



1st September 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.**

1 SEPTEMBER IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION

This day marks the beginning of the Season of Creation which runs from **1 September** through to **4 October**. It is an opportunity for Christians around the world to celebrate creation through prayer and action. As Pope Francis has said, “The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation to be custodians of creation.”

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO SHOW: **Airs 8 September**

This week on the Journey, we hear the words of Luke’s Gospel 14: 25-33. Do we know our True Identity? The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes asks these questions, and Mother Hilda from the Abbey encourages us to look for the patterns. We are blessed to have such truly talented Christian music artists on our show. 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

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT:

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 September. This year, the Australian Bishops’ Social Justice Statement is titled: “Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world”. It points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world, but active citizens shaping it. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499. Order the statement online at: bit.ly/socialjusticeshop Follow us on Facebook: @socialjusticeACBC or Twitter: @justiceCatholic

INSPIRING RETREAT DAY AT ST PAUL’S MOSS VALE

Thursday 5 September 2019 at 9:30 a.m.–7:45 p.m. All are invited to join with Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers for a day of prayer and talks. The day will include exposition, Mass and conversations with this dynamic evangelist, EWTN radio host and best-selling author. Go to www.parousiamedia.com to register for this free event or rsvp by contacting helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 4222 2403

menALIVE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGIONAL WEEKEND:

21-23 September 2019: Bowral Parish. What are you doing that weekend? Come along to an inspiring weekend of great talks, personal stories, good discussion and space to reflect on your manhood and your faith. This weekend will be hosted by Bowral Parish and conducted by experienced leaders from the menALIVE Team details and registration forms are available on the tables at the entrance to the Church. Bookings and enquiries ring Jude Hennessy 4222 2407/Ian Boorman 0427 006 021 or www.menalive.dow.org.au

LIVE LOCAL: Join us for a gathering of teenagers and young adults (12-18) every Friday night of the term. This runs from 7pm – 9pm at St John’s Parish Hall, Campbelltown. This is put on by passionate young adults from the local area and leaders from the Diocese of Wollongong.

Vocation view: Will you help gather people to be a part of the reign of God? Pray to be open if God calls you to serve as priest/ deacon/ brother or sisters. (Isaiah 66:18-21) Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF): This year the Festival will be held in Perth 8-10 December and our Diocese will be organising a group of young adults (18-30 year) to attend. For more information phone Georgia on 4222 2427 or at youth@dow.org.au. (Please read poster)

RETREAT CENTRE, VARROVILLE For further info, please contact 8795 3400 or via email on: retreats@carmelite.com

DAY RETREAT Sept 14: Topic: Prayer, How do we pray in the middle of a very busy and hectic life? How do we pray to cope with loss and grief and tragedy? This retreat in the context of this world will explore prayer through the lens of “practicing the presence of God

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you haven’t already done so, please register your details with our Parish Office through email (ruse@dow.org.au)

PARISH PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME: If you would like to join our Parish Planned Giving Programme either via the envelope or direct debit system, the forms are available on all the tables at the entrance to the Church, or you can contact the Parish Office via phone or email for more details.

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

Suae Faamau (Anniv), Peter Giannetti (Anniv), Dominoco and Loreta Giannetti, Emilia and Gino De Cesare, Jay Jablonskis, Bernard Hoffmann, Rachel Neville, Sr Francis Maher, William Reed, Monica Gomes, John Read, Marguerite (Marg) Davis, Mary Writer, Fr Tony Daly, Maree Laming, Keith Gomes, Balbino Gomes, Kyle Miller, Beryl Ford, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Alice Harris, Ladislav Feher, Bobby Cameron, and Maria Cabonara.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Luke Van Der Burg, Brieger Glover, Clare McManus, Steve Foreman, Fr John Whitty, Elaine Hoffmann, Ellen Healy, Patricia McInerney, 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.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

Leonardo Mathew Haddad, Hunter James Jenkinson and Indy Lee Reddy who were Baptised last weekend.

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:

3rd: Neville Taylor, 4th: Dexter Harris and 5th: Anica Michelutti

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please continue to keep in your Prayers the 39 Candidates, their families and teachers, as they continue their prayerful preparation for this Sacrament.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER APPEAL 2019:

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.

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 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 of notice anything that is in need of repair.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for \$2.00 each. It contains many interesting articles for your perusal. Please put monies into the red letterbox on top of the Catholic Weeklies.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: If you wish to raise a matter for discussion / consideration by members of this forum please contact the Parish office via email (Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - request item for discussion).

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 2019 please phone Bev on 4625 0659.***

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take home a copy of the latest School Newsletter to keep up to date with the happenings in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

PARISH DIARY DATES TO NOTE:

Monday 2nd September: 6.30pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Monday 2nd September: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre
Thursday 5th September: Retiree’s Social Group Gathering *after the 9.30am morning* Mass in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)
Tuesday 10th September: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in the Parish Centre
Saturday 21st September: 10.30am “Mention My Name” Mass in our Parish Church

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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Saturday 7th September: Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne
Sunday 8th September: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman
Saturday 14th September: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Sunday 15th September: 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy

READERS:

Saturday 7th September: Vigil Mass: Kerry Hennessy and Annette Read
Sunday 8th September: 9.00am Mass: Samoan Community
Saturday 14th September: Vigil Mass: Annette Read and Raquel Villareal
Sunday 15th September: 9.00am Mass: Maryse Parisi and David Minogue

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 7th September: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland and John Greene
Sunday 8th September: 9.00am Mass: Loretta and Lafitaga Tuigamala
Saturday 14th September: Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron and Julie McKenzie
Sunday 15th September: 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau and Mavon Vaughan

POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S:

Saturday 7th September: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Sunday 8th September: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 14th September: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 15th September: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Saturday 7th September: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau, Colleen Jablonskis, Rosa and Manuel Herrera
Saturday 14th September: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS:

8th September: Group 2: Carmel Munro, Christine Foreman, Annette Read, Sue Boyd and Shirley Smith

Father’s Day Prayer

Let us praise fathers and those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children’s love and respect. Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart. Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own. Let us praise those men who have “fathered” us in their role as mentors and guides. Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children. And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

