



25th June 2017

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.

CONFIRMATION: Please continue to keep the 51 Candidates, their families and teachers in your prayers. **The Sacrament of Confirmation will be next Saturday 1st July at 2.30pm**

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

The **FIRST COLLECTION** (taken up at the Offertory of the Mass) is for the Remuneration of the Priests of the Diocese, including the sick, Retired and aged Priests of the Diocese. The **SECOND COLLECTION** (taken up after Holy Communion) is for the Parish expenses (electricity, repairs and maintenance, wages, insurance etc). This includes Parish Planned Giving Envelopes and all loose money in the Second Collection.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: Are ready for collection. If your envelopes are not there, can you please put your name down on the clipboard in the middle of the boxes and they will be ready for you next weekend.

Planned Giving is essential to the running costs of the Parish. You are able to contribute in several ways: Weekly Envelopes, Direct Debit from your Bank Account/Credit Card, Direct Credit by electronically transferring funds (EFT) from your Bank Account direct to the St Thomas More Church Account. There are forms available to fill out on the tables of the Planned Giving Envelopes. The completed forms can be returned via: the Parish Collections, handed to Fr Michael, left at the Parish Office or in the locked letter box outside in Acacia Ave. For enquiries please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or via email: ruse@dow.org.au

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **Callie Mae De-La-Garde** and **Delton Michael Allen** who were Baptised last weekend.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER APPEAL:

Your St Vincent de Paul Conference is running the usual Winter Appeal up until this weekend. There are envelopes at the rear of the Church for those who find cash donations more convenient. Simply put the completed envelope in either the 1st or 2nd collection.

As a priority, we are again collecting food and personal items for the Nagle Centre. Needs include tinned tuna, tinned spaghetti, baked beans, tinned soup, tinned fruit, milk powder, long life full cream milk, custard powder, hot chocolate, tea, coffee, cordial, flour, pasta sauce, tomato paste, rice and pasta. Nappies are also an expensive necessity and would be welcome as would new blankets, beanies, scarves, gloves and socks. If able, please think of these items when grocery shopping.

You are still able to donate after this weekend. Your donations can be left either in the Church kitchen or handed in at the Parish Office.

We thank you for your ongoing generosity and prayers.

Parishioner’s Birthdays for this coming week:

24th: **Barry Daley**

25th: **Gil Rae**

26th: **Gabbie Menzies**

30th: **Jim Eggert & Pauline Menzies**

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 DECEASED:

Vic Langfield, Nenita Piamonte, Peter Thompson, Fr Tony Daly, Keith Gomes, Ladislav Feher, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Josephine and Frank McKay, Genie Lynch, Alice Harris and Maria Cabonara. **Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The **many** sick in our Parish Community including: Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Frank Byron, Rosa Santos, Pio Byron, Elaine Hoffmann, Natalie Dwyer, Aimiti Seufatu, Robert Berthaly, John Hill, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Ellen Healy, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Can you please supervise your children in the Church courtyard and Parish Hall. They are not permitted to climb the brick walls, the hand rails both leading into the Church **and** the 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.

PARISH MAINTENANCE: A reminder regarding the Parish 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.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Is available on the back table of the church. Great value for only \$2.00 (to be placed in the red letterbox on the table). Filled with many interesting articles.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: will be celebrated in the Parish early in September. We are seeking volunteers to teach classes, one per week over a four week period. If you are interested, or would like further information, please contact **Michael Young on 0414999606 or Annette Read on 0404112335. Thank you in anticipation.**

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME: Is held on Tuesdays (during School Terms) from 9.30am - 11.30am in our Parish Hall. **Gold coin donation.** Parents/Guardians/Grandparents, if you have children including School aged and bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the children enjoy playtime activities. If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

THE RETIREES SOCIAL GROUP: Would like to invite senior parishioners (over 55) to join our group in the hall after 9.30am Mass (Thursday’s). We meet twice a month, with the next meeting this Thursday 29th June, then a fortnight later on 13th July. Please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat, share many laughs and form new friendships. We hope you will join us. **From your fellow Retired Parishioners.**

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, someone stepped-up for us so that we would know Jesus. 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. Take a risk and give the gift of faith. Become a Catechist teacher or helper today! For more information, please call Colleen on: 0414 284 717 or speak with Fr Michael for more information.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Save the dates: **Sunday 6th August - School Fete.** **St Thomas More School Shopping bus trip: Saturday 7th October** leaving the Church grounds at 7.00am. More details to come. **Please take home a copy of the School Newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.**

JOURNEY MAGAZINE: News from the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong - Winter 2017 edition is available on all the tables at the entrance of the Church. Please see the article on our Parish Priest, Fr Michael and more happenings around our Diocese.

2017 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

If you are celebrating **25, 40, 50 or 60 years** of marriage this year and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on **Sunday, 13 August 2017** at 2.00pm, contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or email **helen.bennett@dow.org.au** at the Office of the Bishop by Monday 10 July and an invitation will be sent to you.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE

If you would like to have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home, **please phone Bev on: 4625 0659.**

“When you prayer the Rosary, you have our Lady’s hand in your hand. When you pray the Holy rosary, you have the power of God in your hand”.

POPE FRANCIS TO YOUNG PEOPLE: TELL US WHAT YOU THINK! In the lead up to the 2018 Year of youth, Pope Francis has reminded young people that the ‘wishes to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith; even your doubts and your criticism. Make your voice heard, let it resonate in communities and let it be heard by your shepherds of souls, (Your Bishops) as they prepare for the upcoming Synod. With that in mind, young people in Wollongong, are invited by the Australian Bishops to complete a survey which can be found at <https://www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey>

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 27th June: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre

Wednesday 28th June: 11.30am Catechist meeting in the Parish Hall

Thursday 29th June: Retiree’s Social Group gathering is after the 9.30am Mass. **(Any Retirees over the age of 55 are warmly welcome to join this group).** Gathering is held in the Parish Hall. (see notice).

Monday 3rd July: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

1st July: Saturday Vigil Mass: Trish Newman & Bev McKenzie

2nd July: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan & Julie Writer

8th July: Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron & Bertha Barbari

9th July: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Loretta Tuigamala & Annette Read

READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

1st July: Saturday Vigil Mass: Kerry Hennessy & Julie McKenzie

2nd July: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chelsea Gaut & Marian Cross

8th July: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro & Bev McKenzie

9th July: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Marian Cross & Chelsea Gaut

USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

1st July: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicky Horne

2nd July: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley

8th July: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro

9th July: Sunday Vigil Mass: Chris Reddy & Helen Rawson

CHURCH CLEANERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 1st July: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie

Saturday 8th July: Group 3: Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS:

Group 1: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Maria Hill and Colleen Jablonskis