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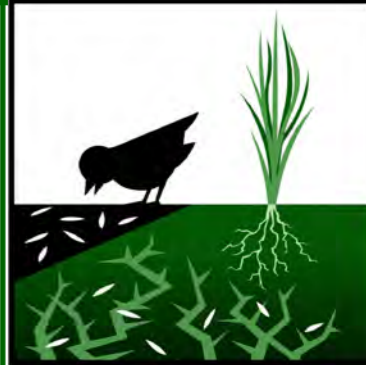
St. THOMAS MORE PARISH, RUSE

welcomes you

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Healy

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

12th JULY 2020



‘But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit.’

Matthew 13:23.

MASS TIMES

TUESDAY 14th JULY
9.30am. - Mass.

WEDNESDAY 15th JULY
St Bonaventure
9.30am. - Mass.

THURSDAY 16th JULY
9.30am. - Mass.

FRIDAY 17th JULY
9.30am. - Mass.

RECONCILIATION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

SATURDAY 18th JULY
Saturday Vigil for 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
6.00pm. - Mass.

SUNDAY 19th JULY
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
9.00am. - Mass.

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FIRST READING - Isaiah 55:10-11.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: ‘As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.’

The Word of the Lord.

(R.) Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. (R.)
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. (R.)
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

SECOND READING - Romans 8:18-23.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we

wait for our bodies to be set free.

The Word of the Lord.

(R.) Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 13:1-23.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, ‘Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!’

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, ‘Why do you talk to them in parables?’ ‘Because’ he replied ‘the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

‘But happy are your eyes

because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

‘You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.’

The Gospel of the Lord.
(R.) Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYERING FOR OUR WORLD, AMIDST COVID-19

Gracious God,
We give thanks anew for your providence and presence. We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas. We pray for those in need of healing. We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving. We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response. We pray for your Holy spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders. We each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable. This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all that is on our hearts, we gather now and pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Secretary: Mrs Carmel Munro
TUESDAY - FRIDAY
9.00am - 3.30pm

Parish ☎: 4628 2967
Email: ruse@dow.org.au
School ☎: 4625 6561

STEWARDSHIP

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

May our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred — or sixty — or thirty-fold!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

19th JULY 2020
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

1st Reading:

Wisdom 12:13.16-19.

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

2nd Reading:

Romans 8:26-27.

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 13:24-43.

Let them grow together until the harvest.

HUMOUR CORNER

THE STATE OF THE MODERN CHURCH

What churches might be soon in 2020 and beyond:

Priest: Praise the Lord.

Congregation: Alleluia

Priest: Can we all turn on our iPads and Kindle Bibles to Exodus 20:1. When you are done, kindly switch on your bluetooth to receive the sermon. Please have your debit cards ready as we shall now collect tithes and offerings. You can connect to the Church WiFi using password **Lord99087** and as for the Building Fund, you are welcome to contribute via EFT or mobile banking.

The holy atmosphere is truly electric as the iPads beep and flicker.

Church Secretary: This week's meetings will be held on the various WhatsApp and Zoom Groups. So please don't miss out! Wednesday's Bible teachings will be held live on Skype @ 1900hrs AEST. By the way you may follow the Parish Priest on Twitter for counselling and don't forget our weekly prayers on YouTube. **God Bless you all.**

Congregation: Amen!!

ST BONAVENTURE



St Bonaventure joined the order of Franciscans in 1243, and was soon recognised for his intellectual talents. He was sent to study in Paris where he taught and preached for many years. He was a contemporary of St Thomas Aquinas, with whom he defended the mendicant friars against

their opponents.

In 1257, Bonaventure was elected as the head of the Franciscans, and has since been considered the greatest friar minor since St Francis of Assisi himself. He wrote important works on theology, philosophy and mysticism, and was declared a doctor of the church in 1588. He was also regarded for his compassionate and gentle nature and for his accessibility to those who sought him.

15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Year A



12th July 2020

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.

"Anymore who welcomes you, welcomes me and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."

Matthew 10:40

PARISH MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL:



Dear Parishioners and friends of St Thomas More Parish

For Parish Masses please read main notices.

Have you "checked in" on another parishioner this week to say "Hi!"?

May God bless keep you well and safe,
Fr Michael

URGENTLY NEEDED:

MONITOR'S: Thank you to the Parishioner's who are currently being Monitor's - you are greatly appreciated and thank you also to those who have volunteered to help in this Parish Ministry.

The role of the Monitor is also to help people enter the Church safely and to ensure social distancing and not to congregate before or after Mass, and other similar things. Each Mass requires at least 3 Monitor's (our attendee numbers have increased)- if you would like to assist in this important role - please contact the Parish Office (during Office Hours - 4628 2967).

CLEANER'S: The Church, where people have sat, and frequently touched surfaces, need to be cleaned after each Mass, to help ensure the safety of our parishioners-all materials are supplied. If you have a spare 2-3 minutes after each Mass to assist with this - it is greatly appreciated.

UPDATES IN OUR PARISH:

Parish Bulletin: If you know of a parishioner who is not receiving these emails please encourage them to contact the parish office. There are hard copies available at the entrance to the Church.

Planned Giving Envelopes 2020/21: There are still a few to be collected from the Parish Office during Office Hours.

WEEKDAY MASSES AT RUSE CHURCH: Recommencing this coming week: Tuesday to Friday's (inclusive) at 9.30am: Those attending a Weekday Mass will NOT have to Register beforehand, only the first 70 Worshipers will be admitted. **We are in urgent need of Monitor's for Weekday Masses also.**

DO YOU WISH TO ATTEND A WEEKEND MASS?

You cannot just turn up for Mass as previously!!

Note: emails and text messages cannot be accepted.

You can state the weekend date and time of the Mass you wish to attend and you must give the name and phone number of each person you wish to register. These details will be checked and ticked off at the Church door as you enter for Mass.

1. If you are elderly (70 years +) or not feeling well, the ruling states that, (for your own safety) YOU MUST STAY AT HOME.
2. After entering the Church for Mass, your hands will be sanitized and your temperature taken. (This is obligatory) then a Monitor will show you to your RESERVED seat, where **Social distancing (4 sq meters)** must be strictly observed, (except for people of the same house-hold)
3. No Holy Water fonts, No Votive Candles, No Offertory Procession, no Sign of Peace Holy Communion (in a single file) **must** be Received in the hand
4. Please arrive early for Mass (**at least 10 minutes beforehand**). Church doors **must** be locked as Mass begins, No collections can be taken up at Mass. **Usual Parish Collection donations can be placed in the baskets provided on the table at the Church door**
5. You are to sanitize your hands again as you leave the Church and **Nobody** will be permitted to socially assemble in the courtyard before, during and after Mass.

SOME STATISTICS from 2016 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CENSUS FOR RUSE PARISH 2016: PARISH PROFILE:

The answers to the questions on "Religious Affiliation" within the Ruse Parish boundaries showed:

Catholics:	3,403
Anglicans:	2,483
Other Christians:	1,433
Non-Catholics:	804

But, those who CLAIMED "No Religion": \$2,825. 10% of people across Australia chose **not** to answer this question.

MORE TO COME

FOR ANY PARISHIONERS: who 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: All the people who have died in this current pandemic, the recently deceased and whose anniversaries that occur at this time: Fr Douglas Bede Rheinberger, Rita D'Souza, Debbie Phillips, Dulcie Munro, John Read, Wanda Antao, Richard Garton, Fr Theophane (Theo) Rush ofm, Cohan Boyd, Alice Harris, Mary Writer, Cathy Wiggins, Fr Anthony (Tony) Daly, Ladislav Feher, Beryl Ford, Jim McKenzie, Bobby Cameron, Marguerite (Marg) Davis, Maree Laming, Jay Jablonskis, Deborah Rix, Bernard Hoffmann, Maurya Hutton and Maria Cabonara. **May they rest in peace**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: For the *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Kerry Walker, Jessica Nilsson, Samantha Glover, Shirley Starr, Kenny Wilson, Antonio David, Hannah Kavanagh, Mary Dolan, Frank Byron, Sean Scanlon, Kellie Brandes, Brian Harris, Francisco Carmona, David Minogue, Daphne and Edmund Pew, Steve Foreman, Luke Van Der Burg, Briega Glover, Fr John Whitty, Elaine Hoffmann, Patricia McNerney, Betty Berthon, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, Aimiti Seufatu, John Hill, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Jeannie and George Nicholson, Mary Fredericks and Flynn Griffiths.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Is available online at

<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/catholic-weekly-newspaper-online/>

PARISH COLLECTIONS: With the current situation it is imperative that you please keep up your weekly contributions, as the Parish runs on a limited budget and without these regular contributions to both the First and Second Collections, we will be in real financial difficulties. For this reason, I strongly encourage parishioners who currently give by envelope to change to Direct Debit or Credit Card contributions (please read the following notice on how to arrange this or contact the Parish Office) to ensure the regular income of the parish continues. **I Thank you.**

Otherwise, please drop your Planned Giving Envelope Contribution into the secure letter box outside the Church in Acacia Ave, each week. Please don't forget the first collection for the sustenance of the clergy (as we still have to live too!) For this collection please place your donation in a plain envelope and mark it 'FIRST COLLECTION' and drop it in the secure letter box outside the Church in Acacia Ave.

Thank you once again for your continued support of our Parish of St Thomas More, Ruse.

ELECTRONIC PARISH PLANNED GIVING: Parishes are urgently needing the ongoing financial support of parishioners more than ever, as their overhead costs will not change. The majority of parishioners give physically to their parish in the first and second collection baskets during Mass, we are encouraging all parishioners to join the electronic parish planned giving program. The Diocese have created a page with 2 simple options for parishioners to give to their local parish electronically. You can view the page and forms at the following link: www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving. If you have any questions about the form, please contact the CDF Wollongong: Trevor Kellam at trevor.kellam@dow.org.au

Vinnies Winter Appeal: Your St Vincent de Paul Conference is unable to run a normal Winter Appeal in 2020 due to the current pandemic and associated risks. However, there remain many people in need and anyone able to make a cash donation is encouraged to do so. Simply, visit www.vinnies.org.au/donate or call 13 18 12 to make a secure donation. All donations of \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please contact the School Office on 4625 6561 for School enquiries. To keep up-to-date with the happenings in our Parish Catholic Primary School please use this link to read their School newsletter:

<https://stmdow.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=50>

Wishing all our Parish School children a safe and enjoyable time for the remainder of the School Holidays.

THE DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG WEEKLY PODCAST:

The Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast - 'The Journey' - 12th July 2020. Listen in this week for as we break open the Sunday Gospel reading with Bishop Brian Mascord. We also have a wonderful interview with Fr Mark de Battista as he celebrates 25 years in ministry. As usual, there are some great short talks from some of Australia's best Catholic presenters. Uploaded every Friday for free download - go to www.jcr.org.au

DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG MASS ONLINE:

For all of the online Mass options - please visit the Dow website <https://dow.sh/dailymass>. Members of the faithful are urged to keep holy the Lord's Day by making an act of Spiritual Communion (**below**). **Mass for You at Home** is available across the Ten Network on Sundays at 6.00am and any time on Ten Play. **Daily Mass on demand** is available at CathNews YouTube channel

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YOUTH MINISTRY ONLINE: Catholic Youth Ministry

Wollongong has launched LIVE- check it out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdC-Q7-OVY>.

FAITH RESOURCES FOR USE AT HOME: There are some new adult online faith formation opportunities available on the Diocesan website - go to the new Section on Dow Website. Visit: www.dow.org.au/covid-19/nourish-your-faith-at-home.

PRAYER RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES: Go to: liturgyhelp.com/aus/woll/pray and follow the prompts to access.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

