



29th 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.

WHOEVER DRINKS OF THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE, WILL NEVER THIRST AGAIN John 4:14. Catholic Mission supports missionaries like Sister Mary Hoaian in Vietnam to provide critical community resources such as clean drinking water and medical care to the country's 12 million forgotten farming families, living in the coastal mountain regions. By supporting the Catholic Mission World Appeal today, or by partnering with us through your monthly gift, to support isolated families in coastal Vietnam, and all around the world, to receive the vital resources they require such as clean drinking water and medical care. Please give generously to support impoverished families in Vietnam, and around the world today. Freecall: 1800 257 296 or catholicmission.org.au/Vietnam

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: Your St Vincent de Paul Society Conference wishes to thank everyone who assisted towards our recruitment weekend. We received much encouragement but there is still a need for more members. If you are considering this vital and rewarding work, as a way of serving our neighbors, please feel most welcome to attend any of the Conference meetings. These are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Alternatively, you may ring Carmel in the Parish Office with your details and we will contact you. *We ask for your prayers and encouragement as we seek New members to assist with this most rewarding work.*

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: Eileen Middleton (R.D.), Carole Obereigner, Bobby Cameron, Eric Hughes, Bernard Hoffmann, Fr Tony Daly, Keith Gomes, Ladislav Feher, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, aJohn Read, Alice Harris and Maria Cabonara. *May they rest in peace*

NOVEMBER: is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2nd November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions (Norms 15,7)

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: All Masses will be offered for the deceased relatives and friends of all our Parishioners. We will record all the names that have been given in the Parish Book of Remembrance, set up in the Sacred Space. Please notify either Fr Michael or the Parish Office should you wish to include deceased relatives and/or friends in the Book of Remembrance.

PARISH GROUNDS WORKING BEE: Will be next Saturday (4th November) from 8.30am. The jobs to be done are: mowing, whipper snipping, sweeping and moving of mulch (You may have noticed one of the trees gone from outside the Parish Hall). Please bring your wheelbarrows, mowers etc. Morning Tea will be provided. The giving of your time is greatly appreciated. If you are unable to make it on Saturday, you are able to come any time during next week.

THE PARISH LADIES GROUP: have been holding various raffles with the profits going towards the hall refurbishment - the hall now has new curtains and the majority of the inside painting has been completed. We would like to thank everyone for their support of this venture. *Thank you to the many Parishioners and Visitors who have supported these fundraising raffles. A Christmas Raffle will be coming up in December.*

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.

PARISH PIETY STALL: Are selling the 2018 Columban Art Calendar, \$9.00 each. Come and see what they have in stock, plenty of Christmas present ideas etc

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.

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.*

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.

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have made strong calls for a more inclusive economic order. The United Nations is working with governments, businesses and civil society to mobilise efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030. <http://dow.sh/socialjustice2017>

Housekeeper-Cook Parish Presbytery: - As a housekeeper, you will be responsible for all housekeeping duties, including deep cleaning of all rooms, laundry, organizing cupboards, and caring for furniture. As a cook, you will generally do all the grocery shopping, as well as make meals. 15 hrs per week 3 days per week - Applications close Tuesday 6 November 2017. For a full job description and application form contact frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au
Parish office administration A part time job share position is available within the parish office for 12 hours per week, 2 days per week. The position requires experience with bookkeeping, database entry and customer service. Applications close Tuesday 6 November 2017. For a full job description and application form contact frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM - AIRS 5 November 2017. This week on the Journey, Fr Mike Delaney reflects on the Gospel of Matthew. Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy reminds us about Having Faith in God's Will, Sam Clear speaks to us softly about Forgiveness, and Sr Hilda graces us with her sage words of Wisdom from the Abbey. Coupled with amazing music and you have a show about faith, hope, love and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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 HolyRosary you have the power of God in your hand".*

PARISH DIARY DATES:

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.

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

Tuesday 14th November: 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:

4th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie & Bev McKenzie

5th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan & Julie Writer

11th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bertha Berbari & Trish Newman

12th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue & Loretta Tuigamala

READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

4th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: Marisel King & Julie McKenzie

5th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Brian & Chris O'Brien

11th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: Kerry Hennessy & Marisel King

12th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Andrew Truong & Julie Writer

USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

4th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne

5th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

11th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland

12th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Brian & Gwen Harris

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 4th November: Group 6: Tongan Community (ELisapeta Misinale)

Saturday 11th November: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko & Kathy Donachie

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00AM MASS:

Sunday 12th November: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Maria Hill and Colleen Jablonskis



