



**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.**



**ALL PARISHIONERS and VISITORS TO OUR PARISH THIS WEEKEND are invited to share in Refreshments after the Sunday 9.00am Morning Mass in Chelsea House.**

**PROJECT COMPASSION (CARITAS AUSTRALIA):** Please Return your Project compassion boxes and envelopes ASAP. via: the collection baskets during Mass, to Fr Michael or the Parish Office during Office hours. Please continue to donate by 1800 024 413 or by [www.caritas.org.au/project](http://www.caritas.org.au/project) compassion.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED and the ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AT THIS TIME:**

Pela Malaeuu (R.D.), Marguerite (Marg) Davis, David Peters, Len Hayes, Mary Byrne, Mary Writer, Carmel O’Hara, Fr Tony Daly, Gail Wylie, Maree Laming, Keith Gomes, Balbino Gomes, Kim Rimkus, Kyle Miller, Beryl Ford, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, John Read, Alice Harris, Ladislav Feher, Bobby Cameron, Bernard Hoffmann and Maria Cabonara.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including Steve Foreman, Jasper Alison (baby), Fr John Whitty, Roge Beshoy (baby), Elaine Hoffmann, Ellen Healy, Patricia McNerney, Helen Rawson, Betty Berthon, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, 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)  
**Parishioner’s Birthday this coming week:**  
*23<sup>rd</sup>: May Michelutti*  
**Parishioner’s Wedding Anniversary this coming week:**  
*22<sup>nd</sup>: Pauline and Eugene Menzies (26 years)*

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY 2019:** is held during the Sunday 9.00am Mass during School Terms. For children from Kindergarten to Year 6 (inclusive). For more details and/or if you would like to join this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 042 180 2132.

**ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME 2019:** is held in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) on Tuesdays during School Terms 9.30am – 11.30am. Mums/Dads/Carers/Grandparents come along with your pre-school child/children. A gold coin donation.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER APPEAL 2019:** Your St Vincent de Paul Conference will be conducting a Winter Appeal in the Parish commencing *next weekend* (25<sup>th</sup>/ 26<sup>th</sup> May). Again, our main focus is food for the Nagle Centre, where homeless, hungry and lonely people of our area go to receive filling meals. The Nagle Centre have specifically requested: Tinned tuna, salmon & meat. Tinned spaghetti, baked beans, soups & meals. Tinned vegetables & fruit. Pasta & pasta sauce, rice, noodles & noodle cups, cups-of-soup, pasta sauce, gravy mixes, stock powders, tomato paste, minced garlic & ginger. Salt & pepper, sauces (tomato etc.), cooking oils (bottled, tinned or spray cans). Coffee (no tea bags please), milk powder or long-life milk, hot chocolate, Milo, cordial, long life juice, sugar. Custard powder, instant puddings, flour (plain/self-raising & corn), maple syrup, pancake & cake mixes, vegemite, jam, honey, cracker snack packs. Nappies/ pull ups (not newborn please), men’s & women’s razors, travel shave cream (small), roll on or cream deodorant gloves, beanies & scarves. There will be baskets at the back of the church from next weekend until 22nd/ 23rd June, where you may place donations. **All foods must be non-perishable, in date and undamaged please.**

For Parishioners who find cash donations more convenient, there will be envelopes on the seats at Mass next weekend and at the back of the Church for the remainder of the Appeal. Simply complete and place the envelope in either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> collection.

*Your support is vital so please think of the above items when next out shopping.*

**SAVE THE DATE: PARISH LADIES GROUP HIGH TEA: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July.** To be held in Chelsea House 12noon to 2.30pm. A fun afternoon is promised to all ladies over 18. More details to follow.

**PARISH PLANNED GIVING:** Planned Giving is essential to the running costs of the Parish. Did you know that you can contribute in several ways: Weekly Envelopes, Direct Debit from your Bank Account/Credit Card, Direct Credit by electronically transferring funds (EFT) from your Bank Account direct to the St Thomas More Church Account and cheques/cash. If you would like to join our Parish Planned Giving program, please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or email: [ruse@dow.org.au](mailto:ruse@dow.org.au). There are also forms on the tables at the entrance to the Church.

**PARISH MINSTRIES:** If you would like to become involved in any of our Parish Ministries please see Fr Michael or contact the Parish Office. **We have many Parish Ministries that are looking for more Volunteers. Eg: Church Cleaner’s, Ushers, etc. Thanking you in anticipation.**

**PARISH BULLETIN ADVERTISING:** If you would like to advertise your Business on the back cover of our Parish Bulletin, either single or double business card size please either speak with Barry Daley or contact the Parish Office for more information.

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Filled with many articles etc. A bargain at \$2.00 each, please put monies in the red letterbox on the table.

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:**  
**SAVE THE DATE: SCHOOL FETE: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019.** More details to follow.

To keep up to date with our Parish School, please take home a copy of their School Newsletter.

**MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE MAY RETREATS:** 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, Ph: 8795 3400 [retreats@carmelite.com.au](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com.au), [www.carmeliteretreats.com.au](http://www.carmeliteretreats.com.au)  
**A week with the Carmelite Saints: May 27 – June 2**  
Presenter: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD. Cost: \$800 (concessions apply). How can the Carmelite Saints guide us in our journey to intimacy with God?  
**Directed retreat: May 27 – June 2** Cost: \$800 (concessions apply) A time of reflection and prayer on your own spiritual journey with the help of a director.

**ALPHA LAUNCH NIGHT Macarthur – Highlands:** Mary Immaculate Parish Hall, 61 Emerald Drive, Eagle Vale Monday, 20 May 2019 at 7pm. Cheese, snacks and nibbles are on us, as we launch our 5th Alpha. For bookings or questions please contact May 0416 157 294 or visit Facebook [dow.sh/eaglevalealpha](http://dow.sh/eaglevalealpha).

**HOLY HOUR FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-30):** You are invited to Holy Hour in 2019 at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rosemeadow. Each night will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, praise and worship (various styles), Reconciliation, Liturgy of the Word, short teachings, silence and Benediction. This will be followed by fellowship and a meal. **When?** Wednesday evenings 6:30pm–7:30pm (followed by a meal). **22 May/ 24 July / 28 August/ 23 October**

**PILGRIMAGE WALK FOR LIFE FRIDAY 24 MAY - SATURDAY 25 MAY 2019:** A walk to raise PRAYERS for Australia for all life issues. You are warmly welcome to join us on either day or both days. BENEFITS: Mass. Prayer. Hymns. Exercise. Spectacular scenery. Joyful fellowship. Blessings in abundance. **Friday: 9:30am Mass** at Kiama Catholic Church, walk to Gerringong Catholic Church for **Benediction at 3pm.** Shuttlebus back to Kiama church or sleep overnight. **Saturday: 8:00am Mass** Gerringong Catholic Church, walk to **Shoalhaven Heads** for lunch at **1pm**, Shuttlebus back to Gerringong or walk to **Culburra Church for 6pm Mass.** BYO Lunch and water. Friday dinner at local restaurant. Cereal breakfast provided Saturday. Further information: Sue Hill: 0435 336 195 or Gabriella DeBattista: (02) 4261 2500

**DIARY DATES TO NOTE:**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in Chelsea House  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May:** Retiree’s Social Group Gathering after the 9.30am morning Mass in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: 6.30pm** Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: 7.30pm** Parish Ladies Group Meeting in the Parish Centre  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June: 7.30pm** Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) **(all members to RSVP please)**

**ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

• **USHERS**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May: Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne**  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May: 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy**  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley**

• **READERS:**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May: Vigil Mass: Annette Read and Kerry Hennessy**  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May: 9.00am Mass: Bill George and Barry Daley**  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Vigil Mass: Kerry Hennessy and Annette Read**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley and Christine Foreman**

• **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May: 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer and Bev McKenzie**  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron and Julie McKenzie**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: 9.00am Mass: Annette Read and Mavon Vaughan**

• **POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S:**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star**  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris**  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Vigil Mass: Chantel Berbari**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris**

• **CHURCH CLEANERS:**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie**  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Group 3: Christine Foreman, Christine Charlton, James and Carmel Munro**

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Group2: Carmel Munro, Christine Foreman, Annette Read, Sue Boyd and Shirley Smith**

*Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate  
Light is stronger than darkness, life is stronger than death  
Victory is ours through, Him who loves us.*  
*(Archbishop Desmond Tutu)*

**PRAYER**

*Father of all, Bless and strengthen those who work throughout the world to bring relief to the oppressed, the hungry, those without hope. Give them courage. Keep them safe.* **Amen**

