



12th November 2017

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. “Anyone who welcomes you, welcome 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.

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: It is a special time to pray for the dead. All Masses will be offered for the deceased relatives and friends of all our Parishioners. We will record all the names that have been given in the Parish Book of Remembrance, set up in the Sacred Space. Please notify either Fr Michael or the Parish Office should you wish to include deceased relatives and/or friends in the Book of Remembrance.

ST VINCENT de PAUL- ASSIST-A-STUDENT: The St Vincent de Paul Society is active in the Asia/Pacific Region. Life in many places in the area can be extremely harsh and challenging for those without opportunity. Many families simply cannot afford to send their children to a school and young children are often forced to work, just so a family can make ends meet. There is a way we can help turn this around and that is by sponsoring a child for 12 months, through the Assist a Student Scheme. This week the local conference of the Society is conducting an appeal on behalf of such communities. Conference members will be at various exits of the church handing out information leaflets which include a remittance advice. Please take one of these and give this initiative your prayerful consideration.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISTOR’S ARE INVITED TO REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00AM MASS: in the Parish Hall. Come and share a chat, catch-up and meet new people. We look forward to seeing you after Mass.

WE WELCOME: Into our Parish Community: **Jack Anthony Henwood** and **Blaze Kristopher Mulquin** who were 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

PARISHIONER’S BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:

11th Maryanne Fredicks
12th Elaine Hoffman
17th Patricia Newman
17th Natalie Vossen

PARISHIONER’S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK:

12th Kristine & Bill George (40 years)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr David Catterall, Helen Rawson, Colleen Keane, Betty Berthon, Faleniko Tiatele, Maureen Wyer, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, Elaine Hoffmann, Natalie Dwyer, Aimiti Seufatu, Robert Berthaly, John Hill, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

THANKYOU TO THE 7 PARISHIONERS: Who came to the Parish grounds working bee last Saturday. Many of the jobs were completed. Thank you for the gift of your time and talents it was greatly appreciated. **The next Parish grounds working bee in readiness for Christmas will be on Saturday 16th December commencing at 8.30am.** More details to follow.

MESSAGE FOR READERS: The current Readers’ Roster ends on the 31st December and the 2018 roster will be released by mid-December this year. We would like to invite more new readers to join us this new year.

We are looking for individuals, couples or families who have passion for reading and would love to share their God-given talent. We highly encourage young people, who are in Year 5 and above and are good readers to join us. Those of you who have been readers in the past, we hope you will continue. There is a sign-up clipboard on the table at the church entrance for the next few weeks for your name, phone numbers, email address and preferred Mass time. Should you have any question regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me (May) on **0451468931**. **Thank you to the old readers for their loyalty and welcome to new ones into this rewarding Ministry.** – May

MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR PLAYING AT MASS: Especially on the 4th Sunday of the month and some Saturday Vigil Masses. We have both an organ and keyboard, but would welcome anyone who also plays guitar. Mentoring would be available to anyone who is willing to share their talents. For more information, please ring or email the Parish Office 4628 2967 or ruse@dow.org.au and a member of the Music Ministry will contact you. Thanking you in anticipation.

PARISH LITURGY MEETING (preparation for Advent/Christmas): **Wednesday 15th November at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall,** to plan for the Advent and Christmas ceremonies. All Ministries (Acolyte’s, Reader’s, Musician’s, Sacristan’s, Children’s Liturgy teams, etc) are asked to attend. For any information please phone Annette: 0404 112 335.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY: Is held during the 9.00am Sunday morning Mass (during School Terms) and is for **school aged children - Kindergarten to Year 6 (inclusive)**. If you would like more information on this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 0421 802 132.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME: Is held on Tuesday’s (during School Terms) from 9.30am - 11.30am in our Parish Hall. **Gold coin donation.** Parents/Guardians/Grandparents, if you have children including School aged and bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the children enjoy playtime activities. If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

PARISH PIETY STALL: Are selling: the 2018 Columban Art Calendar, \$9.00 each, **CHOSEN - Advent and Christmas Reflections 2017 book.** (Continuing the tradition from past years, **Chosen** is a 72 page pocket-size book containing short daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (3 Dec. 2017) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 Jan. 2018) for \$2.00, each and the St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Cards. **The Piety Stall also has many Christmas present ideas. Come and have a look at what is also available.**

ORDINATION - Reverend Victor Vincent: All parishioners are invited to the Ordination Ceremony at Wollongong Cathedral 7.30pm 21 November 2017

CATHOLIC MISSION: Thank you for your prayers and generous contributions for this year’s Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal. We invite you to consider partnering with us through a regular monthly gift and continue your support of the life-giving work of Catholic Mission. Freecall: 1800 257 296, catholicmission.org.au/Vietnam

YOUR PARISH ST VINCENT de PAUL CONFERENCE: Wish to thank everyone who assisted the recruitment weekend, there is still a need for more members. If you are considering this vital and rewarding work, as a way of serving our neighbors, please feel most welcome to attend any of the Conference meetings. These are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Alternatively, you may ring the Parish Office with your details and we will contact you. **We ask for your continued prayers and encouragement as we seek New members to assist with this most rewarding work.**

PARISH MAINTENANCE: Like anywhere, from time to time little things need ‘doing’ in the Church, Parish Hall, toilets etc. It’s good to keep on top of things. If you happen to notice eg: kneelers need mending, or anything that is need of repair, please write in the Maintenance book on the main table at the entrance of the Church. You can either write in the book or phone/email the Parish Office, if you are aware or notice anything that is in need of repair.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE: The Parish is looking for a volunteer who will be willing to work on a regular basis each week in an effort to keep the Church grounds and surrounds neat and tidy. Hours would be flexible and any handyman skills would also be beneficial as there sometimes small tasks that need doing but it is expensive to bring a tradesman in. If you are able to assist please contact the Office on 46282967 your help would be greatly appreciated.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take a copy of the School Newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

THE BEATITUDES’ Songs & Stories with Peter Kerney: Friday 17th November at 7.30pm: Faith and Supper at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church, Varroville. This prayerful concert presentation will feature hymns and songs that illustrate the values of ‘the Beatitudes’ in various ways. Donations welcome.

CARITAS DIOCESAN DIRECTOR: A part-time position (15 hours a week) is available for commencement as soon as possible for Caritas Australia. The position is based in Wollongong. Applications close November 20 2017. For information on how to apply for this Role, and further details see the Diocesan website: <http://dow.sh/jopbs> caritas.diocesandirector.com.au

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: If you would like to have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home, **please phone Bev on: 4625 0659.** **“When you prayer the Rosary, you have our Lady’s hand in your hand. When you pray the Holy Rosary you have the power of God in your hand”.**

PARISH DIARY DATES:

14th November: St Vincent de Paul Conference: - 7.30pm Parish Centre
15th November: Parish Liturgy Team -(See Notices)
16th November: Retiree Social Group - Parish Hall after the 9.30am Mass

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

18th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland & James Munro
19th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass Mavon Vaughan & Julie Writer
25th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron, Bev Mckenzie
26th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Annette Read,

READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

18th November: Saturday Vigil Mass Kerry Hennessy & David Minogue
19th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Elisapeta Minisale & Barry Daley
25th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: David Minoque, Pauline Menzies
26th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley, Elisapeta Minisale

USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

18th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
19th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley
25th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: : Help required
26th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy

CHURCH CLEANERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 18th November: : Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community
Saturday 25th November: Group 3: Christine Foreman, James Munro, Carmel Munro

