

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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3rd March 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.**

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ

I wish to make a short statement in relation to the news of Cardinal George Pell’s conviction on charges of sexual abuse, which will be met with mixed emotions. Given that Cardinal Pell is appealing his conviction, it is inappropriate for me – out of respect for natural and procedural justice – to make any comment except to say that I hope the outcome will be marked by truth, justice, and healing for everyone involved. I invite you to join with me in praying for all those who have been abused and their loved ones. We commit ourselves to doing everything possible to ensure that the Church is a safe place for all, especially the young and vulnerable.

Bishop Brian Mascord

Eric Genuis Concert at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Ruse, 7 March 2019, 7pm. A rare opportunity to listen to a pianist of exceptional talent who brings with him a world class violinist, cellist and soprano playing in our parish church. The ‘Opera House’ is coming to our parish! All original compositions together with powerful testimonies outlining the inspiration behind each piece with true stories of life transformations destined to make a deep impression upon all who hear them. A message of hope for all. Tickets: \$30 adult; \$25 pensioner/concession; \$70 family (parents with dependent children under 18). Online tickets sales at www.ericgenuistour.com. A parish event not to be missed. **Tickets are available for sale at our Parish Office during Office hours.**

MASS TIMETABLE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY (6th MARCH):

9.30am: Mass and Ashes

11.30am: Mass and Ashes at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Will be said on Thursdays during Lent commencing at 7.30pm: Thursday’s: **14th, 21st and 28th March, 4th and 11th April**

SIGN UP FOR 2019 LENTEN PRAYER GROUPS NOW!

Lent begins this Wednesday, 6 March. As usual, during Lent, small groups will gather throughout our Parish to follow the Diocese of Wollongong’s 2019 Lenten program “TRUST”. Lenten groups are a great way to meet other parishioners and to prepare for Easter. (There is a Lenten Group on Wednesdays, in Chelsea House after the morning Mass from this Wednesday, and Friday evenings starting on the 15th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre). **Now** is the time to sign up to either host or join one of the groups meeting. **Signup sheet is on the table at the main entrance to the Church.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED and the ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Marie White (Betty) Anniv, Beryl Ford, Marica Drakopoulos, Fr Tony Daly, Christine Hope, Gabriel Newell, Naomi Gomes, Diane McCrorey, Peter Hampton, Kim Watson, Maree Laming, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Pedro Santos, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Alice Harris, Ladislav Feher, Bobby Cameron, Bernard Hoffmann and Maria Cabonara.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr John Whitty, Roge Beshoy(baby), Maureen Hennessy, Elaine Hoffmann, Ellen Healy, Patricia McInerney, Helen Rawson, Betty Berthon, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, 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

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **Eli Alexander Machuca** and **Oliver James Moran** who were Baptised last weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS: On the Marriage held in our Parish last weekend of **Nadine Marie Francois** and **Alan Fraley-Smith**. Wishing them God’s Blessings always.

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2019: Please mark your diaries **Confirmation:** Saturday 22nd June 2019
First Holy Communion: 21st/22nd September 2019
More details to follow regarding times etc for the Sacraments for this year.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY 2019: Is held during the Sunday 9.00am Mass (during School Terms). This is for School Aged Children (Kindergarten to and including Year 6). If you would like more information or would like to join this Parish Ministry, please contact Joanne on 042 180 2132.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME 2019: This is held in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) on Tuesdays (during School Terms) 9.30am – 11.30am. Mums, dads or any Carers come

along with the children. Come for cuppa and a chat while the children play, do craft, read stories, and many more activities. Gold coin donation. **All are most welcome**

PARISH DIARY DATES:

- Monday 4th March: 7.30pm** Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre
- Tuesday 5th March: 6.30pm** Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
- Tuesday 5th March: 7.30pm** Parish Pastoral Council meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)
- Thursday 7th March: after the 9.30am morning Mass** Retiree’s Social Group Gathering in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) all Retiree’s over 55 are most welcome
- Thursday 7th March: 7.00pm** ERIC GENUIS CONCERT in the Church (see notices for details)
- Tuesday 12th March: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in the Parish Centre
- Wednesday 13th March: 7.30pm** Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre
- Thursday 14th March: 7.30pm** Stations of the Cross

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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Saturday 9th March: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
Sunday 10th March: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley
Saturday 16th March: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
Sunday 17th March: 9.00am Mass: Brian and Gwen Harris
- READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**
Saturday 9th March: Vigil Mass: Raquel Villareal and James Munro
Sunday 10th March: 9.00am Mass: Samoan Community
Saturday 16th March: Vigil Mass: James Munro and Raquel Villareal
Sunday 17th March: 9.00am Mass: David Minogue and Marian Cross
- EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**
Saturday 9th March: Vigil Mass: James Munro and John Greene
Sunday 10th March: 9.00am Mass: Loretta and Lafitaga Tuigamala
Saturday 16th March: Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron and Julie McKenzie
Sunday 17th March: 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau and Mavon Vaughan
- POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**
Saturday 9th March: Vigil Mass: Chantal Barbari
Sunday 10th March: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 16th March: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 17th March: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
- CHURCH CLEANERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**
Saturday 9th March: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau, Colleen Jablonskis, Rosa and Manuel Herrera
Saturday 16th March: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community
- REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS:**
SUNDAY 10th MARCH: Group 4: Julie Writer, Maryse Parisi, Catherine Minogue, Yvonne Reddy, Rosalie Vine and Hang Bin

PARISH MINISTRIES: If you would like to become involved in any of our Parish Ministries please see Fr Michael or contact the Parish Office. We have many Parish Ministries that are looking for more Volunteers. **Thanking you in anticipation.**

PARISH BULLETIN ADVERTISING: If you would like to advertise your Business on the back cover of our Parish Bulletin, either single or double business card size please either speak with Barry Daley or contact the Parish Office for more information.

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

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.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020–We Want to Hear from You
The closing date for submissions to the Plenary Council is almost here – 6 March. There is no limit to how many submissions you can make, and all topics are on the table. No submission is too big or too small, whether it be about our local parish or the broader Church. The Spirit speaks to us all. We want to hear from you! Leaflets are available on all the tables at the entrance to the Church for more information.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: To keep up to date with the happenings in our Parish Primary School, please take home the latest copy of their School Newsletter.

MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE, VARROVILLE:
Friday-Sunday 22-24 March: Where to from here?
Presenter: Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD Cost: \$300
We will spend time trying to find God in the midst of this crisis and seek a way forward to become a more humble, open, transparent and Christ-centered Church. **For further information please contact Carla: on (02) 8795 3400 or email: retreats@carelite.com**

ONE DAY RETREAT “A TASTE OF SILENCE” St Mary’s Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park. Saturday 9 March and Sunday 11 August. Cost \$90 for presentation, lunch and spiritual direction session. (\$60 BYO lunch). Download the Form from Website: <http://towersretreat.org.au> or RSVP Ph:4630 0233 or Email contact@towersretreat.org.au

SOLEMN DEDICATION OF THE NEW ROSEMEADOW CHURCH: Bishop Brian Mascord will consecrate the new *Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church* in Rosemeadow (Demetrius Road) on Friday 8 March 2019 at 7:30pm. The parish community and parish priest of Rosemeadow, Fr Christopher Sarkis, has extended a general invitation to all who would like to attend. An indication of your attendance would be greatly appreciated to help with catering following the Mass. RSVP to parish office on 4628 1385 or rosemeadow@dow.org.au.

