



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.**



REFRESHMENTS IN CHELSEA HOUSE (Parish Hall):

All Parishioner's and Visitor's to our Parish this Sunday morning, are invited to Chelsea House after Mass to share in Refreshments. Come and share a cuppa catching up with friends or making new ones. Looking forward to seeing you in the

Hall.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:

Lorelei Ava Miller-Hemming who was Baptised last weekend.

St Vincent de Paul – Winter Appeal 2019:

Our Winter Appeal has concluded, and your St Vincent de Paul conference wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the Appeal this year. We would especially like to thank Fr Michael for his encouragement and support. Envelopes will remain available at the back of the Church and these may be completed at any time and placed in either collection or delivered to the Parish Office. **Any further food donations can also be delivered to the Parish Office during business hours. Again, thank you to the St Thomas More Parish community, for your wonderful generosity and support.**

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

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

Monica Gomes (Anniv) John Read, Dulcie Munro, Alberto Michelutti, Theresa Pierce, John & Constance Thomas, John Mir, Therese Mir, Theresa Malervery, William (Bill) Ford, Robyn Albury, Erlinda Santos, Cynthia Carmona, Tom Oxley, Len Donoghue, Cohan Boyd, Marguerite (Marg) Davis, David Peters, Mary Writer, Fr Tony Daly, Gail Wylie, Maree Laming, Keith Gomes, Balbino Gomes, Kyle Miller, Beryl Ford, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Alice Harris, Ladislav Feher, Bobby Cameron, Bernard Hoffmann and Maria Cabonara.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The **many** sick in our Parish Community including: Luke Van Der Burg, Briege Glover, Clare McManus, Steve Foreman, Jasper Alison (baby), Fr John Whitty, Roge Beshoy(baby), Elaine Hoffmann, Ellen Healy, Patricia McInerney, 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parent/Carer Information and Enrolment Evening is on **Monday 12th August at 7.00pm** in the Parish Church. Your child must be in Year 3 and above, to be Baptised Catholic and to have made their Reconciliation.

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.

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. There are also forms on the tables at the entrance to the Church.

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

The **FIRST COLLECTION** (taken during the Offertory Procession) is for the 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.

PARISH LADIES GROUP HIGH TEA THANKYOU: Thank you to the Ladies who came and supported this Parish Fundraiser last Sunday and had a most enjoyable afternoon. The money raised will go towards the purchase of one of the new projectors for the Church. **Thank you once again for your continued support for fundraising for our Parish.**

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

PARISH PIETY STALL: Come and peruse our Parish Piety Stall, there are many new items for sale eg: Rosary Beads, Religious Cards, books etc. Gift ideas for Baptisms, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Campbelltown Catholic Club's Annual Communion Mass & Luncheon: Sunday 28 July 2019: 10.30am Mass in our Parish Church and will be concelebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord DD and Fr Michael Healy PP. Followed by lunch at THE CUBE, Campbelltown Catholic Club at 12.30pm.

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

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for Discernment #5 – How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action, and to recognise Jesus. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

POSITION VACANT: Plenary council Discernment and Writing Group Chairs and Members. For more information, visit the Office for Employment Relations website www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au or contact Ms Olivia Lee on (02)99197822 or olivia.lee@catholic.org.

ALPHA: Mary Immaculate Parish Hall, Eaglevale: Commencing Monday 22nd July. For bookings etc please contact May Ataya – 0416 157 294

HOLY HOUR FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-30): You are invited to Holy Hour in 2019 at Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow on Wednesday evening 24th July 6.30pm -7.30pm (followed by a meal). Each night will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, praise and worship (various styles), Reconciliation, Liturgy of the Word, short teachings, silence and Benediction.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: 10-11 August: at St John Bosco Parish, Engadine. Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship! To book or further information: www.wwme.org.au or phone Adrian/ Janet on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

MACARTHUR YOUTH GROUP: Join us for a gathering of teenagers and young adults every Friday Night of the term! Live Local is a place for like-minded young people from ages 12-18 to grow in faith, community and fun. Live Local runs from 7pm – 9pm at St John's Hall, Campbelltown and is put on by passionate young adults from the local area and leaders from the Diocese of Wollongong.

SIX FULL DAY GUIDED RETREAT SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER – SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER: Hartzler Park, 25 Eridge Park Rd, Bowral. Presenter: Fr Philip Malone MSC. Theme: Advent – a time of waiting and anticipation, a time to delight in the story of God, human and divine. Cost: \$650 per person (fully catered). The Retreat begins with the evening meal at 6pm on 23 Nov. and concludes the morning of 30 Nov. RSVP: 11 Nov, phone 4861 322 or email hartzprk@bigpond.net.au

DIARY DATES TO NOTE:

Tuesday 23rd July: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in the Parish Centre
Thursday 25th July: Retiree's Social Group Gathering after the 9.30am morning Mass in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)
Sunday 28th July: 10.30am Campbelltown Catholic Club Communion Mass

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

- **USHERS**
Saturday 20th July: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
Sunday 21st July: 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy
Saturday 27th July: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
Sunday 28th July: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley
- **READERS:**
Saturday 20th July: Vigil Mass: Stephanie Roux and Pauline Menzies
Sunday 21st July: 9.00am Mass: Feyise and Jim Writer
Saturday 27th July: Vigil Mass: Pauline Menzies and John Greene
Sunday 28th July: 9.00am Mass: Jim and Feyise Writer
- **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**
Saturday 20th July: Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron and Julie McKenzie
Sunday 21st July: 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau and Mavon Vaughan
Saturday 27th July: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Maureen Molland
Sunday 28th July: 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue and Annette Read
- **POWERPOINT OPERATOR'S:**
Saturday 20th July: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 21st July: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 27th July: Vigil Mass: Chantal Barbari
Sunday 28th July: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
- **CHURCH CLEANERS:**
Saturday 20th July: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community
Saturday 27th July: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau, Colleen Jablonskis, Rosa and Manuel Herrera

OUR PARISH:



In the Roman Catholic Church, a parish (Latin: parochia) is a stable community of the faithful within a particular church, whose pastoral care has been entrusted to a parish priest

(Latin: parochus) (Father Michael Healy), under the authority of the diocesan bishop (Bishop Brian Mascord).

A parish is a territorial entity in many Christian denominations, constituting a division within a diocese. ... By extension the term parish refers not only to the territorial entity but to the people of its community or congregation as well as to church property within it.