

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE



20th November 2016
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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. "Anyone who welcomes you, welcome me and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me". Matthew 10:40

CATHOLIC MISSION WORLD MISSION APPEAL: *Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.* Through its partnership with Mercy Works, Catholic Mission supports community leaders like Steven Dude in Papua New Guinea to engage with their communities and be instrument of peace, so they can find consolation, understanding and love, and heal the wounds caused by domestic violence and broken relationships. By supporting the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal today, or by partnering with us through your monthly gift, you are helping community leaders in Papua New Guinea receive training so they can advocate for their communities and allow them to find peace through mercy. Freecall: 1800 257 296 or catholicmission.org.au/PNG

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS (ALTAR BREADS): If you require Gluten Free Hosts for Holy Communion please see the Acolytes before Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Please note the following until further notice:
Tuesday 9.30am Mass
Wednesday 9.30am Mass
Thursday 9.30am Mass
Friday 9.30am Mass

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Is held during the Sunday 9.00am Mass (during School Terms). This is for School children from Kindergarten up to and including Year 6. If you would like more information on this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 0421802132

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: *All the 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 Ross or the Parish Office should you wish to include deceased relatives and/or friends in the Book of Remembrance.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community **including:** Natalie Dwyer, Aimiti Seufatu, Mike Young, Rodney Scott, Robert Berthaly, Ken Flemming, Bryce Smith, Ken Dewick, John Hill, Liban (Wako) Family, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Jeannie and George Nicholson, Cathy Bye and Mary Fredericks.

Parishioner's Birthday's for this week:
27th Vicki Horne, 28th John Nakasenh, 29th Noel Laming, 30th Les Paterson, 2nd Maree Laming, Beryl Purchell
Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary for this week:
29th Annamaria & David Fililave

If any Parishioner/s would like to have their Birthdays and or Wedding Anniversaries included in the bulletin, please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or ruse@dow.org.au

READERS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

MASSES: If you are available and wish to read, kindly put your name in the appropriate place on the clipboard on the table at the church entrance. Thank you. - May

MESSAGE FOR READERS: The current Readers' Roster ends on the 18th December and the year 2017 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 on 0451468931. *Thank you to the old readers for their loyalty and welcome to new ones into this rewarding Ministry.* – May

CHILDRENS PAGENT – CHRISTMAS EVE

"Any children interested in joining in the Childrens Pageant, (5.30pm on Christmas Eve, prior to Vigil Mass), please fill in details on clipboard after Mass, or leave details at Parish Office. Joanne from Children Liturgy will be available after the 9am Mass for the next two weekends to answer any queries. Details re practice sessions will be notified to you when they are confirmed."

Jesse Tree - Each year the Parish Ladies Group puts up a Jesse Tree for Parishioners to donate toys for distribution by the St Vincent de Paul Conference in our Parish. This year, the number of children to be gifted is over 170, it is also possible that this number will increase in the coming weeks. As the toys will be delivered by 14th December, the Tree will again be at the back of the Church this weekend for all, who are able, to take one or more tags and purchase a gift suitable for that age and gender of child. All donations are gratefully received, with the knowledge that these children will have a brighter Christmas Thanks to your generosity.

Please do not wrap gifts.

NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY: This survey was held in our Parish last weekend. Some spare copies are still available for anyone who missed out please contact the Office. They are due by the end of November.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM: If you would like to join our Planned Giving Program, either using the envelopes or by **Direct Debit** or **Direct Credit**, forms are available on the tables near the church entrance doors.
Thank you for all who are generous to our Parish.

MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR PLAYING AT MASS, especially on 4th Sunday of the month and any Saturday. 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. If interested, please ring Parish Office and leave your details, and a member of the music ministry will contact you.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: The latest School Newsletter is available to take home on all tables at the entrance of the Church. Read and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

THE UNITED NATIONS (UN) INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

This day was held on 25 November, to raise public awareness of violence against women in all countries around the world and at all levels of society. The costs and consequence of violence against women last for generations. We can help through prayer and increasing public awareness. Globally 35% of women and girls experience some form of physical and or sexual violence in their lifetime, with up to 7 in 10 women facing this abuse in some countries. An estimated 133 million girls and women have experienced some form of female genital mutilation. Worldwide, more than 700 million women alive today were married as children, 250 million of whom were married before the age of 15. Girls who marry before the age of 18 are less likely to complete their education and more likely to experience domestic violence and complications in childbirth.

The Australian domestic and family violence statistics are alarming:

☒ 1 in 5 Australian women have experienced sexual violence;

☒ 1 in 4 Australian women have experienced physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner; and

☒ 1 in 3 Australian women have experienced physical violence.

Advent Women's Retreat at Notre Dame Sydney
On Tuesday, 29 November from 9am-4:30pm, all women are invited to spend a day listening to inspiring talks centred around the theme of "Christ the Healer." There will be Mass and opportunities for Confession. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided. The retreat is taking place at the Broadway Campus of the University of Notre Dame Australia. It is free, but registration is essential: 02 8204 4189 or online: www.trybooking.com/NMHG.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE:

The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the Home of Theresa and Mark. The address is on the main noticeboard. If you would like to have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home, please phone Bev on: 4625 0659. Saying the Rosary, the family Rosary every day brings peace in the family. "The family that prays together, stays together".

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday 22nd November: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the *Parish Centre* (come along to hear about all their good works)

Thursday 24th November: 9.30am Retiree's Social Group Gathering in the *Parish Hall* (Retiree's over 55 are most welcome), come along for a cuppa, chat and laughs

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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Vigil Mass: Saturday 26th Nov: Chantal Barbari
9.00am Mass: Sunday 27th Nov: Chris Reddy, Helen Rawson

Vigil Mass: Saturday 3rd Dec: Carmel Munro
9.00am Mass: Sunday 4th Dec: Christine Foreman, Catherine Minogue

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 26th Nov: Betha Barbari, Bev Mckenzie
9.00am Mass: Sunday 27th Nov: Catherine Minogue, Helen Rawson

READERS' FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 26th Nov: Carmel Munro, Tara Small
9.00am Mass: Sunday 27th Nov: Julie Writer, Maureen Molland
Vigil Mass: Saturday 3rd Dec: May Michelutti, Louise Phillips
9.00am Mass: Sunday 4th Dec: Barry Daley, Marian Cross

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 26th Nov: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko, Kathy Donachie
Saturday 3rd Dec: Christine Foreman, James Munro, Carmel Munro

PRAYER

Thank you Lord our God, for the love that you have for us; because we were created in your image as man and woman; so recognizing us as different, we seek to complement each other: the man as support for woman and woman as support for man. Thank you, Lord our God for women and their mission in the human community. Amen.