



22nd 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.



YOUR PARISH ST VINCENT de PAUL CONFERENCE: Is in need of new members to continue the work of serving the less fortunate people in our community. To this end, a recruitment drive will accompany all Masses this weekend. **We ask for your prayers and encouragement as we seek New members to assist with this most rewarding work.**

Parishioner’s Birthdays this coming week:
23rd: Seta Barbari
25th: Christine Goodall

Parishioner’s Wedding Anniversary this coming week:
25th: Trish and Paul Newman (44 years)
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

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: Carole Obereigner, Bobby Cameron, Eric Hughes, Bernard Hoffmann, 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.

PARISH LADIES GROUP: SAVE THE DATE: Next Sunday 29th October: **Parish Ladies Group High Tea** (over 18) 12noon -2.00pm. The cost is \$15.00 per head. RSVP is **Sunday 22nd October. An enjoyable afternoon will be had by all.** There is a clipboard on the main table at the entrance to the Church.

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.

POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S HELP REQUIRED: Help is required for the **Saturday Night Vigil Mass.** For enquiries please contact the Parish Office or see Fr Michael.

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.

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.

PARISH HALL UPDATE: The Parish Ladies Group with their Fundraising Raffles have been able to cover the cost of the Curtains that were put up during the past week.
Thank you to the many Parishioners and Visitors who have supported these fundraising raffles.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take a copy of the School Newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

PARISH PIETY STALL: Have available 2018 Columban Art Calendar, \$9.00 each.

MISSION APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND: Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal. **Please come prepared next weekend to give generously. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Vietnam**

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

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.**

FATIMA DAY: Today, Sunday 22nd October, at 2.00pm at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, Varroville. To celebrate the 100 year Anniversary of Fatima Apparitions. There will be: Eucharistic Celebration, Rosary, Litany, Children Floral Offering, Procession of Statues, Entertainment and Community Fellowship. For more information please call Gabriel (Ariel) on 0402 740 518.

POSTAL PLEBISCITE ON “SAME-SEX MARRIAGE
There are effectively two weeks to go in the Marriage Law Survey. The outcome of the vote will have a significant impact on our society. It is important for those who believe in traditional marriage to have their say without feeling intimidated. If you have not done so already please fill in your survey form and return it by post to the ABS by the end of October to be sure it is delivered before November 7. For more information: marriagesurvey.abs.gov.au

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND 24 -26 November, Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville: Relationship enrichment for married couples. Bookings online at www.wvme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL 2017 IN SYDNEY FROM 7-9 DECEMBER 2017: It is with great excitement that the registration for ACYF in Sydney from 7-9 December 2017 has been launched! Individuals are who would like to travel with the Diocesan group can go to <http://dow.sh/ACYF2017> to register their interest.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: Global warming, environmental disasters and degradation have an increasing impact on the world’s poor. Over 800 million live in extreme poverty – one in nine people go hungry, mostly in developing countries. We all have a role to ensure Australia is a good global citizen. Individuals can do much, such as how we purchase and consume. Australian businesses should support ethical standards in developing nations. Our government needs to ensure social justice in trade agreements entered. <http://dow.sh/socialjustice2017>

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:

Tuesday 24th October: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre
Wednesday 25th October: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre
Sunday 29th October: 12noon - 2.00pm Parish Ladies High Tea in the Parish Hall (see notices for more details)
Thursday 2nd November: 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: 6th November: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre
Tuesday: 7th November: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
28th October: **Saturday Vigil Mass: James Munro & Trish Newman**
29th October: **Sunday 9.00am Mass: Annette Read & Julie Writer**
4th November: **Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie & Bev McKenzie**
5th November: **Sunday 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan & Julie Writer**

READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
28th October: **Saturday Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie & Carmel Munro**
29th October: **Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris & Brian O’Brien**
4th November: **Saturday Vigil Mass: Marisel King & Julie McKenzie**
5th November: **Sunday 9.00am Mass: Brian & Chris O’Brien**

USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
28th October: **Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland**
29th October: **Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy**
4th November: **Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne**
5th November: **Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman**

CHURCH CLEANERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:
Saturday 28th October: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group
Saturday 4th November: Group 6: Tongan Community (Elisapeta Misinale)

