



21st May 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.

"Anymore 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.

PARISH COLLECTIONS: The Parish Finance Council has decided to change the Order of the week-end collection at all Masses to comply with the Diocesan Regulations. So from this weekend, the **FIRST COLLECTION** (taken up at the Offertory of the Mass) will be Remuneration of the Priests of the Diocese, including the sick, Retired and aged Priests of the Diocese.

The **SECOND COLLECTION** (taken up after Holy Communion) is for the Parish expenses (electricity, repairs and maintenance, wages, insurance etc). This includes Parish Planned Giving Envelopes and all loose money in the Second Collection.

This will come into effect from this weekend.

CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL THIS WEEKEND:

"I have come so that they may have LIFE and have it to the FULL". With your support through Catholic Mission, Sr Goretta is hoping to expand St Luke's (Bujuni Health Centre - Bujuni - Uganda). Please give generously to support women and children's health through Jesus' life-giving mission today. Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/uganda

LITURGY NOTES: OFFERTORY PROCESSION: If you are taking up the Gifts for the Offertory, please proceed to the back table at the conclusion of the Prayers of the Faithful, ready to process with the Gifts when Father comes to the bottom of the Sanctuary.



PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO OUR

PARISH THIS WEEKEND: Are invited to Refreshments after the Sunday 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall.

This is a great way to meet other Parishioners.

Parishioner's Birthday's for this week:

20th: *Jerry Jones*

26th: *Zachery Vossen*

Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary this week:

22nd: *Pauline & Eugene Menzies (24 years)*

Any Parishioner/s would like to have their Birthdays and or Wedding Anniversaries included in the bulletin, please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or

ruse@dow.org.au

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Ellen Clifton, Tom van Kints, Cheryl Johnson, Sonja Meyers, Jean Chartterton, Keith Gomes, Ladislav Feher, Fr Tony Daly, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Josephine and Frank McKay, Genie Lynch, Alice Harris and Maria Cabonara. **Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community

including: Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Frank Byron, Chris Reddy, Rosa Santos, Pio Byron, Elaine Hoffmann, Natalie Dwyer, Aimiti Seufatu, Robert Berthaly, Ken Flemming, John Hill, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Ellen Healy, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Can you please supervise your children in the Church courtyard and Parish Hall. They are not permitted to climb the brick walls, the hand rails both leading into the Church **and** the 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.

PARISH LADIES MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE:

We thank you for your generous and continuous support of our Parish fund raising. The winners were: Noel Laming, Maria Hill, Peter Nash, Gloria Hillbrick, Hazel, Annette Read, Chris Charlton and Sophia King. Congratulations to the above winners and thank you once again for everyone who supported this Parish fundraiser.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER APPEAL:

Your St Vincent de Paul Conference will once again be conducting a Winter Appeal in the Parish commencing **next weekend** 27th/ 28th May. If it is more convenient, we would welcome cash donations. There will be envelopes on the seats at Mass next weekend. Simply place the completed envelope in either the 1st or 2nd collection.

Primarily we are again collecting food for the Nagle Centre, where homeless, hungry and lonely people of our area can receive filling meals. It is a service that is vital to our community and any food donations will be gratefully accepted.

The Centre's needs include **tinned:** tuna, spaghetti, baked beans, soup, fruit, milk powder, long life full cream milk, custard powder, hot chocolate, tea, coffee, cordial, flour, pasta sauce, tomato paste, rice and pasta. Nappies are also an expensive necessity and would be welcome as would new blankets, beanies, scarves, gloves and socks.

There will be baskets at the back of the church from next weekend where you may place material donations. Please think of these items when next out grocery shopping.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and prayers. St Vincent de Paul Society Ruse/ Airds Conference

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Is held during the 9.00am Sunday morning Mass 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 Tuesdays (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 PLANNED GIVING: If you would like to join the Parish Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or email: ruse@dow.org.au

PARISH PIETY STALL: Come and have a browse through our Parish Piety Stall, we have many Religious items eg: Sunday Missal etc for sale. If you have any enquiries please see John and Bertha our Piety Stall Co-Ordinators.

THE RETIREES SOCIAL GROUP: Would like to invite senior parishioners (over 55) to join our group in the hall after 9.30am Mass (Thursday's). We meet twice a month, with the next meeting on Thursday 1st June, then a fortnight later on 15th June. Please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat, share many laughs and form new friendships. We hope you will join us. Hope to see you there. **From your fellow Retired Parishioners.**

PARISH MAINTENANCE: A reminder regarding the Parish 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.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for \$2.00, includes many interesting articles. Money to be placed in the "red letterbox", on the table where the Catholic Weeklies are.

FEAST OF ST THOMAS MORE: FRIDAY 23RD JUNE: There is a Mass time change to 9.45am (this is a once off). All Parishioners and visitors are invited to join with our Catholic Primary School, St Thomas More, Staff and Students in celebrating the Feast Day of St Thomas More. You are also invited after the Mass to go to the School at 11.30am for morning tea.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Save the dates: **Friday 16th June - P & F Trivia Night** and **Sunday 6th August - School Fete.**

Trivia Night: Commencing at 7.00pm in the School Hall \$10.00 per head, 10 people per table. All proceeds for the night will be generously donated for repairs/maintenance for our Parish Hall. BYO and there will be food platters for sale. Everyone is most welcome, please come and support our Parish Catholic Primary School.

Please take home a copy of the School Newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00 am MASS ROSTER:

If you would like to join this Parish Ministry please put your name down on the clipboard on the main table at the entrance to the Church. All you need is time, the ability to make a cup of tea/coffee and to be able to welcome Parishioners.

menALIVE WEEKEND FOR MEN: What are you doing on the 24/25 June? If you are a man over 18, consider this: come along and be inspired, encouraged, and rediscover God's purpose for your life. For more information/enquiries phone Ian Boorman 042 700 6021 or Oran Park Parish Office on 4628 2226 or email oranparkmen@dow.org.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:

Tuesday 23rd May: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre

Thursday 1st June: Retiree's Social Group gathering is after the 9.30am Mass. **(Any Retirees over the age of 55 are warmly welcome to join this group).** Gathering is held in the Parish Hall. (see notice)

Monday 5th June: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

27th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron & Bev McKenzie

28th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Annette Read & Helen Rawson

3rd June: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bertha Barbari & Bev McKenzie

4th June: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue & Annette Read

READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

27th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Gabby & Pauline Menzies

28th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Jim & Tess Writer

3rd June: Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie McKenzie & Marisel King

4th June: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer & Maureen Molland

USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

27th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicky Horne

28th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Gwen & Brian Harris

3rd June: Carmel Munro

4th June: Barry Daley

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 27th May: Group 3: Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro

Saturday 3rd June: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau, Rosa & Manuel Herrera and Colleen Jablonskis

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MORNING MASS: Sunday 21st May: Tongan Community

