



17th November 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.**



**NOVEMBER: The Month of the Holy Souls:**

November Masses is a time we remember our deceased loved ones. There is a Sacred Space set up with the Book for the Deceased. If you would like to have your loved ones included in this book, please print their names clearly on: the envelope provided in your Planned Giving Envelopes, or on an envelope/paper and either hand to Fr Michael or the Parish Office or just email the Parish Office on [ruse@dow.org.au](mailto:ruse@dow.org.au). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace, Amen. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO SHOW-Airs 24th November:**

Reflections from: Fr Graham, Pete Gilmore, Marilyn Rodrigues and Mother Hilda. Tune into LIFE 101.0 or 98.5 or to go [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://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.

**POSITIONS VACANT: Manager-Communications, Media Engagement and Marketing** – Catholic Education Diocese Of Wollongong. For more information and to apply for the Position, visit: <https://dow.sh/cedow>

**OOSH Educators and Coordinators:** CatholicCare are seeking Out of School Hours Educators for the Wollongong area. For further Information contact Annette on 0439 110 838 or Kate on 0409 745 563. To apply visit: [catholiccare.dow.org.au](http://catholiccare.dow.org.au)

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:** Fr Bernard Gordon, VG invites the Diocese of Wollongong to an evening of devotional prayers and Mass on **Wed. 20th November** commencing at 6pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. In support of the CAN the Cathedral will be lit up in red from 7.30pm - 10pm – All welcome!

**CALLED TO MINISTRY? Upcoming Liturgical Ministry training event:** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy communion and Adult Altar Servers 10am – 2pm on Saturday 23rd November at Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong. Please RSVP to either Paul Mason 4222 2462 [paulmason@liturgy@dow.org.au](mailto:paulmason@liturgy@dow.org.au) or Anthony Kewak 4222 2465 or [Anthony.rewak@dow.org.au](mailto:Anthony.rewak@dow.org.au). Registration is essential.

**MISSIONARY LEADERSHIP FORMATION OPPORTUNITY –** Exciting New Course. This is designed to empower and equip participants to develop the skills necessary to be a missionary leader in the Church today. For more information contact Darren at [Darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au](mailto:Darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au) or 4222 2463 by November 2019. Information can also be found at [www.aretecentre.org](http://www.aretecentre.org)

**TAKE A RISK AND GIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH:** In our Parish, there is a team of volunteers that take a risk and step out in faith. NSW Government schools do not provide lessons that teach the basic message about Jesus, our faith, and the great adventure that life can be with God. Each week of the School year, catechists present 30- minute lessons using a step-by-step lesson plan that helps Catholic children understand their faith, grow in love and maturity, and learn what it means to be Catholic. Take a risk and give the gift of faith. Become a Catechist teacher or helper today. **For more information please ask Fr Michael or our Catechist Co-Ordinator Colleen Jablonskis on 0414 284717**

**PARISH COLLECTIONS IN THE CHURCH:** We depend on your generosity to make ends meet for the support of our Parish.

**The First Collection:** (at the Offertory) for our Parish Priest and the running of the Presbytery

**The Second Collection:** (after Communion) for Parish costs, insurance, bills (phone, gas, electricity, water etc) office operations etc.

**If you are not part of our Parish Planned Giving Program, then please consider joining.** If you are new to our Parish, please consider joining.

**You can join by the envelope system or Direct Debit.**

There are forms on the table at the main entrance of the Church. For more information, please either contact the Parish Office or see Fr Michael

**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:**  
17th: **Trish Newman & Natalie Vossen**  
18th: **Elizabeth Cross**

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community **Ellena Courtney Currie** who was Baptised last weekend.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Brian Harris, 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.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY 2019:** Is held during the 9.00am Sunday Mass. This is for Kindergarten up to and including Year 6 school students. If you would like to know more about this Parish Ministry or become a helper please contact Joanne on: 0421 802 132

**ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME 2019:** is held in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) on Tuesdays 9.30am-11.30am during School Terms. Mums/Dads/Carers/Grandparents come along with your pre-school child/children. Lots of fun activities for the children and a great way to meet other adults. A gold coin donation. For more information please contact Catherine on: 4627 1842.

**PARISH PIETY STALL:** *Is selling the Wollongong Diocese ‘The Way’ – Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2019 at \$3.00 per copy.* Advent is meant to be a time of preparation, waiting and hope for the coming of Jesus into our world and lives. *The Advent Program is a pocket-sized book that includes daily reflections from the beginning of Advent to the Baptism of the Lord.* The book also includes beautiful artwork from the Masters with accompanying artwork reflections.

**2019 PARISH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** If you are interested in having your child/ren participate in this year’s Pageant, please contact Joanne ASAP to express your interest. You can contact Joanne on 0421 802 132. Thank you for your ongoing support of the children in our Parish. **Joanne**

**MESSAGE FOR READERS:** The current Readers’ Roster will end in December and the year 2020 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 in reading and would love to share their God-given talent in reading. 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 t 0413077824. Thank you to the old Readers for their loyalty and welcome new ones into this rewarding Ministry. **May**

**PARISH JESSE TREE:** The Parish Ladies Group will be assisting our Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference in supplying presents for those in need this Christmas. **The Jesse Tree will be placed at the back of the Church from this weekend, with tags showing age and gender of recipients.** Please take as many tags as you feel you can, and **return the gifts, unwrapped** within three weeks (7th/8th Dec). The St Vincent de Paul Conference will distribute these gifts mid-December. **Thank you in advance for your continuing generosity.**

**PARISH LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Tickets go on sale for this Parish Fundraiser the weekend of 30th Nov/1st December and will be drawn on Sunday 15th December (3rd Sunday of Advent (Rose Sunday)) at the morning tea after the 9.00am Mass. We have 5 fantastic prizes and tickets are great value for \$1.00 each. **Please support this Parish Fundraiser. All funds go back into upgrading our Parish Church.**

**PARISH GROUNDS WORKING BEE:** The next scheduled Parish Grounds working bee (in preparation for Christmas) is Saturday 14th December. With the lack of rain, our Parish Grounds (grass) is looking untidy. If there are any Parishioners who could please spare ½ hour etc, to mow some of the Parish Grounds (in your own time) it would be greatly appreciated.

*Thank you also to the Parishioners who come and tender to the Gardens and the tidying of the car park, thank you also to the Parishioner who has cleaned Chelsea House windows, inside and out and some of the Church Windows.*

*You are all greatly appreciated by all those who come to worship in our Parish Church.*

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Keep up to date with the “latest” at our Parish Catholic Primary School, please take home a copy of their School Newsletter

**PARISH DIARY DATES TO NOTE:**

**Tuesday 26th November: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre

**Thursday 28th November:** Retiree’s Social Group Gathering in Chelsea House *after the 9.30am morning Mass*

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

**USHERS**

**Saturday 23rd November: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland**

**Sunday 24th November: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris**

**Saturday 30th November: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro**

**Sunday 1st December: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman**

**READERS:**

**Saturday 23rd November: Vigil Mass: Karen Battour and John Greene**

**Sunday 24th November: 9.00am Mass: Marian Cross and Daniel Quinlivan**

**Saturday 30th November: Vigil Mass: Ian Star and Marisel King**

**Sunday 1st December: 9.00am Mass: Marian Cross and Karen Battour**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

**Saturday 23rd November: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland and Bertha Barbari**

**Sunday 24th November: 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer and Bev McKenzie**

**Saturday 30th November: Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron and Julie McKenzie**

**Sunday 1st December: 9.00am Mass: Annette Read and Mavon Vaughan**

**POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S:**

**Saturday 23rd November: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star**

**Sunday 24th November: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris**

**Saturday 30th November: Vigil Mass: Chantal Barbari**

**Sunday 1st December: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris**

**CHURCH CLEANERS:**

**Saturday 23rd November: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Eugene Wasko and Barry Daley**

**Saturday 30th November: Group 3: Christine Foreman, Christine Charlton, James and Carmel Munro**

