricia McInerney, Betty Berthon, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, Aimiti Seufatu, John Hill, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

ADVERTISING ON THE BACK COVER OF THE PARISH BULLETIN:

If you would like to advertise your Business on the back cover of the Parish Bulletin please see/contact either Fr Michael, Barry Daley (Chairman Parish Finance Council) or the Parish Office. A business card size is \$275.00 (includes GST) or double business card size is \$550.00 (includes GST) this cost covers advertising for 12 months.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: Thank you to the Parishioners who had the Rosary Statue in their homes during 2019. If you would like to have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home during 2020 please phone Bev on 4625 0659.

PARISH COLLECTIONS IN THE CHURCH: We depend on your generosity to make ends meet for the support of our Parish. **If you are not part of our Parish Planned Giving Program, then please consider joining.** If you are new to our Parish, please consider joining. **You can join by the envelope system or Direct Debit.** There are forms on the table at the main entrance of the Church. For more information, please either contact the Parish Office or see Fr Michael.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 2020: For Baptised children in Year 3 (in 2020) and above. The Parent/Carer Information and Enrolment Evening is **Monday 24th February 2020 at 7.00pm.** Information for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be available at a later date.

PARISH MINISTRIES: If you would like to become involved in any our Parish Ministries please see/speak with Fr Michael. **We have many Parish Ministries that are looking/requiring more Volunteers.**

Thanking you in anticipation.

CALLING FOR CATECHIST'S and/or CLASS ROOM

HELPER'S: We have a team of volunteers that take a risk and step out in faith. Each week of the school year, Catechists present 30minute lessons using a step-by-step lesson plan that helps Catholic children understand their faith, grow in love and maturity, and learn what it means to be Catholic. Please think about becoming a Catechist Teacher or helper today. For more information please speak with Fr Michael

RETIREE'S (over 55) SOCIAL GROUP GATHERING 2020:

Our first get together for 2020 is Thursday 6th February, after the 9.30am Morning Mass in Chelsea House. **Come and share a cuppa with these vibrant young parishioners.**

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO SHOW: Will enter our Summer Series until early February. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au and to ensure that you never miss a show it can be sent to you each week as a podcast via email for free.

THE RELICS of much-loved Carmelite Saint, St Therese of Lisieux plus her parents, St's Louis and Zelig Martin are coming to Australia for a national tour in 2020. They are coming to Varroville for a visit from 22 January until 1 February 2020, when the official tour begins. The relics will be in the Parish Church at Our Lady of Mt Carmel from Sat 25 January until Tuesday 28 January for public veneration and all are most warmly invited to attend. Timetable is on the notice stand near Acacia Ave, side of the Church.

PLEANARY COUNCIL 2020: Many parishioners have been involved in the process of listening, prayer, dialogue and discernment in preparation for the Plenary Council to be held in Adelaide during October this year. Bishop Brian has requested Expressions of Interest from anyone interested in being a Diocesan Delegate to accompany him to the Council. Our diocese has been allocated 2 Delegates and 2 reserve Delegates. From Monday 20th January, information will be on the Diocesan website. This will include Expression of Interest Forms and Role Description for Delegates. Applications need to be sent to john.tubrigy@dow.org.au by Tuesday 4 February 2020.

MACARTHUR PARISHES LUNCHEON: Do you know people from other parishes in the Macarthur and don't get to see them often, or are you new in the parish and would like to get to know people on a social level? As part of senior's week in Feb, I am inviting any senior parishioners to join with others in the Macarthur parishes for a fun social lunch at Campbelltown Catholic Club on **Friday 14 February** in the food court at 12pm. They have a great menu with senior's price suitable for all budgets. If this is a successful gathering, I hope continue this every second month with the next event in April. It would be great if you could RSVP to Jane at CatholicCare on 0417018152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au by Monday 10th February to ensure that we get seating together. I Look forward to seeing you for what will be a lovely social gathering, **Jane, Parish and Community Liaison Officer CatholicCare.**

ST THERESE RELICS PILGRIMAGE at ROSEMEADOW: Thursday 19th March 4.30pm – 9.30pm. More details to follow.

CATHOLICCARE: Aged and Disability positions in Macarthur: CatholicCare is growing their services in the Macarthur area and have multiple vacancies in their Aged & Disability Service. For more details/information please contact Melissa Wentworth-Perry on 4628 8555. To apply: catholiccare.dow.org.au

Prayer for Rain

Eternal God, in wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life. We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops. Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought and the bushfires; be with those who support them. In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people. Renew the face of the earth.
Our Lady of the Southern Cross, May, help of Christians – Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Pray for us.

Amen