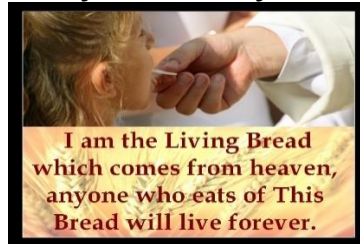


19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



11th August 2019

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. "Any more 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.**

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

Ronald D'Souza (Anniv), Ern Munro, Joe White, Monica Gomes, John Read, Alberto Michelutti, Theresa Pierce, John & Constance Thomas, Marguerite (Marg) Davis, Mary Writer, Fr Tony Daly, 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: Sr Francis Maher, Luke Van Der Burg, Briege Glover, Clare McManus, Steve Foreman, Fr John Whitty, Elaine Hoffmann, Ellen Healy, Patricia McNerney, Helen Rawson, Betty Berthon, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, 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
Parishioner's Birthdays this week:
13th: James Munro

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

Aurora June Hodges and *Leon Jayce Tuazon* Who were Baptised last weekend.

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 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parent/Carer Information and Enrolment Evening is tomorrow **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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER APPEAL 2019:

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.

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. ums/Dads/Carers/Grandparents come along with your pre-school child/children. A gold coin donation.

PARISH PIETY STALL: Come and peruse the new stock we have available for sale. We have gifts for Baptisms, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Many new Rosary Beads etc.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take home a copy of the latest School Newsletter to keep up to date with the happenings in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: We now, as the Australian Catholic Church, move into phase 2 of preparation for the plenary council in 2020. During the next 2 months, local animators will take part in training to provide opportunities in their local faith communities for discernment of the themes which have been the result of the Australia-wide listening and dialogue. www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

JOURNEY MAGAZINE: Keep up to date with the happenings in our Diocese, they are on the tables to the entrance to the Church. Please take home a copy. "

LEVEL 3 TRAINING COURSE, FOR CATECHISTS: Just a reminder to all Catechists about Level 3 Training Course, details are as follows: Venue: CCD Resource Centre, Micah House, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown. Start date: Monday, 12 August (6-week course on consecutive Mondays) Time: 9.30am - 1.30pm. For bookings or questions please contact Mrs Cindy Oliver by 5 August 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO SHOW—airs 18 August 2019

This week on the Journey, we hear Luke's Gospel 12:49–53, reminds us to bring "Peace, not division". The one and only Mother Hilda from the Abbey uses her sage words yet again to guide us, and Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy inspires us with his God spot on "Thundering Joy", and many of your other favorites. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au and to ensure that you never miss a show it can be sent to you each week as a podcast via email—for free.

CALLING ALL BUSINESS PEOPLE: Bishop Brian Mascord recently launched Catholic Business Connections (CBC) - an opportunity for business women and men in our diocese who share common values, to network and engage with each other and leaders representing the diocese. The 3rd CBC luncheon will be held on **Thursday 22 August** at Ridge's Hotel Campbelltown (12pm–2pm). **Mr Greg Sheridan AO**, foreign editor of The Australian, will be speaking on "Is God good for you?". For more information on CBC and how to join, visit www.cbc.dow.org.au or contact Debbie Gates, Diocesan Director of Development and Community Engagement (02) 4222 2446. (Please note that membership rates are pro rata and concessional rates are available.) RSVP for August luncheon is Thursday 15 August.

HOLY HOUR FOR YOUNG ADULTS: At Our Lady Help of Christians on Wednesday 28th August from 6.30pm- 7.30pm (followed by a meal). The night will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, praise and worship, Reconciliation Liturgy of the Word, short teachings, silence and Benediction.

menALIVE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGIONAL WEEKEND:

21-2 September 2019: Bowral Parish. What are you doing that weekend? Come along to an inspiring weekend of great talks, personal stories, good discussion and space to reflect on your manhood and your faith. This regional weekend will be hosted by Bowral Parish and conducted by experienced leaders from the menALIVE Team details and registration forms are available on the tables at the entrance to the Church. Bookings and enquiries ring Jude Hennessy 4222 2407/Ian Boorman 0427 006 021 or www.menalive.dow.org.au

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF): Is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australia Catholic Bishops Conference which aims to provide young people with the opportunity attend worship, workshops and plenaries that will deepen their faith. This year the Festival will be held in Perth 8-10 December and our Diocese will be organising a group of young adults (18-30 year) to attend. For more information phone Georgia on 4222 2427 or at youth@dow.org.au. (Please read poster)

LIVE LOCAL: Join us for a gathering of teenagers and young adults (12-18) every Friday night of the term. This runs from 7pm – 9pm at St John's Parish Hall, Campbelltown. This is put on by passionate young adults from the local area and leaders from the Diocese of Wollongong.

TAKE A RISK AND GIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH: In our Parish, there is a team of volunteers that take a risk and step out in Faith. NSW Government schools do not provide lessons that teach the basic message about Jesus, our faith, and the great adventure that life can be with God. Each week of the School Year, catechists present 30-minute lessons using a step-by-step lesson plan that helps Catholic children understand their faith, grow in love and what it means to be a Catholic. If you would like to find out more about this Parish Ministry please either speak with Fr Michael or contact our Parish Scripture Co-ordinator Colleen on: 0414 284 717

DIARY DATES TO NOTE:

Monday 12th August: 7.00pm Information and Enrolment Evening for First Holy Communion in the Church (please read notices for more information)

Tuesday 13th August: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in the Parish Centre

Wednesday 14th August: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre

Thursday 22nd August: Retiree's Social Group Gathering after the 9.30am morning Mass in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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Saturday 17th August: Vigil Mass: Chantal Barbari

Sunday 18th August: 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy

Saturday 24th August: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro

Sunday 25th August: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley

READERS:

Saturday 17th August: Vigil Mass: Cecil Marot and Ian Star

Sunday 18th August: 9.00am Mass: Marian Cross and Maureen Molland

Saturday 24th August: Vigil Mass: Ian Star and Bev McKenzie

Sunday 25th August: 9.00am Mass: Maureen Molland and Marian Cross

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 17th August: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Trish Newman

Sunday 18th August: 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau and Annette Read

Saturday 24th August: Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron and Julie McKenzie

Sunday 25th August: 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue and Mavon Vaughan

POWERPOINT OPERATOR'S:

Saturday 17th August: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star

Sunday 18th August: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

Saturday 24th August: Vigil Mass: Chantal Barbari

Saturday 25th August: 9.00am Mass:

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Saturday 17th August: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

Saturday 24th August: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Eugene Wasko and Barry Daley

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS:

Sunday: 18th August: Group 1: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Colleen Jablonskis, Maria Hill and Emma Rizk

Holy Day of Obligation: This Thursday 15th August: The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



