

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
YEAR C



10th February 2019

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.*

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2019: Please mark your diaries *The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Parent/Carer Information & Enrolment Evening: Monday 25 February 7.00pm in the Church.* (Child/ren must be a Baptised Catholic and in Year 3 and above)

Confirmation: Saturday 22nd June 2019

First Holy Communion: 21st/22nd September 2019

More details to follow regarding times etc for the Sacraments for this year.

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 12th February: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) (1st for 2019)

Saturday 16th February: 8.30am – 11.30am Parish Grounds working bee (please see notices for details)

Monday 18th February: 7.00pm Easter Liturgy Meeting in Chelsea House (more details to follow)

Tuesday 19th February: 12.15pm Catechist Meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)

Monday 25th February: 7.00pm Parents/Carers Information and Enrolment Evening for Reconciliation in the Church (see main notices for details)

Thursday 21st February: after the 9.30am morning Mass, Retiree’s Social Group Gathering in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)

WE WELCOME INTO OUR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:

Clark Ashley Dillon, Ezequiel Noah Vale and Bobbi Nik Neskoski who were Baptised last weekend.

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

• **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 16th February: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Sunday 17th February: 9.00am Mass: Brian and Gwen Harris

Saturday 23rd February: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
Sunday 24th February: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

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

Saturday 16th February: Vigil Mass: Kerry Hennessy and Bev McKenzie

Sunday 17th February: 9.00am Mass: Chris and Brian O’Brien

Saturday 23rd February: Vigil Mass: Pauline Menzies and Annette Read

Sunday 24th February: 9.00am Mass: Chris and Brian O’Brien

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

Saturday 16th February: Vigil Mass: Julie McKenzie and Trish Newman

Sunday 17th February: 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau and Annette Read

Saturday 23rd February: Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron and James Munro

Sunday 24th February: 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue and Mavon Vaughan

• **POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 16th February: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star

Sunday 17th February: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

Saturday 23rd February: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari

Sunday 24th February: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

• **CHURCH CLEANERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 16th February: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

Saturday 23rd February: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Eugene Wasko and Barry Daley

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

Sunday 17th February: Tongan Community

Eric Genuis Concert at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Ruse, 7 March 2019, 7pm. This concert is a rare opportunity to listen to a pianist of exceptional talent who brings with him a world class violinist, cellist and soprano playing in our parish church. The ‘Opera House’ is coming to our parish! All original compositions together with powerful testimonies outlining the inspiration behind each piece with true stories of life transformations destined to make a deep impression upon all who hear them. A message of hope for all. Tickets: \$30 adult; \$25 pensioner/concession; \$70 family (parents with dependent children under 18). Online tickets sales at www.ericgenuistour.com. A parish event not to be missed. Your support will support our parish.

With kind regards, Fr Michael.

Tickets are available for sale at our Parish Office during Office hours.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED and the ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Naomi Gomes, Diane McCrorey, Peter Hampton, Kim Watson, Maree Laming, Jim McKenzie, Fr Tony Daly, Maurya Hutton, Pedro Santos, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Alice Harris, Ladislav Feher, Bobby Cameron, Bernard Hoffmann and Maria Cabonara.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish

Community including: Beryl Ford, Fr John Whitty, Roge Beshoy(baby), Maureen Hennessy, Elaine Hoffmann, Ellen Healy, Patricia McInerney, Helen Rawson, Betty Berthon, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, Aimiti Seufatu, John Hill, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

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 for this week:

13th: Howard Pew

14th: Denis Wass

ST VINCENT de PAUL: ASSIST -A-STUDENT APPEAL: Will be held this 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.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY 2019: Is held during the Sunday 9.00am Mass (during School Terms). This is for School Aged Children (Kindergarten to and including Year 6). If you would like more information or would like to join this Parish Ministry, please contact Joanne on 042 180 2132.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME 2019: Returns *this Tuesday 12th February from 9.30-11.30am*. This is held in Chelsea House (Parish Hall). Mums, dads or any Carers come along with the children. Come for cuppa and a chat while the children play, do craft, read stories, and many more activities. Gold coin donation. **All are most welcome**

PARISH LADIES GROUP: Held their first meeting for 2019 last Monday evening (4th Feb) including their AGM: We would like to congratulate the following ladies: **President:** Cathy Bye, **Secretary:** Maureen Molland, **Parish Pastoral Representative: Annette Read, Treasurer:** Gwen Harris and **Publicity:** Carmel Munro. We welcome the 3 new ladies that came along. Many things are planned for this year: The first being the Easter Raffle. More details to follow.

PARISH MINSTRIES: If you would like to become involved in any of our Parish Ministries please see Fr Michael or contact the Parish Office. We have many Parish Ministries that are looking for more Volunteers. **Thanking you in anticipation.**

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: If you would like to have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home during 2019, **please phone Bev on: 4625 0659**

PARISH BULLETIN ADVERTISING: If you would like to advertise your Business on the back cover of our Parish Bulletin, either single or double business card size please either speak with Barry Daley or contact the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH PIETY STALL: Please come and have a look at the many items for sale.

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 needs repair.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: To keep up to date with the happenings in our Parish Catholic Primary School, please take home their School News bulletin. They are on the tables at the entrance to the Church.

LENTEN PROGRAM 2019: “TRUST”: Our Lenten Program again this year has that extra feature of short daily reflections that accompany our major focus on the Lenten Sunday Gospels with spiritual direction. If you would like to host a Lenten group, please put your name etc down on the clipboard on the table at the main entrance to the Church. There will be some books available for sale from the Piety Stall shortly. Or you can order from: orders@dow.org.au

TAKE A RISK AND GIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH: In our parish, there is a team of volunteers that take a risk and step out in faith. State Government schools do not provide lessons that teach the basic message about Jesus, our faith, and the great adventure that life can be with God. We were all given our gift of faith by someone. Each week of the school year, Catechists present 30-minute 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. Become a Catechist teacher or helper today! **For more information, please speak with Fr Michael. Please prayer about this Parish Ministry**

MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE, VARROVILLE: **Sat. 2nd March 10.30am – 4.00pm** “Laudato Si, Mi’ Signore” A Prayerful and interactive encounter with creation. This retreat will encourage you to bend your knees and pray in solidarity with all creatures. **Presenter:** Fr Michael Dyer. **For further information please contact Carla: on (02) 8795 3400 or email: retreats@carelite.com**

CALLING ALL BUSINESS PEOPLE: Bishop Brian Mascord recently launched Catholic Business Connections (CBC)—an opportunity for business women and men in our diocese (active and retired) who share common values, to network and engage with leaders representing the diocese. CBC will gather 3 or 4 times a year for lunch and to listen to guest speakers chosen to inspire with their unique story. The next gathering is on Tuesday 19 February at Rydges Hotel, Campbelltown (12pm–2pm). **Robert Fitzgerald AM** will be speaking on *Trust and Integrity— Touchstones for Success in Private and Public Life*. For more information on CBC and how to join, visit dow.sh/cbc. Don’t miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

