

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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.

PARISH COLLECTIONS: The Parish Finance Council has decided to change the Order of the week-end collection at all Masses to comply with the Diocesan Regulations. The **FIRST COLLECTION** (taken up at the Offertory of the Mass) will be Remuneration of the Priests of the Diocese, including the sick, Retired and aged Priests of the Diocese. The **SECOND COLLECTION** (taken up after Holy Communion) is for the Parish expenses (electricity, repairs and maintenance, wages, insurance etc). This includes Parish Planned Giving Envelopes and all loose money in the Second Collection.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER APPEAL: Your St Vincent de Paul Conference is running the usual Winter Appeal up until 25 June 2017, seeking donations of cash and/or food. There are envelopes on the seats at Mass this weekend, if you prefer to make a cash or credit card donation. To do this, simply put the completed envelope in either the 1st or 2nd collection. As a priority, we are again collecting food and personal items for the Nagle Centre, who provides warm meals to the homeless, needy and lonely people of our area. The Centre's needs include tinned tuna, tinned spaghetti, baked beans, tinned soup, tinned fruit, milk powder, long life full cream milk, custard powder, hot chocolate, tea, coffee, cordial, flour, pasta sauce, tomato paste, rice and pasta. Nappies are also an expensive necessity and would be welcome as would new blankets, beanies, scarves, gloves and socks. If able, please think of these items when grocery shopping. There will be baskets at the back of the church at each Mass until 25 June 2017.
We thank you for your ongoing generosity and prayers.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **Dominic Jack Wells** who was Baptised last weekend.

CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL LAST WEEKEND:

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers - for joining in Jesus' life-giving mission and supporting women and children's health in Uganda and around the world. If you wish to donate to this Appeal please do so by: Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/uganda

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Ken Flemming (R.D.), Ellen Clifton, Keith Gomes, Ladislav Feher, Fr Tony Daly, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Josephine and Frank McKay, Genie Lynch, Alice Harris and Maria Cabonara.
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The **many** sick in our Parish Community including: Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Frank Byron, Chris Reddy, Rosa Santos, Pio Byron, Elaine Hoffmann, Natalie Dwyer, Aimiti Seufatu, Robert Berthaly, John Hill, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Ellen Healy, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Can you please supervise your children in the Church courtyard and Parish Hall. They are not permitted to climb the brick walls, the hand rails both leading into the Church **and** the 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: will be celebrated in the Parish early in September. We are seeking volunteers to teach classes, one per week over a four week period. If you are interested, or would like further information, please contact **Michael Young on 0414999606 or Annette Read on 0404112335. Thank you in anticipation."**

LITURGY NOTES: OFFERTORY PROCESSION: If you are taking up the Gifts for the Offertory, please proceed to the back table at the conclusion of the Prayers of the Faithful, ready to process with the Gifts when Father comes to the bottom of the Sanctuary.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Is held during the 9.00am Sunday morning Mass 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 Tuesdays (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: Come and have a browse through our Parish Piety Stall, we have a variety of Religious items for sale. **If you have any enquiries please see John and Bertha our Piety Stall Co-Ordinators.**

THE RETIREES SOCIAL GROUP: Would like to invite senior parishioners (over 55) to join our group in the hall after 9.30am Mass (Thursday's). We meet twice a month, with the next meeting on Thursday 1st June, then a fortnight later on 15th June. Please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat, share many laughs and form new friendships. We hope you will join us. Hope to see you there. **From your fellow Retired Parishioners.**

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00 am MASS ROSTER:

If you would like to join this Parish Ministry please put your name down on the clipboard on the main table at the entrance to the Church. All you need is time, the ability to make a cup of tea/coffee and to be able to welcome Parishioners. For more information please phone Cathy on: 4625 5449

PARISH MAINTENANCE: A reminder regarding the Parish 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.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING: If you would like to join the Parish Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or email: ruse@dow.org.au

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for \$2.00, includes many interesting articles. Money to be placed in the "red letterbox", on the table where the Catholic Weeklies are.

FEAST OF ST THOMAS MORE: FRIDAY 23RD JUNE: There is a Mass time change to 9.45am (this is a once off). All Parishioners and visitors are invited to join with our Catholic Primary School, St Thomas More, Staff and Students in celebrating the Feast Day of St Thomas More. You are also invited after the Mass to go to the School at 11.30am for morning tea.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Save the dates: **Friday 16th June - P & F Trivia Night** and **Sunday 6th August - School Fete.**

Trivia Night: Commencing at 7.00pm in the School Hall \$10.00 per head, 10 people per table. All proceeds for the night will be generously donated for repairs/maintenance for our Parish Hall. BYO and there will be food platters for sale. Everyone is most welcome, please come and support our Parish Catholic Primary School.

St Thomas More School Shopping bus trip: Saturday 7th October leaving the Church grounds at 7.00am. More details to come.

Please take home a copy of the School Newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY- RESPONDING POSITIVELY TO THE

ROYAL COMMISSION: Next Saturday 3 June 9:00am-1:00pm at Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School Hall (St John Vianney Church) 1 Cabbage Tree Lane Fairy Meadow. This assembly will primarily focus upon the results of the 'Catholic Wrap-up' from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. At this assembly we will also be highlighting the outcomes & future directions coming out of the 2016 review into the PST & CCD teams. For catering & material preparation RSVP Essential to Lisa Metcalfe 4222 2403 or rsvp@dow.org.au

menALIVE WEEKEND FOR MEN: What are you doing on the 24/25 June? If you are a man over 18, consider this: come along and be inspired, encouraged, and rediscover God's purpose for your life. For more information/enquiries phone Ian Boorman 042 700 6021 or Oran Park Parish Office on 4628 2226 or email oranparkmen@dow.org.au

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:

Tuesday 23rd May: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre
Thursday 1st June: Retiree's Social Group gathering is after the 9.30am Mass. (**Any Retirees over the age of 55 are warmly welcome to join this group**). Gathering is held in the Parish Hall. (see notice)
Monday 5th June: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

3rd June: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bertha Barbari & Bev McKenzie
4th June: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue & Annette Read
10th June: Saturday Vigil Mass: Trish Newman & James Munro
11th June: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue & Helen Rawson

READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

3rd June: Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie McKenzie & Marisel King
4th June: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer & Maureen Molland
10th June: Saturday Vigil Mass: Marisel King & May Michelutti
11th June: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Andrew Truong & Julie Writer

USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

3rd June: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
4th June: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley
10th June: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicky Horne
11th June: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy & Helen Rawson

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 3rd June: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau, Rosa & Manuel Herrera and Colleen Jablonskis
Saturday 10th June: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy

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With God,
all things are
possible.
Mark 10:2
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