



15th September 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.**

THE BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL: To support the retirement and health of clergy: **This Appeal will be held in our Parish this weekend.** 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**

CLERGY CONFERENCE: Fr Michael and the Priests of the Diocese will be on Annual Clergy Retreat this week. Though the Presbytery will be occupied for security reasons please refer all Parish matters to the Parish Office, Tuesday – Friday 9am – 3.30pm. Week day Masses will be as per normal during this coming week.

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.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO SHOW—airs 22

September: This week on the Journey, we have Fr Graham reflecting on our Gospel of Luke 16:1-13. We hear the soothing words from Mother Hilda and Sam Clear, and some of our other favourites this week include our very own Pete Gilmore and Trish McCarthy. We are so very lucky to have some wonderful Christian Music artist on this week’s edition of the Journey Catholic Radio Program. 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.

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

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) or call (02) 8306 3499. Order the statement online at: 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.

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)

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.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community:

Adeline Christine Pearson, Jack Ross Morrison, Ella Kaye Morrison, Sophie Maree Morrison and River Mary Phibbs.

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, Briega 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

Parishioner’s Birthday omitted last week:

11th: Anne Testini

Parishioner’s Birthdays this coming week:

14th: Col Davis

19th: Marilyn Fabry

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Will be celebrated in our Parish next weekend (21st/22nd September) **15** at the Vigil Mass and **22** at the Sunday 9.00am Mass. Please continue to keep in your Prayers the Candidates, their families and teachers.

MENTION MY NAME MEMORIAL MASS: To be held in our Parish Church next **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.

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2019 – SYDNEY: THURSDAY 3

OCTOBER – SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 2019: Special Offer: High schoolers can access \$50 registrations and Primary aged students are absolutely free. To register just follow the link below, select your registration (either Ignite High or Ignite Kids’, scroll to the bottom and enter the discount code ‘SCSdisc’. [CLICK HERE](http://CLICK HERE rego.igniteyouth.com/conf19syd) rego.igniteyouth.com/conf19syd *This discount code only applies to high schoolers and primary aged students attending schools in the Sydney Catholic School system*

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER MARRIAGE

ENRICHMENT: Weekend 8–10 November 2019 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship!
Book online at www.wwme.org.au
Alternatively contact **Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419** or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

PARISH DIARY DATES TO NOTE:

Tuesday 17th September: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) all members to RSVP please
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)
Tuesday 24th September: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

Saturday 28th September: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
Sunday 29th September: 9.00am Mass: Gwen and Brian Harris

READERS:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday 21st September: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro and Raquel Villareal
Sunday 22nd September: 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer and May Michelutti

Saturday 28th September: Vigil Mass: Ian Star and Carmel Munro
Sunday 29th September: 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer and Andrew O’Halloran

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

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

Saturday 28th September: Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron and Bev McKenzie
Sunday 29th September: 9.00am Mass Julie Writer and Annette Read

POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

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

Saturday 28th September: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 29th September: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Saturday 21st September: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community
Saturday 28th September: Group6: Tongan Community



