



1st October 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.

WE WELCOME: Into our Parish Community **Hailey Michelle Turner** and **Olivia Lola Furness** who were Baptised last 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, 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.

Parishioner's Birthdays this coming week:

1st: **Manuel Herrera**

4th: **John Berbari**

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: 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.** See diary dates.

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).

MENTION MY NAME MEMORIAL MASS: Saturday 21st October at 10am in our Parish Church. A memorial mass for family, friends, caregivers, first responders, grieving the loss of a loved one from suicide. Enquiries please call: Nancy Murdocca 9646 6908 or email: nancym@catholiccemeteries.com.au

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – IN SUPPORT OF SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY:

Thank you for your ongoing support of this Appeal. This gift will help fund programs in our Diocese that support and care for our sick and retired clergy. This year's appeal **video can be viewed, and donations can still be made, online** via the Diocese of Wollongong's website www.dow.org.au
"I am very grateful for your support in helping me to ensure that we can provide the right care for our sick and retired clergy. God bless you." Bishop Peter Ingham.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: At St Michael Catholic Church, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul, 9:30am on Monday, 2 October. **All animals and their carers welcome!**

ALPHA – BEGINNING THE JOURNEY HERE AT ORAN PARK: Tuesday 10 October, 7pm-9pm, Parish Church, Mary MacKillop Parish, 94 Oran Park Dr Oran Park. **Just so that we can make sure there's plenty of food for you and for more details please RSVP to the Parish office on 4648 2226**

ALPHA – BEGINNING THE JOURNEY HERE AT EAGLE VALE: Wednesday 11 October, 7pm-9pm, Parish Hall, Mary Immaculate Parish, 2 Aquamarine Drive Eagle Vale **Just so that we can make sure there's plenty of food for you and for more details please RSVP to the Parish office on 4626 3055**

POSTAL PLEBISCITE ON "SAME-SEX MARRIAGE"

It is important that we are fully equipped with information about the consequences of changing the definition of marriage and the impacts this will have on individuals, families, education and churches. The Coalition for Marriage has released a comprehensive guide to some of the key consequences and questions around this important conversation. To download your free copy www.coalitionformarriage.com.au/handbook

CHOSEN - Advent and Christmas Reflections 2017 book.

Continuing the tradition from past years, **Chosen** is a 72 page pocket-size book containing short daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (3 December 2017) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 January 2018). **Chosen** also features religious artworks from the Masters such as Fasolo, Veronese, De Favanne, Bloch, Lotto and Perugino with enlightening "Artwork Spotlight" reflections written by Fr Graham Schmitzer PP. **If you wish to purchase the book \$2.00 per copy, please put your name down on the clipboard at the entrance to the Church. They will be ordered in approx. 2 weeks.**

THE CATHOLIC GUY Presents IMPACT CONVENTION 17 5-7 October, Mount Carmel High School, 210 Spitfire Drive Varroville A convention for youth and young adults. Register on line www.impactconvention.com Phone Philippe Dulawan on 0430 502 692 for any questions.

PENROSE PARK "COME AND SEE" PRAISE AND PRAYER NIGHT 4-5 NOVEMBER 2017: Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, Penrose Park, 120 Hanging Rock Rd, Sutton Forest. Please see notice boards for more details.

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".**

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: Jesus calls us to build a just society. This includes working together to eradicate poverty and ensure all benefit from a society's common wealth. Get the facts about economic exclusion. While many live in comparative comfort, three million Australians (including over 730,000 children) live in poverty. <http://dow.sh/socialjustice> 2017

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Thursday 5th October: 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 9th October: 6.30pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Monday 9th October: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group Meeting in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 3rd October: 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:

7th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie & Winnie Cameron
8th October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Loretta & Lafitaga Tuigamala
14th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bertha Berbari & Trish Newman
15th October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Faye and Junior Faamau

READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

7th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie McKenzie & James Munro
8th October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Bill George & Alison Hourigan
14th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: James Munro & May Michelutti
15th October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Jim Writer & Marian Cross

USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

7th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: Assistance Required
8th October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman
14th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne
15th October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Brian & Gwen Harris

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 7th October: Group 3: Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro
Saturday 14th October: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau, Rosa and Manuel Herrera and Colleen Jablonski

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS: Sunday 15th October: Tongan Community



PRAYER

Please continue to keep in your prayers those who are preparing for the Higher School Certificate, who are unwell and for those who "just" need prayers.

