



22nd 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.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The Parishioners of our Parish would like to congratulate the 37 children who will be making The Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend.



Thank you to the many people (Teachers and Families) who have prepared the Children for this Sacrament.

Thank you on behalf of the First Holy Communion Children and Their families: Father Michael, the Sacramental Team

who assisted in preparing the Children, Church Cleaners, the Musicians who played especially for the Holy Communion Masses this weekend, to the Powerpoint Creator who Created The Powerpoints for this weekend and to the many people behind the Scenes.

The gifts of your time and talents are greatly appreciated by all who attended the First Holy Communion Masses this weekend.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: To support the retirement and health of clergy. **Thank you for your generous support of the appeal last weekend.** This gift will help fund programs in our Diocese that support and care for the retirement and health of our clergy. Donations are still being gratefully received via today's collections and can be made using the special envelopes provided on the tables at the entrance to the Church. **Or for your convenience, donations can also be made online via the Diocese of Wollongong's website www.dow.org.au**

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO SHOW—airs 29

September: This week on the Journey, we have Fr Graham reflecting on our Gospel of Luke 16:19-31. "God sees all" as Mother Hilda talks about "God the Glassmaker", Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent, encourages us with "Reading as Prayer", and Trish McCarthy reminds us about "Mealtimes with Jesus". Our music this week is on point with our God spots. 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 next Sunday (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

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.

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2019 – SYDNEY: THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER – SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 2019: Special Offer: High schoolers can access \$50 registrations and Primary aged students are absolutely free. To register just follow the link below, select your registration (either Ignite High or Ignite Kids', scroll to the bottom and enter the discount code 'SCSdisc'. [CLICK HERE](http://CLICK HERE rego.igniteyouth.com/conf19syd) rego.igniteyouth.com/conf19syd *This discount code only applies to high schoolers and primary aged students attending schools in the Sydney Catholic School system*

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT: Weekend 8–10 November 2019 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship! **Book online at www.wvme.org.au** Alternatively contact **Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com**



ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? If you haven't already done so, please register your details with our Parish Office via 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.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community: **Ethan Christopher Sue and Everly Ann Phillips** who were Baptised last weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED and the ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Ida Sa-Cordeira (Anniv), Renato Sa-Cordeira (Anniv), Clare McManus, Suaesi Faamau, Peter Giannetti, 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: Daphne and Edmund Pew, Luke Van Der Burg, Briega Glover, 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.

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:
21st: Brian Harris
23rd: Maureen Hennessy
27th: Father Michael

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 PIETY STALL: The 2020 Columban Calendars are now for sale at just \$9.00 each, this is a great Christmas present plus there is plenty of new items for sale.

PARISH LIFE: VOLUNTEER LAY MINISTRIES: *Volunteer lay ministers are people that are not part of the professional paid staff of a parish but do work that is instrumental to the operation of a parish. Without them many of the things that happen in parish life would not be available: Just a few from our Parish are:*
Parish Council Members: these people give their input to the overall operation of the parish. **Finance Council Members:** these people help plan the budget for the parish and make recommendations for the budget. **Choir:** these people offer the gift of their lovely voices to lead the congregation in singing in Mass. **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:** these help with the distribution of the precious body and blood of Christ, **Lectors:** another group of people using the gift of their voice to present to Word of God to during Mass. **Sacristan's:** a helper for the Mass who makes sure the Altar has been set up correctly, there is clean linen, Altar Wine, Altar breads plenty of candles etc.

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:

Tuesday 24th September: 7.30pm: St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in the Parish Centre
Thursday 3rd October: Retiree's Social Group Gathering *after the 9.30am morning* Mass in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)
Sunday 6th October: 2.00am Daylight Savings begins
Monday 7th October: 6.30pm: Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Monday 7th October: 7.30pm: Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

USHERS

Saturday 28th September: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
Sunday 29th September: 9.00am Mass: Gwen and Brian Harris
Saturday 5th October: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
Sunday 6th October: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

READERS:

Saturday 28th September: Vigil Mass: Ian Star and Carmel Munro
Sunday 29th September: 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer and Andrew O'Halloran
Saturday 5th October: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro and May Michelutti
Sunday 6th October: 9.00am Mass: Andrew O'Halloran and Julie Writer

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 28th September: Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron and Bev McKenzie
Sunday 29th September: 9.00am Mass Julie Writer and Mavon Vaughan
Saturday 5th October: Vigil Mass: Julie McKenzie and Maureen Molland
Sunday 6th October: 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan and Faye Faamau

POWERPOINT OPERATOR'S:

Saturday 28th September: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 29th September: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 5th October: Vigil Mass:
Sunday 6th October: 9.00am Mass:

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Saturday 28th September: Group 6: Tongan Community
Saturday 5th October: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Barry Daley and Eugene Wasko

