



26<sup>th</sup> MAY 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.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED and the ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AT THIS TIME:**

Cohan Alexander Boyd (12<sup>th</sup> Anniv), Pela Malaueulu, Marguerite (Marg) Davis, David Peters, Len Hayes, Mary Byrne, Mary Writer, Carmel O’Hara, Fr Tony Daly, Gail Wylie, Maree Laming, Keith Gomes, Balbino Gomes, Kim Rimkus, Kyle Miller, Beryl Ford, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, John Read, Alice Harris, Ladislav Feher, Bobby Cameron, Bernard Hoffmann and Maria Cabonara.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Clare McManus, Steve Foreman, Jasper Alison (baby), Fr John Whitty, Roge Beshoy(baby), 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](mailto:ruse@dow.org.au)

**Parishioner’s Birthday this coming week:**  
27<sup>th</sup>: Karen Mahanay and Maria Lovocah  
30<sup>th</sup>: Karin Daley

**St Vincent de Paul – Winter Appeal 2019:**

Your St Vincent de Paul Conference will be conducting a Winter Appeal in the Parish up until the weekend 22/23 June 2019.

Again, our main focus is food for the Nagle Centre, where homeless, hungry and lonely people of our area go to receive filling meals. Nagle have specifically requested;

Tinned tuna, salmon & meat. Tinned spaghetti, baked beans, soups & meals. Tinned vegetables & fruit. Pasta & pasta sauce, rice, noodles & noodle cups, cups-of-soup, pasta sauce, gravy mixes, stock powders, tomato paste, minced garlic & ginger. Salt & pepper, sauces (tomato etc.), cooking oils (bottled, tinned or spray cans). Coffee (no tea bags please), milk powder or long-life milk, hot chocolate, Milo, cordial, long life juice, sugar. Custard powder, instant puddings, flour (plain/self-raising & corn), maple syrup, pancake & cake mixes, vegemite, jam, honey, cracker snack packs. Nappies/pull ups (not newborn please), men’s & women’s razors, travel shave cream (small), roll on or cream deodorant gloves, beanies & scarves.

There will be baskets at the back of the church each week during the Appeal, where you may place donations. **All foods must be non-perishable, in date and undamaged please.** For Parishioners who find cash donations more convenient, there will be envelopes at the back of the Church for the remainder of the Appeal. Simply complete and place the envelope in either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> collection.

*Your support is vital so please think of the above items when next out shopping.*

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community:

**Thomas Jeffrey Seeney** and **Reif James Leonard Wilson** who were Baptised last weekend.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** will be celebrated in our Parish on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019.

*Please keep the 52 Candidates, their families and teachers in your prayers.*

**UPDATE ON CHELSEA HOUSE (Parish Hall):** Through the support of Parishioners/Visitors supporting our Parish Fundraising Raffles (ran by the Parish Ladies Group), we have been able to purchase 2 x table trolleys and 1 x chair trolley. Thank you to the gentlemen who donated the 4 bags of sugar cane mulch, and to the generous Parishioners who donated the plants in front of Chelsea House and the Church courtyard. You are greatly appreciated. We still require more mulch to complete the garden bed in front of Chelsea House if anyone would like to donate some, this would be greatly appreciated.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY 2019:** is held during the Sunday 9.00am Mass during School Terms. For children from Kindergarten to Year 6 (inclusive). For more details and/or if you would like to join this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 042 180 2132

**ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME 2019:** is held in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) on Tuesdays during School Terms 9.30am – 11.30am. Mums/Dads/Carers/Grandparents come along with your pre-school child/children. A gold coin donation.

**SAVE THE DATE: PARISH LADIES GROUP HIGH TEA: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July.** To be held in Chelsea House 12noon to 2.30pm. A fun afternoon is promised to all ladies over 18. More details to follow.

**PARISH PLANNED GIVING:** Planned Giving is essential to the running costs of the Parish. Did you know that you can contribute in several ways: Weekly Envelopes, Direct Debit from your Bank Account/Credit Card, Direct Credit by electronically transferring funds (EFT) from your Bank Account direct to the St Thomas More Church Account and cheques/cash. If you would like to join our Parish Planned Giving program, please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or email: [ruse@dow.org.au](mailto:ruse@dow.org.au). There are also forms on the tables at the entrance to the Church. **The Planned Giving Envelopes for 2018/2019 financial year will be available for collection within the next 2 weeks**

**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. Eg: Church Cleaner’s, Ushers, etc. 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.

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Filled with many articles etc. **A bargain at \$2.00 each, please put monies in the red letterbox on the table.**

**PARISH PIETY STALL:** Come and peruse our Parish Piety Stall, there are many items for sale eg: Rosary Beads, Religious Cards, books etc. Also, gift ideas for Baptisms, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

**SAVE THE DATE: SCHOOL FETE: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019.**

More details to follow.

**To keep up to date with our Parish School, please take home a copy of their School Newsletter.**

**MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE MAY RETREATS:** 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, Ph: 8795 3400 [retreats@carmelite.com.au](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com.au), [www.carmeliteretreats.com.au](http://www.carmeliteretreats.com.au)

**A week with the Carmelite Saints: May 27 – June 2**  
Presenter: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD. Cost: \$800 (concessions apply). How can the Carmelite Saints guide us in our journey to intimacy with God?

**He does not want us to despise ourselves: When:** June 1: 10:00 am – 3:30 pm. Presenter: Sheila Upjohn  
Cost: \$30 (pick-ups from Minto train station at 930am and 1000am). Please remember to bring your own lunch. The day explores the reasons 14<sup>th</sup> century book by Julian of Norwich has become so relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Directed retreat: May 27 – June 2** Cost: \$800 (concessions apply) A time of reflection and prayer on your own spiritual journey with the help of a director.

**MACARTHUR YOUTH GROUP:** Join us for a gathering of teenagers and young adults every Friday Night of the term! Live Local is a place for like-minded young people from 12-18 to grow in faith, community and fun. Live Local runs from 7pm – 9pm at St John’s Hall, Campbelltown and is put on by passionate young adults from the local area and leaders from the Diocese of Wollongong. We can’t wait to you there at Live Local.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT:** “Yes, I have many human faults and failures...But God bends down and uses us, you and me, to be his love and his compassion in the world; he bears our sins, our troubles and our faults. He depends on us to love the world and to show how much he loves it> If we are too concerned with ourselves, we will have no time left for others” – **Mother Teresa of Calcutta** as cited in Gaudete et Exsultate.

**DIARY DATES TO NOTE:**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in Chelsea House

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May:** Retiree’s Social Group Gathering after the 9.30am morning Mass in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: 6.30pm** Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: 7.30pm** Parish Ladies Group Meeting in the Parish Centre

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June: 7.30pm** Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) (all members to RSVP please)

**ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

• **USHERS**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June: 9.00am Mass: Gwen and Brian Harris**

• **READERS:**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Vigil Mass: Kerry Hennessy and Annette Read**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley and Christine Foreman**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Vigil Mass: Julie McKenzie and Carmel Munro**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June: 9.00am Mass:**

• **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron and Julie McKenzie**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: 9.00am Mass: Annette Read and Mavon Vaughan**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Maureen Molland**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June: 9.00am Mass: Lorretta & Lafitaga Tuigamala**

• **POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S:**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris**

• **CHURCH CLEANERS:**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Group 3: Christine Foreman, Christine Charlton, James and Carmel Munro**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau, Rosa and Manuel Herrera and Colleen Jablonskis**

**Prayer:**

*Father of all, give your children the wisdom to love, to respect, and to be kind to each other, so that we may grow with peace in mind and gentleness of heart. Amen*



