

The ASCENSION of the LORD – Year C



2nd June 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:

Tom Oxley (R.D.), Len Donoghue (R.D.), Geoffery Manche (R.D.), Petel Neeves (R.D.), Cohan Boyd, Pela Malaeuu, 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: Briege Glover, 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 Parishioner’s Birthday this coming week: 5th: Bill George and Eugene Menzies

Parishioner’s Wedding Anniversaries this coming week: 4: Maryanne and Ronald Fredericks (50 years)

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 1st or 2nd collection.

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

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community: Annabelle Rose Bye who was Baptised last weekend.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: will be celebrated in our Parish on Saturday 22nd 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 7th 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. 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 next weekend.

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 new items for sale eg: Rosary Beads, Religious Cards, books etc. Gift ideas for Baptisms, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

SAVE THE DATE: SCHOOL FETE: Sunday 4th 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, www.carmeliteretreats.com.au The Light of Hope and Peace: When: June 14: – June 16 Presenter: John Charadia and artist tutors Cost: \$300 (concessions apply)

“Flesh and spirit, concealment and revelation, time and eternity, divine glory and vulnerability: these contradictions are all wrapped in the holy gift of Christmas.” Verna Holyhead

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. Looking forward to seeing you.

MACARTHUR SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK: The next Meeting will be held on Saturday 8th June 2019 @ 2.30pm in Chelsea House (Parish Hall). There will be discussion and planning concerning local social justice issues. All welcome.

2019 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS: If you are celebrating 25,40, 50 or 60 years of marriage this year and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St John Vianney co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on Sunday, 4 August 2019 at 2pm, please contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or email helen.bennett@dow.org.au at the Office of the Bishop by Friday 13 July and an invitation will be sent to you.

DIARY DATES TO NOTE:

Monday 3rd June: 6.30pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre Monday 3rd June: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group Meeting in the Parish Centre Tuesday 4th June: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) (all members to RSVP please) Tuesday 11th June: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in Chelsea House Thursday 13th June Retiree’s Social Group Gathering after the 9.30am morning Mass in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) Saturday 15th June: 8.30am-11.00am Parish Grounds working bee – morning tea will be supplied.

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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Saturday 8th June: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro Sunday 9th June: 9.00am Mass: Gwen and Brian Harris Saturday 15th June: Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne Sunday 16th June: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

READERS:

Saturday 8th June: Vigil Mass: Julie McKenzie and Carmel Munro Sunday 9th June: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman and Alison Hourigan Saturday 15th June: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro and Marisel King Sunday 16th June: 9.00am Mass: Alison Hourigan and Elisapeta Minisale

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 8th June: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Maureen Molland Sunday 9th June: 9.00am Mass: Lorretta & Lafitaga Tuigamala Saturday 15th June: Vigil Mass: Trish Newman Sunday 16th June: 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau and Julie Writer

POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S:

Saturday 8th June: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star Sunday 9th June: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris Saturday 15th June: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari Sunday 16th June: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Saturday 8th June: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau, Rosa and Manuel Herrera and Colleen Jablonskis Saturday 15th June: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00AM MASS: Sunday 16th June: Group 3: Tongan Community



Prayer:

Lord Jesus, as we commemorate your return to the Father on Ascension Day, we ask that in our following of your way, we may welcome all whom we meet, and that our service to you and to others be always in hope and joy. Amen

