

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



29th September 2019
(Social Justice Sunday)

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.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The Parishioners of our Parish would like to congratulate the 37 children who made the Sacrament of First Holy Communion last weekend. *Thank you to the many people (Teachers and Families) who prepared the Children for this Sacrament.*

Thank you on behalf of the First Holy Communion Children and Their families: Father Michael, the Sacramental Team who assisted in preparing the Children, Church Cleaners, the Musicians who played especially for the Holy Communion Masses last weekend, to the Powerpoint Creator who Created The Powerpoints for last weekend and to the people behind the Scenes.

The gifts of your time and talents was greatly appreciated by all who attended the First Holy Communion Masses last weekend.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: The last Sunday of September is designated by the Australia Catholic Bishops Conference as Social Justice Sunday. The title of the Australian Bishops’ Social Justice Statement for 2019-2020 is “Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital World”. The statement is available at www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/ten-step-leaflets/. The document affirms the positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity offered by new digital media, while warning of those elements that are harmful to the dignity of individuals and the common good.

THE BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL – TO SUPPORT THE

RETIREMENT AND HEALTH OF CLERGY: Thank you for your Generous support of the appeal held on 14/15 September. A gift of \$753.20 has been forwarded to Bishop Brian as our response to his Appeal.

“I am very grateful for your support in helping me to ensure that we can provide the retirement and health care of our Clergy. God bless you”
Bishop Brian Mascord

BLESSING OF ANIMALS: Monday 7th October 9.30am Parish of St Michael, Thirroul. All animals are welcome. It’s customary that in remembrance of St Francis of Assisi’s love for all creatures, animals are led to churches for a special ceremony call the “Blessing of the Animals.” Dog’s on leads please etc

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO SHOW-Airs 6 October:

This week on the Journey, Fr Mark reflects on the Gospel of Luke 17:5-9. Mother Hilda encourages us to “walk in the Footsteps of Jesus.” Marilyn Rodrigues, the Peaceful Parent, reminds us about “Passing on the Faith”. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au to ensure that You never miss a show, it can be sent to you each week as a Podcast via email – for free.

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.

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 rego.igniteyouth.com/conf19syd
This discount code only applies to high schoolers and primary aged students attending schools in the Sydney Catholic School system

CCD CATECHIST RETREAT: Macarthur-Highlands: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Monday 21st October 10am – 2pm. For bookings or questions please contact Cindy by 14th October on 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au. No cost, just bring your lunch and morning tea is provided.

CATECHIST CRAFT DAY/MORNING TEA: with special guest Steve Chard – The Puppet Man to demonstrate how to use Puppets. Wednesday 23rd October 10am – 2pm/ Please RSVP to Cindy on 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au

MenALIVE Growing Good Men Father and Son Camp 25-27 October at Cataract Scout Camp, Appin. Spots are limited. Register online www.menalive.dow.or.au or contact Jude Hennessy on 42222407 jude.hennessy@dow.org.au Don’t miss this life changing father and son weekend!

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



WISHING ALL OUR PARISH SCHOOL CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND TEACHERS: A very well earned restful and safe holiday. May God always keep you safe in the palm of his hands.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you haven’t already done so, please register your details with our Parish Office via 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.

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

- Bobbie Cameron (Anniv), Ida Sa-Cordeira (Anniv), Renato Sa-Cordeira (Anniv), Clare McManus, Suaesi Faamau, Peter Giannetti, Dominoco and Loreta Giannetti, Emilia and Gino De Cesare, Jay Jablonskis, Bernard Hoffmann, 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, and Maria Cabonara.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: David Minogue, Daphne and Edmund Pew, 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
Parishioner’s Birthdays this coming week:
1st: Manuel Herrera
4th: John Berbari

CHILDREN’S LITURGY 2019: Returns in School Term 4.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME 2019: Returns in School Term 4.

PARISH PIETY STALL: The 2020 Columban Calendars are now for sale at just \$9.00 each, this is a great Christmas present plus there is plenty of new items for sale.

PARISH LIFE: VOLUNTEER LAY MINISTRIES:

Catechists: these people provide us with their gifts and talents to help teach religious education classes in our Parish State Primary Schools. **Ushers:** these people greet Parishioners and Visitors to our Parish Masses. **Children’s Liturgy Teachers:** Take the children to the Hall to help them to understand the Scriptures in non-adult language. **Parish Liturgy Committee:** help with planning the different liturgical season as well as make recommendations for worship.

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:

Thursday 3rd October: Retiree’s Social Group Gathering *after the 9.30am morning* Mass in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)
Sunday 6th October: 2.00am Daylight Savings begins
Monday 7th October: 6.30pm: Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Monday 7th October: 7.30pm: Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 8th October: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

USHERS

Saturday 5th October: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
Sunday 6th October: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman
Saturday 12th October: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Sunday 13th October: 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy

READERS:

Saturday 5th October: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro and John Greene
Sunday 6th October: 9.00am Mass: Andrew O’Halloran and Julie Writer
Saturday 12th October: Vigil Mass: May Michelutti and Julie McKenzie
Sunday 13th October: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley and Christine Foreman

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 5th October: Vigil Mass: Julie McKenzie and Maureen Molland
Sunday 6th October: 9.00am Mass: Annette Read and Faye Faamau
Saturday 12th October: Vigil Mass: John Greene and Winnie Cameron
Sunday 13th October: 9.00am Mass: Loretta and Lafitaga Tuigamala

POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S:

Saturday 5th October: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Sunday 6th October: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 12th October: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 13th October: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Saturday 5th October: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Barry Daley and Eugene Wasko
Saturday 12th October: Group 3: Christine Foreman, Chris Charlton, James and Carmel Munro

The Grail Prayer

*Lord Jesus,
I give you my hands to do your work.
I give you my feet to go your way.
I give you my eyes to see as you do.
I give you my tongue to speak your words.
I give you my mind that you may think in me.
I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.
Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me your Father and all mankind.
I give you my whole self that you may grow in me,
So that it is you, Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in me.*

