



18th November 2018

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.**

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: The Catholic Bishops of Australia have asked us to respond to 3 questions about the future of the church. **1.** What do you think god is asking of us in Australia at this time? **2.** What questions do you have about the future of the church for the plenary council to consider in 2020? **3.** Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the church you would like to share?

You are invited to:

Join a small group discussion, provide written feedback or make a submission on line.

Our Parish local animator is: Mike Young



FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Richard Parisi, Roge Beshoy(baby), Maureen Hennessy, Jessica & Ella Channon, Maria Byron, Elaine Hoffmann Ellen Healy, Patricia McInerney, Helen Rawson, Betty Berthon, Maureen Wyer, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, Aimiti Seufatu, John Hill, Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

PARISHIONER'S BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS COMING WEEK:

17th: *Trish Newman & Natalie Vossen*

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

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community *Fiachra Patrick Moynihan* who was Baptised last weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS: *Twaine Tinarau* and *Shayna Andrews* who were Married in our Parish last weekend. Wishing you God's Blessings always.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CATECHISTS: The Annual Catechist Mass and Awards was held last Saturday (10th November) at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.

Marian Cross: Diploma of Catechetics

Michael Young: Bishop's Citation – 10 years service

Hector Bernardino: Bishop's Citation – 15 years service

Judy Barker: Bishop's Citation – 15 years service

PAPAL BLESSING – 20 Years Service

Carmel Munro, Hedy Toth and Michael Young

Thank you for your ongoing participation and support with the Catechist Ministry of our Parish.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2018: Is held at the beginning of the Sunday 9.00am Mass (during School Terms).

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME: Is held every Tuesday (during School Terms) from 9.30am – 11.30am in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) and is a gold coin donation.

MESSAGE FOR READERS: The current Readers' Roster will end in December and the 2019 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 talents 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 addresses and preferred Mass time.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me 041 3077 824. Thank you to the "old" Readers for their loyalty and welcome "new" Readers' into this rewarding Ministry. May

PARISH LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Tickets will go on sale for this Parish Fundraiser the weekend of 1st/2nd December and will be drawn on Sunday 16th December (3rd Sunday of Advent (Rose Sunday)) at the morning tea after the 9.00am Mass. We have 6 fantastic prizes and tickets are \$1.00 each. **Please support this Parish Fundraiser.**

SAVIOUR: ADVENT PROGRAM 2018 BOOK: *Is available for \$3.50 per copy from our Parish Piety Stall.* It begins the 1st Week of Advent and concludes the Baptism of the Lord. Advent is such a busy time of year and we so easily forget that—at its heart—it is meant to be a time of preparation, waiting and hope for the coming of Jesus into our world and lives. This year's reflection book, **Saviour**, provides an opportunity for us to be still each day, listen to God and hear him declare to us as the angel declared to the shepherds: "Today in the town of David a **Saviour** has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). **Saviour** is a 76 page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (2 December 2018) through to the Baptism of the Lord (13 January 2019) primarily for personal use, but also appropriate for group use such as parish, Church agency, religious community and school staff/class prayer.

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

THE PARISH LADIES GROUP: IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR

ST VINCENT de PAUL CONFERENCE: The Parish Ladies Group will be assisting our local Vinnies Group in supplying presents for those in need this Christmas. The **Jesse Tree** is 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 two weeks. The St Vincent de Paul Society will distribute these gifts mid-December. **Thank you in advance for your continuing generosity.**

ALL PAST PARENTS AND STUDENTS of ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ARE INVITED: to the Retirement Mass for Chris O'Brien, to be celebrated in the School Hall this Friday (23rd November) at 1.15pm. Chris touched the lives of so many students during her years of service to our Parish Catholic Primary School.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sunday 25th November: 40th Anniversary Picnic: Past, present and future students, parents, staff and parishioners are all invited to come along and celebrate 40 years of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Ruse. **Where:** School grounds, **Time:** 11.00am-3.00pm **BYO food and drink**

Please take home a copy of our Parish Catholic Primary School Newsletter.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED PRIESTS: The Mass celebrated by Bishop Brady will be held this Wednesday 21 November 2018 at 12pm – Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery and followed by refreshments.

SIX-DAY GUIDED RETREAT: Sat 24-Sat 1 December at Hartzler Park Retreat & Conference Centre (25 Eridge Park Rd, Bowral). The theme is 'Turning to God' and will be presented by Fr Aloysius Rego OCD. For more details and RSVP is 10 November at 4861 or hartzprk@bigpond.net.au

ST LUKE: EVANGELIST OF THE HOSPITALITY OF GOD' WITH FR BRENDAN BYRNE SJ: 7.30pm – 9.30pm Tuesday 4th December at St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown. The presentation will discuss the overall vision of St Luke – the great Story teller of the New Testament. This engaging and informative presentation will assist us in preparing to reflect upon Luke's Gospel during the liturgical year of 2019.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: *The Parish has a Parish Rosary Statue that Parishioners are able to have in their homes and prayer the Rosary as a family.* If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry and have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home during 2018, please phone Bev on: 4625 0659.

Parish Diary Dates:

Wednesday 21st November: Parish Finance Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 27th November: St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Thursday 29th November: Retiree's Social Group Gathering after the 9.30am Mass in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) (all Retiree's over 55 are most welcome), come for a chat, laugh and a cuppa

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

• **EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 24th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland & James Munro

Sunday 25th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer & Bev McKenzie

Saturday 1st December: Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron & Julie McKenzie

Sunday 2nd December: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Annette Read & Mavon Vaughan

• **READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 24th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: Stephanie Roux & May Michelutti

Sunday 25th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Brien O'Brien & Julie Writer

Saturday 1st December: Saturday Vigil Mass: to be advised

Sunday 2nd December: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Andrew Truong & Maureen Molland

• **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 24th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro

Sunday 25th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Gwen and Brian Harris

Saturday 1st December: Saturday Vigil Mass: Help required

Sunday 2nd December: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

• **CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 24th November: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie

Saturday 1st December: Group 3: Christine Foreman, Christine Charlton, Carmel & James Munro

