

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE



24th 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.**

CATECHIST SUNDAY: This weekend in our parish we are Celebrating Catechist Sunday. Catechists come from all Walks of life and ensure that the children of our Parish Hear of God’s great love for them. There are still more Children that we could be reaching! Can you give around an hour of your time a week to teach or help out in a classroom? Celebrate with this weekend the gift of the Catechist ministry And please speak to Fr Michael or one of the Catechists If you would like to get involved. Thank you

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, give the gift of faith and Become a Catechist teacher or helper today. **For more information please ask Fr Michael or our Catechist Co-Ordinator: Colleen Jablonskis on 0414 284717**

NOVEMBER: The Month of the Holy Souls: November Mases is a time we remember our deceased loved ones. The Sacred Space is 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.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO SHOW-Airs 24TH November: Reflections from: Fr Graham, Pete Gilmore, Marilyn Rodrigues and Mother Hilda Scott. Tune into LIFE 101.0 or 98.5 or to go www.jcr.org.au or 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.

INTERNATIONAL DAY for the ELIMINATION of Violence against Women: Monday 25 November 2019. There are prayer and information cards to take home on all the tables at the Entrance to the Church.

LIVE Local – Macarthur Youth Group: Join a gathering of Teenagers and young adults every Friday night of the School Term. **Live Local** is a place for like-minded young people from ages 12-18 to grow in faith, community and fun. This runs from 7pm -9pm at St John’s Hall, Campbelltown. For more information contact robyn.bailey@dow.org.au

THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE: 2 -8 January 2020: The Epiphany Pilgrimage, through the Blue Mountains, is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Registration and details at epiphanypilgrimage.org and facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **Giselle Maree Martin** and **Analiya Grace Talanoa** 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 this coming week:
27th: **Vicky Horne** 29th: **Noel Laming**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The **many** sick in our Parish Community including: Sean Scanlon, Killie Branbes, 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.

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

ADVERTISING ON THE BACK COVER OF THE PARISH BULLETIN: If you would like to advertise your Business on the back cover of the Parish Bulletin please see/contact either Fr Michael, Barry Daley (Chairman Parish Finance Council) or the Parish Office. A business card size is \$275.00 (includes GST) or double business card size is \$550.00 (includes GST) this cost covers advertising for 12 months.

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.

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 is assisting our Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference in supplying presents for those in need this Christmas. **The Jesse Tree is in the Church, 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 (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 next weekend 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, as half the Appeal will go towards the St Vincent de Paul Conference Bushfire Appeal and the other half towards 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.**
You are all greatly appreciated by all those who come to worship in our Parish Church.

PARISH CHURCH CLEANER’S ROSTER ends at the end of December. If you would like to join this very important Parish Ministry or continue, it would be greatly appreciated. You are appreciated by all who come to worship in our Parish. Please put your details down on the Clip board on the main table at the Entrance to the Church. **Thanking you in advance.**

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

WE WELCOME: To our Parish Masses this weekend, Parishioners, Visitor’s and those that have been absent from the Church. **May God always be with you and keep you safe in the palms of his hands.**

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:

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Saturday 30th November: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
Sunday 1st December: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman
Saturday 7th December: Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne
Sunday 8th December: 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy

READERS:

Saturday 30th November: Vigil Mass: Ian Star and Marisel King
Sunday 1st December: 9.00am Mass: Marian Cross and Karen Battour
Saturday 7th December: Vigil Mass: Annette Read and Julie McKenzie
Sunday 8th December: 9.00am Mass: David Minogue and Alison Hourigan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 30th November: Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron and Julie McKenzie
Sunday 1st December: 9.00am Mass: Annette Read and Mavon Vaughan
Saturday 7th December: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Maureen Molland
Sunday 8th December: 9.00am Mass: Loretta and Lafitaga Tuigamala

POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S:

Saturday 30th November: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Sunday 1st December: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 7th December: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 8th December: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Saturday 30th November: Group 3: Christine Foreman, Christine Charlton, James and Carmel Munro
Saturday 7th December: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Colleen Jablonskis, Faye Faamau, Rosa & Manuel Herrera

ADVENT 2019-2020:



Next weekend we begin the Church’s New Year with the First Sunday of Advent. **Readers** please note the Mass Readings for the New Church Year will be **Year A** in the Lectionary.