

Australia Day]
(3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME)
Year A



26th 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.**



AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND SPECIAL COLLECTION: Bishop Brian Mascord and the Australian Bishops have asked that a special collection be taken up this weekend (as notified in the Parish Bulletin the past 2 weekends) to

support the bushfire-affected communities. Money raised from this collection will support the Vinnies bushfire appeal. Parishioners wishing to donate individually and receive a tax-deductible receipt can donate at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw>. Thank you to those who have already contributed to support Affected communities.

DIARY DATES:

Monday 3rd February: 6.30pm: 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) (1st for 2020)
Tuesday 11th February: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Society meeting (1st for 2020) in the Parish Centre
Wednesday 12th February: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting (1st for 2020) in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

USHERS

Saturday 1st February: Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne
Sunday 2nd February: 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy
Saturday 8th February: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Sunday 9th February: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley

READERS:

Saturday 1st February: Vigil Mass: Julie McKenzie and Ian Star
Sunday 2nd February: 9.00am Mass: Bill George and Maureen Molland
Saturday 8th February: Vigil Mass: Ian Star and Karen Battour
Sunday 9th February: 9.00am Mass: Maureen Molland and Annette Read

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 1st February: Vigil Mass: Trish Newman and Glynis Smith
Sunday 2nd February: 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue and Julie Writer
Saturday 8th February: Vigil Mass: Bartha Berbari and Maureen Molland
Sunday 9th February: 9.00am Mass: Loretta and Lafitage Tuigamala

POWERPOINT OPERATOR'S:

Saturday 1st February: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 2nd February: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 8th February: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Sunday 9th February: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Saturday 1st February: Group 5: Samoan Divine Mercy Group
Saturday 8th February: Group 6: Tongan Community

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:
26th: Bill Fabry
28th: Christine Foreman

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The recently deceased and the Anniversaries that occur at this time: Neal Gattehhof (R.D.), Sergi Ouchinnikov (R.D), Olga Saulig, Marie McGrath, John (Jack) McInerney, Jim McKenzie, 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.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: If you would like to have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home during 2020 please phone Bev on 4625 0659.

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 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.

PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Will be returning for 2020 on Sunday 2nd February during the 9.00am Mass. This is for school aged children (Kindergarten to Year 6 inclusive). It is held during the School Terms. For more information please contact Joanne on 0421802132. We are always on the search for more teachers/helpers.

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.**

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME 2020: Returns Tuesday 11th February from 9.30am – 11.30am. This is held in Chelsea House (Parish Hall). Mums, dads, grandparents, carers etc come along with the children. Come for a cuppa and a chat while the children play, do craft, read stories etc. Gold coin donation. For further information please contact Catherine on 4627 1842

WELCOME TO THE 2020 SCHOOL YEAR: Our Parish would like to welcome back to the School Year, our Parish Teacher's, School Students and families and wish you the very best for the year ahead.

CALLING FOR CATECHIST'S and/or CLASS ROOM

HELPER'S: Level 1 Training Course for Catechists (including Child Protection and Classroom Management and Mission and Ministry of the Catechist) At CCD Micah House, Cordeaux St, Campbelltown to start Monday 3rd February for 6 consecutive Mondays) 9.30am -1.30pm. For more information please contact Cindy on 4640 855 or cindy.oviver@dow.org.au Book by 27 January.

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.

CATHOLICCARE: Aged and Disability positions in Macarthur: For more details/information please contact Melissa Wentworth-Perry on 4628 8555. To apply: catholiccare.dow.org.au

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 Pleanary 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.**

2020 SISTERHOOD NATIONAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Anointed. 20-22 March, Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops. Join women from around Australia and the Diocese of Wollongong for this inspiring conference. Book your spot: <https://www.trybooking.com/BFQZP>

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



Lord,
Help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that you and I can't handle together. Amen