

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Year A
27th November 2016



Advent
The time to
settle down,
take a deep breath
and concentrate on
what's important.

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*

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS: If you require *Gluten Free Hosts* for Holy Communion please see Fr Ross *before* Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN OUR PARISH: Who is ill/or unable to come to Mass and would like to have Holy Communion please either let Fr Ross or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We have 2 Acolyte’s who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.

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.

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

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Parishioner’s Birthday’s for this week:

25th Steven Robinson

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

ST THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME: Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am in our Parish Hall during school terms.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY: Christmas Jesse Tree is in the Church and has tags with the ages of the children in need. If you are able, please take a tag (or 2) and buy a present for that aged child and return it to the Jesse Tree (**Please do not wrap gifts**). The gifts will be distributed before the School Holidays. So the Gifts need to be returned by the weekend of 3rd^h/43th December or return to the Parish Office. **We thank you for your kindness and know that your gifts will make a difference to needy children.**

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

PARISH LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Tickets are on sale this weekend at all the Parish Masses. We have 4 terrific prizes, tickets are \$1.00 each. **Please support this Parish Fundraiser.**

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

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take home a School Newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School. **Parishioners are invited to the School’s Christmas Carol Concert to be held next Wednesday evening (7th December) at St Patrick’s College, Campbelltown.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CATECHISTS:

Congratulations to Elizabeth Wasiko 15 years, Maria Bryon 10 years and Rosemary Dekawe 15 years who were awarded at the Diocesan Catechist Mass at the Cathedral for their dedication and commitment to this important ministry.

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."

PARISH ROSARY STATUE:

The purpose of the Ministry is to increase prayer within our Parish. Parishioners involved in this Ministry are prepared to open their home for fellow parishioners to join them in saying the Rosary. **If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry please phone Bev on: 4625 0659**

THANK YOU TO THE MANY PARISHIONERS IN THE VARIOUS PARISH MINISTRIES for the giving of their time and talents for our Parish. You are **greatly** appreciated. **Acolyte’s, Sacristan’s, Church Cleaner’s, Musician’s (all Choir’s), Powerpoint Creator and Operator’s, Reader’s, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Usher’s, Parish Counter’s, Flower Arranger’s, Catechist’s, Sacramental Team, Children’s Liturgy Teacher’s, Baptism Preparation, Refreshments After Mass, Communion to the Sick/Elderly, St Vincent de Paul, Parish Ladies Group and the many other Parish Groups.**

God Bless and thank you *Fr Ross*

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.

St. PATRICKS BUSINESS COLLEGE LTD.

Enrolments are now open for our 2017 Diplomas in Business and Business Administration. These 40-week courses are ideal for Year 10, 11 or 12 school leavers and provide a viable alternative pathway to career or university. We also assist the majority (well over 90%) of our graduates to find well-paid and enjoyable roles. Contact our Director of Education, Anne Fairhall, to arrange a 1:1 interview to discuss your study options on 0407 278 164.

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.

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Sunday 11th December: (3rd Sunday of Advent (Rose Sunday). All Parishioners are invited to celebrate the Christmas Message and our Parish Family Mass followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall.

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS’ OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 3rd Dec: Bertha Barbari, Bev McKenzie

9.00am Mass: Sunday 4th Dec: Julie Writer, Jim Writer

Vigil Mass: Saturday 10th Dec: Trish Newman, James Munro

9.00am Mass: Sunday 11th Dec: Catherine Minogue, Helen Rawson

READERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 3rd Dec: May Michelutti, Louise Phillips

9.00am Mass: Sunday 4th Dec: Barry Daley, Marian Cross

Vigil Mass: Saturday 10th Dec: Bev McKenzie, Julie McKenzie

9.00am Mass: Sunday 11th Dec: Therese Writer, Bill George

CHURCH CLEANERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 3rd Dec: Group 3 Christine Foreman, James Munro, Carmel Munro

Saturday 10th Dec: Group 4 Maureen Molland, Fa’atu Faamau, Colleen Jablonskis, Rose Herrera, Manuel Herrera

USHERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 3rd Dec: Carmel Munro

9.00am Mass: Sunday 4th Dec: Christine Foreman, Catherine Minogue

Vigil Mass: Saturday 10th Dec: Vicki Horne

9.00am Mass: Sunday 11th Dec: Gwen & Brian Harris

