



27<sup>th</sup> October 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.*

**2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC MISSION WORLD APPEAL:** Was held in our Parish last weekend. *The theme is “I know the plans I have for you to give you a future with HOPE”.* As an act of mission for October 2019, Pope Francis has called an Extraordinary Missionary Month, you are offered the opportunity to support this work – please continue to give generously. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/india

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO SHOW-Airs 3<sup>rd</sup> November:**

Tune into LIFE 101.0 or 98.5 or to go [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) to ensure that This week on the Journey, Fr Mark De Battista joins us on the show for his reflection on the Gospel. Plus many other guest speakers. You never miss a show, it can be sent to you each week as a Podcast via email – for free.

**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.

**WOMEN’S PRAYER WEEKEND: 1-3 November 2019**

“Women Mystics” at St Mary’s Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park. Cost \$230 RSVP 4630 0233 or email [contact@towersretreat.org.au](mailto:contact@towersretreat.org.au) website: <https://towersretreat.org.au> Travel with us to the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries, as we explore how women began to write mystical texts in the vernacular, sharing their experiences of prayer, their great love of Jesus and their understanding of God as both Father and Mother. Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquility.

**AUSTRALIA CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF):** This is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops conference which aims to provide young people with the opportunity to attend worship, workshops and plenaries that will deep their faith. The festival will be held in Perth from 8-10 December 2019. The Diocese of Wollongong will be organising a group of young adults (18-30) to attend. Applications close 8 November 2019. For more information of the Diocesan ACYF Group or to express interest in attending, contact Georgia on 44222 2427 or at [youth@dow.org.au](mailto:youth@dow.org.au)

**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](http://www.wvme.org.au) Alternatively contact **Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or** [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com)

**6 DAY GUIDED RETREAT: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** at Hartzler Park, Bowral. **Theme:** Advent: a time of waiting and anticipation – a time to delight in the story of God, human and divine. **Presenter:** Fr Philip Malone MSC. \$650.00 per person (fully catered) RSVP by 11<sup>th</sup> November: phone: 4861 3223 or email: [hartzprk@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hartzprk@bigpond.net.au)

**PALMS AUSTRALIA: A Profoundly Rewarding Mission** Working in Education, Health and Trades? Assist to reduce poverty in overseas communities by sharing your skills. Mutual development assured! **There are 5 places left** on Palms Australia’s January 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Orientation Course. You must apply now for a [position](#) beginning any time in 2020. Call or text 0422 4PALMS (M-F). [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au)

**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](mailto: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 Parish Community: **Roko Marijan Cuka, Oliver William King** and **Theodore Edmunds** who were Baptised last Weekend

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED and the ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Maree Laming (Anniv), Dev Whiting, Weber, Bobbie Cameron, Suaesi Faamau, Jay Jablonskis, Bernard Hoffmann, William Reed, Monica Gomes, John Read, Marguerite (Marg) Davis, Mary Writer, Fr Tony Daly, Keith Gomes, Balbino Gomes, Kyle Miller, Beryl Ford, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Alice Harris, Ladislav Feher, and Maria Cabonara.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Brian Harris, Francisco Carmona, David Minogue, Daphne and Edmund Pew, Luke Van Der Burg, Brieger 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](mailto:ruse@dow.org.au)

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY 2019:** Is held during the 9.00am Sunday Mass. This is for Kindergarten up to and including Year 6 school age students. If you would like to know more about this Parish Ministry or becoming a helper please contact Joanne on: 0421 802 132

**ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME 2019:** is held in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) on Tuesdays 9.30am-11.30am during School Terms. Mums/Dads/Carers/Grandparents come along with your pre-school child/children. Lots of fun activities for the children and a great way to meet other adults. A gold coin donation. For more information please contact Catherine on: 4627 1842

**PARISH PIETY STALL:** There are ample gift selections for Sacraments, Christmas etc.

**PRAYERS:** Please continue to keep in your prayers those who are currently sitting for the Higher School Certificate, those who are unwell and those who “just” need prayer.

**NOVEMBER: The Month of the Holy Souls:** November Mases is a time we remember our deceased loved ones. There will be a Sacred Space set up with the Book for the Deceased. If you would like to have your loved ones included please print their names clearly on: the envelope provided in your Planned Giving Envelopes, or on an envelope/paper and either hand to Fr Michael or the Parish Office or just email the Parish Office on [ruse@dow.org.au](mailto:ruse@dow.org.au). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace, Amen. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**2019 PARISH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** It is that time of the year and we are starting to think about the 2019 Christmas Pageant. If you are interested in having your child/ren participate in this year’s Pageant, please contact Joanne ASAP to express your interest. You can contact Joanne on 0421 802 132. Thank you for your ongoing support of the children in our Parish. **Joanne**

**MESSAGE FOR READERS:** The current Readers’ Roster will end in December and the year 2020 roster will be released by mid-December this year. **We would like to invite more new readers to join us this new year.** We are looking for individuals, couples or families who have passion in reading and would love to share their God-given talent in reading. We highly encourage young people, who are in Year 5 and above and are good readers to join us. Those of you who have been readers in the past, we hope you will continue. There is a sign-up clipboard on the table at the church entrance for the next few weeks for your name, phone numbers, email address and preferred Mass time. Should you have any question regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 0413077824. Thank you to the old readers for their loyalty and welcome new ones into this rewarding Ministry. - **May**

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Keep up to date with the “latest” at our Parish Catholic Primary School, please take home a copy of their School Newsletter

**PARISH DIARY DATES TO NOTE:**

**Thursday 31st October:** Retiree’s Social Group Gathering in Chelsea House *after the 9.30am morning Mass*  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November:** at 6.30pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November:** 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November:** 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in Chelsea House (**all members to RSVP ASAP please**)  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November:** 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre

**PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

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**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman**  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November: Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November: 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy**

**READERS:**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: Vigil Mass: Stephanie Roux and Julie McKenzie**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: 9.00am Mass: Brian and Chris O’Brien**  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland and Stephanie Roux**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November: 9.00am Mass: Samoan Community**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: Vigil Mass: Julie McKenzie and John Greene**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: 9.00am Mass: Annette Read and Mavon Vaughan**  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November: Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron and Bertha Barbari**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November: 9.00am Mass: Loretta & Lafitaga Tuigamala**

**POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S:**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: Vigil Mass: Chantel Barbari**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris**  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris**

**CHURCH CLEANERS:**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy**  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November: Group 6: Tongan Community**

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MORNING MASS:**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November: Group 4: Julie Writer, Maryse Parisi, Catherine Minogue, Yvonne Reddy, Rosalie Vine and Hang Bin**

**A Prayer for Children**

*God our Father, we pray that you will protect our children. Keep them safe from harm and help them to grow healthy in mind and body. Give them strength to keep their faith in You, and keep alive their joy in the Birth of Jesus at Christmas time.*

**St Nicholas – Patron of Children**