



10th November 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.**



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.*



ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO OUR PARISH TODAY: (Sunday 9.00am Mass) are invited to Refreshments In Chelsea House (Parish Hall) after Mass.

PRISON SUNDAY: Today is also known as Prison Sunday, remembering prison chaplains – marking 3 years since the Holy Father’s Year of Mercy, Jubilee for Prisoners (Sunday 5th November 2016)

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO SHOW-Airs 17th November: Reflections from: Fr Graham, Mother Hilda Scott, Marilyn Rodrigues and also Trish McCarthy. Tune into LIFE 101.0 or 98.5 or to go www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au to ensure that you never miss a show, it can be sent to you each week as a Podcast via email – for free.

POSITIONS VACANT: Manager-Communications, Media Engagement and Marketing – Catholic Education Diocese Of Wollongong. For more information and to apply for the Position, visit: <https://dow.sh/cedow>
OOSH Educators and Coordinators: CatholicCare are seeking Out of School Hours Educators for the Wollongong area. For further Information contact Annette on 0439 110 838 or Kate on 0409 745 563. To apply visit: catholiccare.dow.org.au

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

A VOCATION VIEW: You are alive for God. Trust that God will welcome you into the kingdom. (Luke 20:27-38) Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au

MISSIONARY LEADERSHIP FORMATION OPPORTUNITY – Exciting New Course. This is designed to empower and equip participants to develop the skills necessary to be a missionary leader in the Church today. For more information contact Darren at Darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or 4222 2463 by November 2019. Information can also be found at www.aretecentre.org

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

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:
10th: *Faye Faamau,*
11th: *Maryanne Fredericks* and
12th: *Elaine Hoffmann*

Parishioner’s Wedding Anniversaries this coming week:
11th: *Gloria & Kevin Eggert (69 years)*
12th: *Kristine & Bill George (42 years)*

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.

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 selling the Wollongong Diocese “The Way” – Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2019 at \$3.00 per copy.* Advent 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 t 0413077824. Thank you to the old Readers for their loyalty and welcome new ones into this rewarding Ministry. *May*

PARISH JESSE TREE: The Parish Ladies Group will be assisting our Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference in supplying presents for those in need this Christmas. **The Jesse Tree will be placed at the back of the Church from next weekend, with tags showing age and gender of recipients.** Please take as many tags as you feel you can, and return the gifts, unwrapped within three weeks (7th/8th Dec). The St Vincent de Paul Conference will distribute these gifts mid-December. **Thank you in advance for your continuing generosity.**

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:

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 16th November: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Sunday 17th November: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley
Saturday 23rd November: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
Sunday 24th November: 9.00am Mass: Brian & Gwen Harris

READERS:

Saturday 16th November: Vigil Mass: John Greene and May Michelutti
Sunday 17th November: 9.00am Mass: Maryse Parisi and Elisapeta Minisale
Saturday 23rd November: Vigil Mass: Karen Battour and John Greene
Sunday 24th November: 9.00am Mass: Marian Cross and Daniel Quinlivan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 16th November: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Trish Newman
Sunday 17th November: 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau and Catherine Minogue
Saturday 23rd November: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland & Bertha Berbari
Sunday 24th November: 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer & Bev McKenzie

POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S:

Saturday 16th November: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Sunday 17th November: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 23rd November: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 24th November: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Saturday 16th November: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community
Saturday 23rd November: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Eugene Wasko and Barry Daley

Communion Meditations

When we eat food, what we digest becomes us, physically. We are, in fact, made up of bacon, eggs, fruit and vegetables.

When we receive Communion not only does the physical bread become part of our body, but, much more importantly, Christ becomes the life of our soul. He becomes us, spiritually.

This give Him the greatest of pleasure to be us. We should tell Him that we are equally pleased to have Him as the living heart of our spiritual life.

