



6th October 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.**

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.

THE MACARTHUR SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK INVITES you to a free screening of “Hard to Believe” – (Peabody Award Winner) (Organ Trafficking and Unethical Organ Transplantation). Next Saturday 12th October 2019 @ 10.00am at: Parish Hall Meeting Room, St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, 35 Cordeaux Street (Cnr Lindesay Street), Campbelltown. RSVP to <https://bit.ly/2kq73qa> or secretary@msjn.org

“YOUR TRUTH, MY TRUTH”: The Diocese will be hosting in cooperation with Parousia media – Catholic Answers Speaker Karlo Broussard, from the United States. On Karlo’s visit to Wollongong, he will address the Topic: “My Truth, Your Truth: - tackling relativism and the damage it has done to the modern world. 5.00pm Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Harbour St Wollongong, 6.00pm Xavier Centre – light supper provided. 6.30pm: Talk, 7.30pm Q & A and close at 8.00pm. Please RSVP (for catering purposes) to Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au

2019 CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL: Will be held in our Parish on the weekend of 19th/20th October.

MARY IMMACULATE PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL’S SPRING FAIR: Saturday, 19th October, 2019, 9am-3pm, at the School Grounds (cnr of Emerald and Aquamarine Drives Eagle Vale) The annual Spring Fair will feature rides, stalls, food entertainment showbags etc. Come along- rain, hail or shine. It will be a fun day out for the whole family!

MATER DEI P & F COUNTRY FAIR: Sunday 20th October 2019. 229 Macquarie Grove Rd, Camden. from 9am to 3pm. Entertainment, food stalls etc. It’s a great day for all the family.

ROSARY DAY FIESTA (formerly Fatima Day Fiesta) Sunday 20th October at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, St Andrews Rd, Varroville. Rosary at 3.00pm followed by Mass. Please see poster for more information or contact Gabriel on 0402 740 518

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.org.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



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.

WE WELCOME: Into our Parish Community: **Jack Andrew Toole, Henry Franklin Wagner, Elise Margaret Simone and Peyton Rose McGarrigle** who were Baptised last Weekend

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED and the ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Fr Eugene Weber (R.D.), Bobbie Cameron, Ida Sa-Cordeira, Renato Sa-Cordeira, Clare McManus, Suaesi Faamau, Peter Giannetti, Dominico 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: Francisco Carmona, 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:
11th: Marian Cross and Catherine Minogue

Parishioner’s Wedding Anniversary this coming week:
9th: Maureen and Bill Molland (43 years)

PRAYERS: Please continue to keep in your prayers those who are Preparing for the Higher School Certificate, who are unwell or for those “who just need prayers”.

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.



THE EUCHARIST joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from god’s hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, “creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself”. Thus Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation.
Laudato Si (2015) 236

October – Month of the Rosary

Please take this opportunity to honour the Month of the Holy rosary. October is an opportunity for us to re-commit ourselves to this most beautiful prayer. What is the meaning of Rosary? The Holy Rosary (/ˈrouzəri/; Latin: rosarium, in the sense of "crown of roses" or "garland of roses"), also known as the Dominican Rosary, refers to a form of prayer used in the Catholic Church and to the string of knots or beads used to count the component prayers. When used for the prayer, the word is usually capitalized ("the Rosary"), as is customary for other names of prayers, such as "the Lord’s Prayer", and "the Hail Mary"; when referring to the beads, it is written with a lower-case initial letter ("a rosary").

PARISH DIARY DATES TO NOTE:

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 **Thursday 17th October:** Retiree’s Social Group Gathering **after the 9.30am morning** Mass in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)
Wednesday 16th October: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre
Thursday 17th October: Retiree’s Social Group Gathering in Chelsea House **after the 9.30am morning Mass**

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

USHERS

Saturday 12th October: Vigil Mass: Chantal Barbari
Sunday 13th October: 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy
Saturday 19th October: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
Sunday 20th October: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley

READERS:

Saturday 12th October: Vigil Mass: May Michelutti and Julie McKenzie
Sunday 13th October: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley and Christine Foreman
Saturday 19th October: Vigil Mass: Marisel King and Pauline Menzies
Sunday 20th October: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman and Barry Daley

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 12th October: Vigil Mass: John Greene and Winnie Cameron
Sunday 13th October: 9.00am Mass: Loretta and Lafitaga Tuigamala
Saturday 19th October: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Trish Newman
Sunday 20th October: 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau and Annette Read

POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S:

Saturday 12th October: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 13th October: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 19th October: Vigil Mass: Chantel Barbari
Sunday 20th October: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Saturday 12th October: Group 3: Christine Foreman, Chris Charlton, James and Carmel Munro
Saturday 19th October: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS:

Sunday 20th October: Group 3: The Tongan Community

