



17th September 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.

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.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CANNOT COME TO MASS FROM OUR PARISH: We currently have 2 Acolyte's who visit Parishioners and bring them Communion every Tuesday to those who are ill or elderly and unable to come to Mass. Please encourage them (or a family member) to contact either Fr Michael or the Parish Office on 4628 2967 during Office Hours.



At our Sunday morning Mass today, we are celebrating a Disability Inclusion Mass where we celebrate particularly, the contribution people with a disability and their families make to the life of our parish.



WE INVITE: Parishioners and visitors to our Parish this weekend to Refreshments after Sunday 9.00am Mass. Come over to the Parish Hall for a chat, share a cuppa and a bite to eat, *We look forward to seeing as many people as possible.*

WE WELCOME: Into our Parish Community *Matilda Deborah Renshaw* who was Baptised last weekend.

THANK YOU: *The Parishioners of our Parish would like to congratulate the 56 children who made the Sacrament of First Holy Communion last weekend.*

On behalf of The First Holy Communion Candidates and their families we wish to thank and acknowledge: the Sacristan's, the Church Cleaners, the Acolyte's, the Musicians who played especially for the Holy Communion Masses, the PowerPoint creator who created the PowerPoint and also the many people behind the scenes. Your time and talents were greatly appreciated by all who attended the First Holy Communion Masses this weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr David Catterall, 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: Eric Hughes (R.D), Ellen Clifton, Peter Giannetti, Loreta & Dominico Gianetti, Gine & Emilia Dicesare, George Daley, Danny Harper, Bernard Hoffmann, Lena Pereira, Fr Tony Daly, Keith Gomes, Ladislav Feher, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Alice Harris and Maria Cabonara.
May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

Belated Parishioner's Birthday:

11th: *Anne Testini*

Parishioner's Birthdays this coming week:

19th: *Marilyn Fabry*

21st: *Brian Harris*

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

PARISH LADIES GROUP: FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE: We thank you for your generous and continuous support of our Parish fundraising - all funds are going towards the "revamping" of our Parish Hall. Congratulations to our winners who are: *Kerry Hennessy, Elwyn Spencer, Maureen Hennessy, Hardwick Family, Trish Newman, Martin, Mick Young, Sophie King and Kerry Christopher.*

PARISH LADIES GROUP: SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 29th October: Parish Ladies Group High Tea (over 18) 12noon - 2.00pm. The cost is \$15.00 per head. RSVP is Sunday 15th October. *An enjoyable afternoon will be had by all.* There is a clipboard on the main table at the entrance to the Church (table is located the closest to the Church entrance ramp)

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. *Please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Is held during the 9.00am Sunday morning Mass (during School Terms) and is for *school aged children - Kindergarten to Year 6 (inclusive)*. If you would like more information on this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 0421 802 132.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME: Is held on Tuesday's (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.

CHURCH CLEANING: Our Parish Church has been cleaned by a faithful number of Parishioners for many, many years. We need help from other Parishioners who have at least an hour either on a Friday or Saturday morning to assist with the cleaning. Many hands make lighter work. Please help out. The current roster is about to run out. Please put your name etc on the clipboard on the table at the entrance of the Church. The gift of your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

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.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: We are always grateful to those who contribute through Planned Giving. It gives us a good basis of finance to plan Parish Apostolate. If anyone would like to join this method of contributions to Parish, please call Parish Office.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for only **\$2.00** (to be put in the red post mail box on the table at the entrance to the Church). Some interesting articles include: A decade saving mums and babies, Threat to professionals, fun with Faith - Kids pages - pg34 etc

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Save the date:

Saturday 7th October: St Thomas More School

Shopping bus trip: leaving the Church grounds at 7.00am. Numbers and payment have to be in by **Tuesday 19th September.** Please take a flyer on the tables at the entrance of the Church, please take one or more. This is a most enjoyable fun day.

Please take home a School Newsletter to keep up to date with what is happening. They are located on all the tables at the entrance to the Church.

CATHOLIC PASTORAL CARE VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

MEETING - (Campbelltown) our bi-monthly meeting will be Thursday 21 September 10:30 -12:30 pm at the Campbelltown Catholic Club. We welcome new members who are interested in visiting the sick, housebound and isolated older people. Training and ongoing support provided. If you would like to join us or know someone who would benefit from the visit of a caring volunteer please call Rebecca - Diocesan Aged Care Advocate m. 0448 930 287 or email rebecca.miller@catholiccare.dow.org.au.

STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS: JUST RELEASED:

Parenting workshops available from October now taking bookings. To build on your parenting skills and strengthen your family relationships go to the calendar at www.catholiccare.dow.org.au or give CatholicCare a call on 4227 1122.

BISHOPS' SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT ON THE ECONOMY: We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 24 September. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2017 is titled: *'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'*. For further details about the Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

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".*

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Wednesday 20th September: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre

Thursday 21st September: 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)

Tuesday 26th September: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

23rd September: *Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland & Bev McKenzie*

24th September: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer & Annette Read*

30th September: *Saturday Vigil Mass: Bertha Barbari & James Munro*

1st October: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue*

READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

23rd September: *Saturday Vigil Mass: David Minogue & Pauline Menzies*

24th September: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chelsea Gaut & Christine Foreman*

30th September: *Saturday Vigil Mass: Pauline & Gabbie Menzies*

1st October: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Alison Hourigan & Bill George*

USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

23rd September: *Saturday Vigil Mass: HELP REQUIRED*

24th September: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley*

30th September: *Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland*

1st October: *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy*

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 23rd September: Tongan Community

Saturday 30th September: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Barry Daley & Eugene Wasko

Volunteer Lay Ministers:

Lectors: A group of people using the gift of their voice to present to Word God to us during Mass.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: A group of people who assist the Priest to help in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ

