



8th September 2019  
Child Protection Sunday

Child Protection Sunday is observed across the Australian Catholic Church and runs in conjunction with National Child Protection Week

**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.**



Come and have a chat with your Parish friends.

**THE BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL:** To support the retirement and health of clergy: **This Appeal will be held in our Parish next weekend (14th/15th September)** Each parish provides “living” support to its active clergy, but it is the responsibility of our Diocese to fund the support and care for the retirement and health of diocesan clergy who have dedicated their lives in service of the Church. In our Diocese, this support is partly funded by the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. **For your convenience, donations can also be made online via the Diocese of Wollongong’s website [www.dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au)**

**STAND AND PRAY FOR LIFE RALLY—CAMPBELLTOWN Sunday 15 September 2019, 3 p.m.–5 p.m.** The Anglican churches of Campbelltown are inviting the Macarthur Catholic churches to join them at a local rally to call on the NSW Parliament to say no to the proposed abortion laws. There will be local speakers and an opportunity to pray together for the sanctity of life. 3 p.m. – Assemble in Mawson Park, Campbelltown (117 Queen St) 3:20 p.m. – Speeches 3:40 p.m. – Prayer 4 p.m. – March down Queen Street.

**RETREAT CENTRE, VARROVILLE** For further info, please contact 8795 3400 or via email on: [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com)  
**DAY RETREAT Sept 14:** Topic: Prayer, How do we pray in the middle of a very busy and hectic life? How do we pray to cope with loss and grief and tragedy? This retreat in the context of this world will explore prayer through the lens of “practicing the presence of God”.

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO SHOW—airs 15 September:** This week on the Journey, Fr Mark DeBattista gives his homily for this week’s Gospel, and you’ll also hear from Mother Hilda Scott in her Wisdom from the Abbey. There are heaps of great music too. Christian music artists on our show. Go to [WWW.jcr.org.au](http://WWW.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://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

**menALIVE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGIONAL WEEKEND: 21-23 September 2019: Bowral Parish.** Come along to an inspiring weekend of great talks, personal stories, good discussion and space to reflect on your manhood and your faith. This 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](http://www.menalive.dow.org.au)

**SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT:** We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 September. This year, the Australian Bishops’ Social Justice Statement is titled: “Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world”. It points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world, but active citizens shaping it. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website ([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)) or call (02) 8306 3499. Order the statement online at: [bit.ly/socialjusticeshop](http://bit.ly/socialjusticeshop) Follow us on Facebook: @socialjusticeACBC or Twitter: @justiceCatholic

**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.

**A vocation view:** Will you help gather people to be a part of the reign of God? Pray to be open if God calls you to serve as priest/ deacon/ brother or sisters. (Isaiah 66:18-21) Please contact the Vocations Team at [priesthood@dow.org.au](mailto:priesthood@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](mailto:youth@dow.org.au) . (Please read poster)

**ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?** If you haven’t already done so, please register your details with our Parish Office through email ([ruse@dow.org.au](mailto:ruse@dow.org.au))

**PARISH PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:** If you would like to join our Parish Planned Giving Programme either via the envelope or direct debit system, the forms are available on all the tables at the entrance to the Church, or you can contact the Parish Office via phone or email for more details.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED and the ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AT THIS TIME:**  
Clare McManus, Suae Faamau, Peter Giannetti, Dominoco and Loreta Giannetti, Emilia and Gino De Cesare, Jay Jablonskis, Bernard Hoffmann, Rachel Neville, Sr Francis Maher, William Reed, Monica Gomes, John Read, 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, and Maria Cabonara.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Luke Van Der Burg, Briege Glover, 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.

**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](mailto:ruse@dow.org.au)  
**Parishioner’s Birthdays this coming week:** 7<sup>th</sup>: Maureen Molland  
**Parishioner’s Wedding Anniversary this coming week:** 11<sup>th</sup>: John and Bertha Barbari (41 years)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Please continue to keep in your Prayers the 39 Candidates, their families and teachers, as they continue their prayerful preparation for this Sacrament.

**MENTION MY NAME MEMORIAL MASS:** To be held in our Parish Church on **Saturday 21st September at 10.00am.** A Memorial Mass for family, friends, caregivers, first responders, grieving the loss of someone from suicide. This Memorial Mass will remember those who have lost their lives through suicide and their family and friends. A cup of tea etc will follow in Chelsea House (Parish Hall).

**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 PASTORAL COUNCIL:** If you wish to raise a matter for discussion / consideration by members of this forum please contact the Parish office via email (Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - request item for discussion).

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** *If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry and have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home during 2019 please phone Bev on 4625 0659.*

**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.

**PARISH DIARY DATES TO NOTE:**

**Tuesday 10th September: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in the Parish Centre  
**Tuesday 17th September: 7.30pm** Parish Pastoral Council meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)  
**Thursday 19th September:** Retiree’s Social Group Gathering *after the 9.30am morning* Mass in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)  
**Saturday 21st September: 10.00am** “Mention My Name” Mass in our Parish Church (read main notice)

**PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

**USHERS**

**Saturday 14th September: Vigil Mass: Chantal Barbari**  
**Sunday 15th September: 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**Saturday 21st September: Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne**  
**Sunday 22nd September: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley**

**READERS:**

**Saturday 14th September: Vigil Mass: Annette Read and Raquel Villareal**  
**Sunday 15th September: 9.00am Mass: Maryse Parisi and David Minogue**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

**Saturday 21st September: Vigil Mass: Raquel Villareal and Carmel Munro**  
**Sunday 22nd September: 9.00am Mass: David Minogue and Elisapeta Minisale**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

**Saturday 14th September: Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron and Julie McKenzie**  
**Sunday 15th September: 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau and Mavon Vaughan**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

**September 21st September: Vigil Mass: Bev and Julie McKenzie**  
**Sunday 22nd September: 9.00am Mass: Annette Read and Catherine Minogue**

**POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S:**

**Saturday 14th September: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star**  
**Sunday 15th September: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

**Saturday 21st September: Vigil Mass: Chantal Barbari**  
**Sunday 22nd September: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris:**

**CHURCH CLEANERS:**

**Saturday 14th September: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy**  
**Saturday 21st September: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community**

**Prayer on Child Protection Sunday**

*Lord, You asked that the little children be allowed to come to you; for it is such as these that the Reign of God belongs. You entrust them to the care and protection of our communities of faith.*

*Guide us as we strive to ensure that our Catholic communities provide a safe environment for each child.*

*We pray especially for all those who have been harmed in their childhood. Give them courage in facing the past and lead them to your healing protection. Amen*

