



19th November 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.

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: It is a special time to pray for the dead. 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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - Assist A Student Scheme (Year 2017): Members of the Parish Conference wish to thank Parishioners for their interest and contribution to the Assist a Student Scheme of the Society. Forms for contributing to the Scheme are still available at the literature stands at the back of the church. Thank you and God bless from the Members of the Parish Conference.

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 BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:

(Belated) 18th Elizabeth Cross

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr David Catterall, Helen Rawson, Colleen Keane, 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.

PARISH MAINTENANCE: Like anywhere, from time to time little things need ‘doing’ in the Church, Parish Hall, toilets etc. It’s good to keep on top of things. If you happen to notice eg: kneelers need mending, or anything that is need of repair, please write in the 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.

MESSAGE FOR READERS: The current Readers’ Roster ends on the 31st December and the 2018 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 for reading and would love to share their God-given talent. 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 (May) on **0451468931**. *Thank you to the old readers for their loyalty and welcome to new ones into this rewarding Ministry.* – May

MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR PLAYING AT MASS: Especially on the 4th Sunday of the month and some Saturday Vigil Masses. We have both an organ and keyboard, but would welcome anyone who also plays guitar. Mentoring would be available to anyone who is willing to share their talents. For more information, please ring or email the Parish Office 4628 2967 or ruse@dow.org.au and a member of the Music Ministry will contact you. Thanking you in anticipation.

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, **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 Dec. 2017) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 Jan. 2018) for **\$2.00 each.** *The Piety Stall also has many Christmas present ideas. Come and have a look at what is also available.*

ORDINATION - Reverend Victor Vincent

All parishioners are invited to the Ordination ceremony at Wollongong Cathedral 7.30pm 21 November 2017

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE: The Parish is looking for a volunteer who will be willing to work on a regular basis each week in an effort to keep the Church grounds and surrounds neat and tidy. Hours would be flexible and any handyman skills would also be beneficial as there sometimes small tasks that need doing but it is expensive to bring a tradesman in. If you are able to assist please contact the Office on 46282967 your help would be greatly appreciated.

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.

Childrens Christmas Pageant, 5.30pm on Christmas Eve, prior to Vigil Mass. Any school children who would like to participate in this Liturgy please contact **Joanne Griffin on 0421 802 132,** for full details. All children are encouraged to join.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: There are two collections at Mass the **first** collection is for the Parish Priests of the Diocese and the **second** collections is for the running expenses of our Church, St Thomas More Catholic Church. **Any Planned Giving Envelopes** should be placed on the **second** collection and any catch up can be placed in one envelope to make the counters task easier. Thank you.

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:

28th November: St Vincent de Paul Conference; - 7.30pm Parish Centre

30th November: Retiree Social Group - Parish Hall

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

25th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron, Bev Mckenzie

26th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Annette Read

2nd December: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bertha Barbari, Maureen Molland

3rd December: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue

READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

25th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: David Minoque, Pauline Menzies

26th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: May Michelutti, Elisapeta Minisale

2nd December: Saturday Vigil Mass: Pauline Menzies, Gabby Menzies

3rd December: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Maureen Molland, Tess Writer

USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

25th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: : Help required

26th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy

2nd December: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland

3rd December: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Foreman

CHURCH CLEANERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 25th November: Group 3: Christine Foreman,

James Munro, Carmel Munro

Saturday 2nd December: Group 4 Maureen Molland, Fa’aiu Faamau, Colleen Jabionskis,Rose

Herrera, Manuel Herrera

