

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B



28th January 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, 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.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN OUR PARISH: Who is ill/or unable to come to Mass and would like to have Holy Communion please inform either Fr Michael or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We currently have 2 Acolytes' who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.



WELCOME BACK TO THE 2018

SCHOOL YEAR: The Parishioners of St Thomas More Parish would like to welcome Mr Phillip Barrington, our new Primary School Principal, Mrs Jean Maree, our new REC and Sister Necia, in charge of School Pastoral Support. Wishing all our Parish Teacher's, School children and their families all the very best for the School Year ahead. **Also a special welcome** to our Kindergarten children who will be beginning their formal School Life.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Parents Information/Enrolment Evening: Monday 12th February at 7.00pm in the Parish Church. Candidates have to be *Baptised Catholic and in Years 3 and above.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2018: Will be returning on Sunday 4th February at the beginning of the Sunday 9.00am Mass. This is for **School aged children from Kindergarten up to and including Year 6.** If would like more information or would like to join this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 042 180 2132.

PARISHIONER'S BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:

28th: Christine Foreman
1st Feb: Margaret Davis & Rita Jowsey

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr Michael, Fr David Catterall, Patricia McInerney, 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, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Aida Evans, Marj Esdall, Heidi Thompson, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Fr Tony Daly, Ralph Carmona, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Alice Harris, Ladislav Feher, Bobby Cameron, Bernard Hoffmann and Maria Cabonara.
May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual Light shine upon them.

PARISH LADIES GROUP: All ladies over 18 are invited to join this group. This group is a Parish based Social group focusing on supporting each other in our faith development and in looking to help or assist in the wider needs of our Parish. We host regular morning teas after the Sunday morning Mass, we hold raffles to raise funds to assist in beautifying the Church and surrounds. We are currently still upgrading Chelsea House (Parish Hall). We also host activities eg: The Parish Ladies High Tea which has proved popular and grows each year. *The more ladies we have joining this group the more and varied activities we can engage in.*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: will have its first meeting of the year on Tuesday 6th February. If you have any agenda items you would like discussed, please send to the Parish Office from where they will be forwarded to the Chairperson.

PARISH LENTEN GROUPS 2018: Lent begins on Wednesday 14th February. There is a clipboard on the table at the entrance to the Church. Please put your name down for if you would like to host a group or join in a group. Also if you wish to purchase the Lenten Book and/or CD.

MESSAGE TO THE PARISH READERS: A Readers Workshop has been organised for Saturday 24th February from 9.30am to 11.30am (morning tea included). **All Readers are required to attend.** For any enquiries and to **RSVP** (for catering purposes) please contact May on: 0413 077 824. I am looking forward to seeing you and thank you for dedicating your precious time to this Parish Ministry.

PARISH PIETY STALL: Come and have a look at our Parish Piety Stall and see the Religious goods available for sale.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for only \$2.00 each (please pay in the red letterbox on top of the Catholic Weeklies). Filled with many interesting articles.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE: Thank you to the gentlemen who came during the week and tidied up the Church carpark and grounds. The gift of your time was greatly appreciated. The Parish is looking for a volunteer who will be willing to work on a regular basis each week in an effort to keep the Church grounds and surrounds neat and tidy. Hours would be flexible and any handyman skills would also be beneficial as there sometimes small tasks that need doing but it is expensive to bring a tradesman in. If you are able to assist please contact the Office on 46282967 your help would be greatly appreciated.

PARISH MAINTENANCE: Like anywhere, from time to time little things need 'doing' in the Church, Parish Hall, toilets etc. It's good to keep on top of things. If you happen to notice eg: kneelers need mending, or anything that is need of repair, please write in the 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.

REGIONAL FAREWELL MASS FOR BISHOP PETER INGHAM TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2018: Fr Peter Caruana—on behalf of the Eastern Macarthur region of the Diocese—has warmly invited our parish to attend a **farewell Mass for Bishop Peter Ingham at 7:30pm on Shrove Tuesday 13 February 2018 at Holy Family Catholic Church, Ingleburn** (136 Oxford Rd). Bishop Peter will preside at the Mass and it will be a great opportunity for parishioners to say their farewells. Refreshments will follow immediately after the Mass. No RSVP is necessary.

THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF MOST REVEREND BRIAN GREGORY MASCORD: Fifth Bishop of Wollongong, 7pm Thursday 22nd February at WIN Entertainment Centre, Wollongong. It is anticipated that the ordination will be celebrated by up to 4,500 people including approx. 30 Bishops (including the Papal Nuncio in Australia, His Excellency Most Reverend Adolfo Tito Yllana), 100 Priests and Deacons, parishioners and families from all our Parish School, staff, diocesan agencies, and affiliated organisations, leaders of other Churches and faiths, civic leaders of government and business, media, their families, many of Brian's family, friends, parishioners and community members from the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

The ordination is at WIN Entertainment Centre, because of the large number of people attending, "We can't take the people to the Cathedral, we will take the Cathedral to the people. Therefore, the backdrop for the ordination will be a recreation of the Cathedral stained glass windows and icons.
If you are unable to attend the ordination, it will be live streamed globally. The link to this will be published closer to the date.

ALPHA - BEGIN THE JOURNEY: Monday 5 Feb, 7pm - 9pm Mary Mother of the Church parish Hall, 58 Edgar St, Macquarie Fields or Wednesday 7 Feb, 7pm-9pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 80 Demetrius Rd Rosemeadow. Do you know someone who hasn't been to church for a while? Maybe never been to Church at all? Perhaps you come to Church but want to get to know God better or are struggling with life's big questions? You're invited to come along and try Alpha, a fun and friendly series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. Just so that there's plenty of food for you please RSVP to the respective Parish Office and let them know you'll be attending.

VACANT POSITION DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG: Professional Standards and Safeguarding Officer. For more information and applications and the position description www.job.sdow.org.au. Applications close Monday 12 February 2018.

Diary Dates:

29th January: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
5th February: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group AGM and meeting in the Parish Centre (1st for 2018): see main notices
6th February: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) (1st for 2018): see main notices
8th February: Retiree's Social Group Gathering after the 9.30am Mass in the Parish Centre (all Retiree's over 55 are most welcome), come for a chat, laugh and a cuppa
13th February: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre (1st for 2018)

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

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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

3rd February: Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron & Julie McKenzie
4th February: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Annette Read & Julie Writer
10th February: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bertha Berbari & Maureen Molland
11th February: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Loretta & Lafitaga Tuigamala

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

3rd February: Saturday Vigil Mass: Marisel King & Julie McKenzie
4th February: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Bill George & Marian Cross
10th February: Saturday Vigil Mass: David Minogue & James Munro
11th February: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Marian Cross & Bill George

• **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

3rd February: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
4th February: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Brian & Gwen Harris
10th February: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne
11th February: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley

• **CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

Saturday 3rd February: Group 6: Elisapeta Misinale
Saturday 10th February: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko & Kathy Donachie

• **REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00AM MASS**
Sunday 18th February: Group 2: Carmel Munro, Christine Foreman, Annette Read and Sue Boyd

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

