



21st July 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.**

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

Ern Munro (Anniv), Joe White (Anniv), Monica Gomes, John Read, Dulcie Munro, Alberto Michelutti, Theresa Pierce, John & Constance Thomas, John Mir, Therese Mir, Theresa Malerverly, William (Bill) Ford, Robyn Albury, Erlinda Santos, Cynthia Carmona, Tom Oxley, Len Donoghue, Cohan Boyd, Marguerite (Marg) Davis, David Peters, Mary Writer, Fr Tony Daly, Gail Wylie, Maree Laming, Keith Gomes, Balbino Gomes, Kyle Miller, Beryl Ford, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Alice Harris, Ladislav Feher, Bobby Cameron, Bernard Hoffmann and Maria Cabonara.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The **many** sick in our Parish Community including: Luke Van Der Burg, Briege Glover, Clare McManus, Steve Foreman, Fr John Whitty, Roge Beshoy (baby), Elaine Hoffmann, Ellen Healy, Patricia McNerney, Helen Rawson, Betty Berthon, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, 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 this week:
20th: Naomi Cross
22nd: Lee McKinnon
24th: Carmel Bartolo and Tresora Wyer

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parent/Carer Information and Enrolment Evening is on **Monday 12th August at 7.00pm** in the Parish Church. Your child must be in Year 3 and above, to be Baptised Catholic and to have made their Reconciliation.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY 2019: is held during the Sunday 9.00am Mass during School Terms. For children from Kindergarten to Year 6 (inclusive). For more details and/or if you would like to join this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 042 180 2132.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME 2019: is held in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) on Tuesdays during School Terms 9.30am – 11.30am. Mums/Dads/Carers/Grandparents come along with your pre-school child/children. A gold coin donation.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING: Planned Giving is essential to the running costs of the Parish. Did you know that you can 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 and cheques/cash. If you would like to join our Parish Planned Giving program, please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or email: ruse@dow.org.au. There are also forms on the tables at the entrance to the Church.

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

The **FIRST COLLECTION** (taken during the Offertory Procession) 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.

St Vincent de Paul – Winter Appeal 2019:

Our Winter Appeal has concluded, and your St Vincent de Paul conference wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the Appeal this year. We would especially like to thank Fr Michael for his encouragement and support. Envelopes will remain available at the back of the Church and these may be completed at any time and placed in either collection or delivered to the Parish Office. **Any further food donations can also be delivered to the Parish Office during business hours. Again, thank you to the St Thomas More Parish community, for your wonderful generosity and support.**

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:
SAVE THE DATE: SCHOOL FETE: Sunday 4th August 2019. More details to follow

WE WELCOME: Back our Parish School Children for Term 3 of the School Year and we wish them well in their studies.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for Discernment #6-How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.

POSITIONS VACANT/ Plenary council Discernment and Writing Group Chairs and Members. For more information, visit the Office for Employment Relations website www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au or contact Ms Olivia Lee on (02)99197822 or olivia.lee@catholi.org.

ALPHA: Mary Immaculate Parish Hall, Eaglevale: Commencing Monday 22nd July. For bookings etc please contact May Ataya – 0416 157 294

HOLY HOUR FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rosemeadow: Wednesday 24th July 6.30pm – 7.30pm (followed by a shared meal).

Campbelltown Catholic Club’s Annual Communion Mass & Luncheon: next Sunday 28 July 2019: 10.30am Mass in our Parish Church and will be concelebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord DD and Fr Michael Healy PP. Followed by lunch at THE CUBE, Campbelltown Catholic Club at 12.30pm.

CALLED TO MINISTRY – UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING EVENTS: Have you considered serving our parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Adult Altar Server, or minister of Communion of the Sick and Homebound? The 2019 Diocesan Training course in these ministries for the Macarthur Region is: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Adult Altar Servers 10am-2pm: **Saturday 10th August** at St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Campbelltown. Members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission will lead 2 sessions in the morning covering the common ministry of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and 1 session after lunch for servers. Morning tea and lunch provided. RSVP is essential to either Paul Mason 4222 2462 or liturgy@dow.org.au or Anthony Rewak 4222 2465 or Anthony.rewak@dow.org.au

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: 10-11 August at **St John Bosco Parish, Engadine.** The new format of this weekend is a “Live Out” weekend. Worldwide Marriage Encounter book online at www.wvme.org.au or contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490 774 419 or Adrian.jantet1@bigpond.com

AUSTRALIA TIMOR-LESTE ADVANCEMENT SOCIETY. TIMOR TIME 2019: Thank you for helping ‘Repay the Debt of Honour’ to East Timor. We are celebrating with a luncheon at Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club. Please come and join us. **Date:** Saturday, August 24 2019, **Time:** 12.00 pm for 12.30 pm start, **Cost:** \$60.00 - 2 course meal & entertainment
Bookings: Noreen Nicoara on 9833 8152 or nnicoara@optusnet.com.au **RSVP:** 2nd August 2019

SIX FULL DAY GUIDED RETREAT: Saturday 23 November – Saturday 30 November. Hartzler Park, 25 Eridge Park Rd, Bowral. Presenter: Fr Philip Malone MSC. Theme: Advent – A time of waiting and anticipation – a time to delight in the story of God, human and divine. Cost: \$650 per person (fully catered). RSVP 11 November. Phone 4861 3223 or email hartzprk@bigpond.new.au

FOSTERING FUTURES: Every child has the right to a family and a permanent home. Every single one. Right now children across our region are in need if you would like to find out more about becoming a foster carer with CatholicCare Wollongong please email us on fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or call 0418 783 956

DIARY DATES TO NOTE:

Tuesday 23rd July: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in the Parish Centre
Thursday 25th July: Retiree’s Social Group Gathering after the 9.30am morning Mass in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)
Monday 5th August: 6.30pm Baptism Preparation class: 6.30pm in the Parish Centre
Monday 5th August: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group Meeting in the Parish Centre

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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Saturday 27th July: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
Sunday 28th July: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley
Saturday 3rd August: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
Sunday 4th August: 9.00am Mass: Brian and Gwen Harris

READERS:

Saturday 27th July: Vigil Mass: Pauline Menzies and John Greene
Sunday 28th July: 9.00am Mass: Jim and Feyise Writer
Saturday 3rd August: Vigil Mass: John Greene and Julie McKenzie
Sunday 4th August: 9.00am Mass: Tess Writer and Karen Battour

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 27th July: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Maureen Molland
Sunday 28th July: 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue and Annette Read
Saturday 3rd August: Vigil Mass: Trish Newman and John Greene
Sunday 4th August: 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan and Julie Writer

POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S:

Saturday 27th July: Vigil Mass: Chantal Barbari
Sunday 28th July: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 3rd August: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 4th August: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Saturday 27th July: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau, Colleen Jablonskis, Rosa and Manuel Herrera
Saturday 3rd August: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group



The Role of Priests in the Catholic Church

In the Catholic Church, a Parish Priest (also known as a Pastor) is a Priest appointed by the Bishop to represent him to the local *parish*, which is a collection of neighbourhoods in one small region of a county within a given state. A given city may support a number of parishes, depending on the Catholic population.

In some Parishes the Pastor is helped by a *Parochial Vicar* (formerly known as a *Curate* or an *Assistant Pastor*) and/or a permanent Deacon, religious sister, or lay parishioners — all known as *Pastoral Associates*. The Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council, which are made up of lay parishioners for the most part, advise and counsel the Pastor but don’t have administrative or executive authority.

