

18th 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. "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.**

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.



REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS:

we wish to invite all parishioners and visitors to our parish Sunday morning mass to refreshments in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) after Mass.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

Payten Isla Samaha who was Baptised last weekend.

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
22nd: **Arthur Michelutti**

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

Rachel Neville (R.D), Sr Francis Maher (R.D.), William Reed (R.D.), Ronald D'Souza, 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: Luke Van Der Burg, Briege Glover, Clare McManus, Steve Foreman, Fr John Whitty, Elaine Hoffmann, Ellen Healy, Patricia McInerney, 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please keep in your Prayers the Candidates, their families and teachers, as they begin their preparation for this Sacrament.

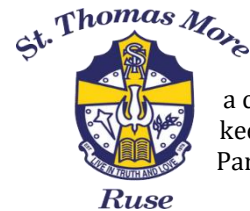
ST VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER APPEAL 2019:

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.

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.

AustralianCATHOLICS Spring Edition MAGAZINE: Is available to take home on all the tables at the entrance to the Church.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: The current Journey Magazine has an article which highlights the response of the Diocese of Wollongong to Bishop Brian Mascord's invitation on Pentecost 2018 to, "Sincerely pray with, and for each other, as we open ourselves to this process of expressing our loves, disappointments, hurts and hopes for who we are as Church. Together, let's see what the Holy Spirit is saying to us."

STAND FOR LIFE IN OPPOSITION TO THIS EXTREME ABORTION BILL:

The NSW Parliament is about to legislate for abortion on demand till birth, one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. The Bill was pushed through the Legislative Assembly and will be debated in the Legislative Council from **Tuesday, 20 August**. Join us in peaceful protest against this radical proposed legislation. **WHEN: Martin Place (Macquarie Street side) TIME - 6pm until 9pm (including vigil outside NSW Parliament)** Under this Bill: - Children can be aborted for any reason right up till the final moments of a pregnancy; - Amendments to protect children who survive botched abortions attempts were defeated; - There are no safeguards to prevent targeted abortion based on gender or disability; - Doctors and medical staff are compelled to participate (by referral) in the taking of an innocent life. This Bill was ambushed on Parliament, with no consultation, in an attempt to curb community backlash. This is our last opportunity to fight against this extremist Bill. We need you there. See right to life NSW facebook event for more information.

There are petitions on clipboards on the main tables to the entrance for you to sign. These will be taken in by a Parishioner in on Tuesday.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO SHOW: Airs 25 August.

This week on the Journey, we hear Luke's Gospel 13:22-30, about "the narrow door. Pete Gilmore shares his inspiration of Living the Gospel, and we have some other amazing presenters sharing their faith filled experiences and parts of their life's journeys. 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.)

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): 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: urgent help is required for Scripture Teacher's and/or Classroom helper's. If you have a spare ½ hour during School Terms on either Wednesday and or Thursday morning, we are in need of assistance with 'spreading the good news' to our Parish State Schools. 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:

Thursday 22nd August: Retiree's Social Group Gathering after the 9.30am morning Mass in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)
Tuesday 27th August: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in the Parish Centre

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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Saturday 24th August: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
Sunday 25th August: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley
Saturday 31st August: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
Sunday 1st September: 9.00am Mass: Gwen and Brian Harris

READERS:

Saturday 24th August: Vigil Mass: Ian Star and Bev McKenzie
Sunday 25th August: 9.00am Mass: Maureen Molland and Marian Cross
Saturday 31st August: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Kerry Hennessy
Sunday 1st September: 9.00am Mass: Ana and Lidija Faamau

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 24th August: Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron and Julie McKenzie
Sunday 25th August: 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue and Mavon Vaughan
Saturday 31st August: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Bertha Berbari
Sunday 1st September: 9.00am Mass: Annette Read and Julie Writer

POWERPOINT OPERATOR'S:

Saturday 24th August: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Saturday 25th August: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 31st August: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 1st September: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Saturday 24th August: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Eugene Wasko and Barry Daley
Saturday 31st August: Group 3: Christine Foreman, Christine Charlton, James and Carmel Munro

