



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.**



NOVEMBER: The Month of the Holy Souls:

November Masses is a time we remember our deceased loved ones. There is 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. **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.**

AROUND THE WOLLONGONG DIOCESE:

THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF AUSTRALIA: have announced a National Prayer Campaign for the gift of rain during November.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO SHOW-Airs 10th November:

Reflections from: Fr Mark, Mother Hilda Scott, Peter Gilmore and Bryon and Francien Pirola plus also Trish McCarthy and Fr Dave Callaghan. Tune into LIFE 101.0 or 98.5 or to go www.jcr.org.au or 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.

MACARTHUR SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK: The next Meeting will be held next **Saturday 9th November 2019 @ 2.30pm** in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) All are welcome

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT: Next Weekend 8–10 November 2019 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Book online at www.wwme.org.au Alternatively contact **Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com**

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Fr Bernard Gordon, VG invites the Diocese of Wollongong to an evening of devotional prayers and Mass on **Wed. 20th November** commencing at 6pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. In support of the CAN the Cathedral will be lit up in red from 7.30pm - 10pm – All welcome!

6 DAY GUIDED RETREAT: Saturday 23rd to Saturday 30th 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 11th November: phone: 4861 3223 or email: hartzprk@bigpond.net.au

PARISH COLLECTIONS IN THE CHURCH: We depend on your generosity to make ends meet for the support of our Parish.

The First Collection: (at the Offertory) for our Parish Priest and the running of the Presbytery

The Second Collection: (after Communion) for Parish costs, insurance, bills (phone, gas, electricity, water etc) office operations etc.

If you are not part of our Parish Planned Giving Program, then please consider joining. If you are new to our Parish, please consider joining.

You can join by the envelope system or Direct Debit.

There are forms on the table at the main entrance of the Church. For more information, please either contact the Parish Office or see Fr Michael

WE WELCOME: Into our Parish Community: **Charlotte-Rose Ellen Fitzpatrick, Mia Rose Dipietro, Audrey Emaline Rixon and Willem Charles Bootsma** who were Baptised last Weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Brett James Simpson** who made the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at last Saturday’s Vigil Mass.

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, Briege 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 Birthday this coming week: 5th: Anne Webster**
Parishioner’s Wedding Anniversary this coming week: 7th: Hedy and Janos Toth (32 years)

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: Is now selling the Wollongong Diocese ‘The Way’ – Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2019 at \$3.00 per copy. Advent is such a busy time of year and we so easily forget that—at its heart—it is meant to be a time of preparation, waiting and hope for the coming of Jesus into our world and lives. The Advent Program is a pocket-sized book that includes daily reflections from the beginning of Advent to the Baptism of the Lord. The book also includes beautiful artwork from the Masters with accompanying artwork reflections.

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:

Monday 4th November: at 6.30pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Monday 4th November: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 5th November: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in Chelsea House (**all members to RSVP ASAP please**)
Tuesday 12th November: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre
Thursday 14th November: Retiree’s Social Group Gathering in Chelsea House **after the 9.30am morning Mass**

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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Saturday 9th November: Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne
Sunday 10th November: 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy
Saturday 16th November: Vigil Mass: Chantal Barbari
Sunday 17th November: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley

READERS:

Saturday 9th November: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland and Stephanie Roux
Sunday 10th November: 9.00am Mass: Samoan Community
Saturday 16th November: Vigil Mass: John Greene and Kerry Hennessy
Sunday 17th November: 9.00am Mass: Maryse Parisi and Elisapeta Minisale

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 9th November: Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron and Bertha Barbari
Sunday 10th November: 9.00am Mass: Loretta & Lafitaga Tuigamala
Saturday 16th November: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Trish Newman
Sunday 17th November: 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau and Catherine Minogue

POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S:

Saturday 9th November: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 10th November: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 16th November: Vigil Mass: Chantal Barbari
Sunday 17th November: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Saturday 9th November: Group 6: Tongan Community
Saturday 16th November: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MORNING MASS:

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

GIVE THEM THE FLOWERS NOW

Closed eyes can’t see the white roses. Cold hands can’t hold them, you know. Breath that is still cannot gather the odours that sweeten and glow. Death with a peace beyond dreaming it’s children on earth doth endow. Life is the time you can help them. So give them the flowers now. Here are the stresses and strivings. Here are the cares and the tears. Now is the time to be smoothing the frowns and the furrows and fears, what to closed ears are kind sayings? What to hushed heart is deep vow? Nought can avail after parting. So give them the flowers NOW.

