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STEWARDSHIP

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR A

The Gospel today is sometimes called "the Gospel in miniature" because it so concisely sums up the Gospel message.

In even more condensed form, "God loved... God gave..." is the paradigm for stewardship — we give because we love.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

14th JUNE 2020
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR A

1st Reading:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16.

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:16-17.

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

Gospel Reading:

John 6:51-58.

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

HUMOUR CORNER

THE ANGRY CEO



General Motors, feeling it was time for a shakeup, hired a new CEO. The new boss was determined to rid the company of all slackers. On a tour of the facilities, the CEO noticed a guy leaning on a wall. The room was full of workers and he wanted to let them know that he meant business.

He walked up to the guy leaning against the wall and asked, "How much money do you make a week?" A little surprised, the young man looked at him and replied, "I make \$400 a week. Why?" The CEO then hands the guy \$1,600 in cash and screams, "Here's four weeks' pay, now GET OUT and don't come back!"

Feeling pretty good about himself, the CEO looked around the room and asked, "Does anyone want to tell me what that bloody slacker did here?"

From across the room came a voice: "That was the pizza delivery guy from Domino's!"



SAINT OF THE DAY
SAINT BARNABAS



St. Barnabas was a Jew from the island of Cyprus. He was an apostle, although not one of the Twelve. It was Barnabas who introduced St Paul to the other apostles. Paul later joined Barnabas who had been sent to Antioch to lead the growing Christian community there. Together, Barnabas and Paul set out on the first missionary journey which began in Cyprus, but later they split up after an argument over their companion Mark (the author of the Gospel) who had returned to Jerusalem. Barnabas returned to Cyprus where he established the church and where he was also later martyred around the year 61AD.



Catholic Church - Diocese of Wollongong
St. THOMAS MORE PARISH, RUSE
 welcomes you
 Parish Priest: Fr Michael Healy

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR A
7th JUNE 2020



FIRST READING - Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9.
 A reading from the book of Exodus.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The Word of the Lord.
 (R.) Thanks be to God
RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 (R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)
 Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.)
 You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.)
 You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

SECOND READING - 2 Corinthians 13:11-13.

A reading from second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

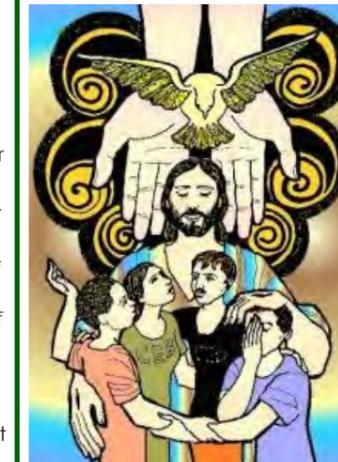
The Word of the Lord.
 (R.) Thanks be to God
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
 to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING - John 3:16-18.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
 (R.) Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unit myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.
 Amen.



PRAYERING FOR OUR WORLD, AMIDST COVID-19

Gracious God, We give thanks anew for your providence and presence. We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas. We pray for those in need of healing. We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving. We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response. We pray for your Holy spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders. We each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable. This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all that is on our hearts, we gather now and pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

REFLECTION - by Fr Michael Tate.

When he was crucified Jesus uttered: 'It is finished.' What had finished? His earthly ministry during which he painted a picture of the most intimate communion between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, so intimate that the Church needed a new word: 'Tri-Unity' or 'Trinity' for short.

God is pulsating, shimmering light, dancing in threefold exchange of love, each being simultaneously poured into the other. God is 'Being-In-Love' and love is always relational.

'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? Because of the ministry of Jesus Christ, we know what that really means. We are made to live in relationship – not in solitary.

If we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient/ autonomous, that leads to a hellish existence. When we live with as much selfgiving as is possible, we are on the way to a heavenly existence.

We could pause for a moment to give thanks for the revelation of the nature of God, and consequently of the true nature of human beings.

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'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.'
 John 3:16

Pray as You Go

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Pray as You Go provides daily reflections on the scriptures using the readings of the day.

Also available as a phone app.

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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.
"Anymore who welcomes you, welcomes me and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."
Matthew 10:40

PARISH MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL: Trinity Sunday



Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Feast of God Himself.

We celebrate the great mystery that in One God there are Three Persons. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in majesty, distinct, yet one God.

Rather than get bogged down in a mystery that is beyond human understanding, we should

try to appreciate that our God is not just out-there.

Through Baptism, WE are tied-up in the life of the God, three in one, and our destiny is in heaven, where we will share fully in the life of the Trinity, where our love and God's love will be one. Today, we try to appreciate more fully that each day we live on earth must be lived as days on the road to heaven. Let's support and encourage each other today as we travel that road as His parish family. We invite Him to make His presence more real to us along the way.

Printed below, are the Government and Diocesan Strict Rules for the GRADUAL return to Mass in our Parish.

Beginning NEXT WEEKEND, 13th/14th June, 2020, (very appropriately, the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood Christ) I know these Rules SEEM and are very Restrictive or oppressive. (Ever spent time in Long Bay ????) but it must be done (Please be patient, like me!!)

May God Bless us until we meet at Mass *Fr Michael*

Have you "checked in" on another parishioner this week to say "Hi!"?

DO YOU WISH TO ATTEND A WEEKEND MASS at RUSE PARISH CHURCH from Saturday 13th June at 6pm or from Sunday 14th June at 9am? YES?

Then the following strict Government Regulations must be observed and will be strictly enforced. Note, you cannot just turn up for Mass as previously!!

1. To attend a Weekend Mass, you **MUST REGISTER BEFOREHAND** at our Parish Office, **EITHER** by calling into the Parish Office (43 Acacia Ave) **OR** by telephoning (4628 2967) during Office Hours (Tuesday to Friday 9am – 3.30pm).

Note: emails and text messages cannot be accepted. You can state the weekend date and time of the Mass you wish to

attend and you must give the name and phone number of each person you wish to register. These details will be checked and ticked off at the Church door as you enter Mass.

2. Government Health Regulations allow a maximum of 50 Worshippers at each Mass. This may imply that while Registering at the Parish Office you may not be able to acquire the specific Mass time that you request if 50 others have already Registered (First in)
3. If you are elderly (70 years +) or not feeling well, the ruling states that, (for your own safety) YOU MUST STAY AT HOME.
4. After entering the Church for Mass, your hands will be sanitized and your temperature taken. (This is obligatory) then an usher will show you to your RESERVED seat, where **Social distancing (1.5m)** must be strictly observed, (except for people of the same house-hold) Details of movement during the Mass will be announced.
5. No Holy Water fonts, No Votive Candles, No Offertory Procession, no Sign of Peace. Holy Communion **must** be Received in the hand
6. Please arrive early for Mass (at least 5 minutes beforehand). Church doors **must** be locked as Mass begins
7. No collections can be taken up at Mass. Usual Parish Collection donations can be placed in a box provided at the Church door
8. Your hands will be sanitized again as you leave the Church.
9. **Nobody** will be permitted to socially assemble in the courtyard before, during and after Mass.

WEEKDAY MASSES AT RUSE CHURCH:

(Week beginning 14th June).

Masses on: Tuesday and Friday's at 9.30am

1. Those attending a Weekday Mass will NOT have to Register beforehand, but only the **first 50** Worshippers will be admitted. Your attendance has to be recorded (at the entrance to the Church)
2. When you arrive for Mass, your name and phone No will be recorded and ticked off as you leave
3. The same rules and procedures as at Saturday/Sunday Mass (above) will be observed. **(P.S. won't it be wonderful when we will be able to just "Go to Mass??")**

UPDATES IN OUR PARISH:

Parish Bulletin: All parishioners who have provided the parish office with an email address have been receiving the Parish weekly Bulletin (that includes my weekly message). If you know of a parishioner who is not receiving these emails please encourage them to contact the parish office. There are hard copies available from the Parish Office (during Office Hours)

Planned Giving Envelopes 2020/21: Are available for collection from the Parish Office during Office Hours.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: All the people who have died in this current pandemic and the recently deceased and whose anniversaries that occur at this time: Fr Theophane (Theo) Rush ofm (R.D.), Eileen Hughes (R.D.), Cohan Boyd, Alice Harris Wayne Berthon, Anne Mogensen, Marguerite Green, Mary Writer, Cathy Wiggins, Fr Anthony (Tony) Daly, Ladislav Feher, Beryl Ford, Jim McKenzie, John Read, Bobby Cameron, Marguerite (Marg) Davis, Maree Laming, Jay Jablonskis, Deborah Rix, Bernard Hoffmann, Maurya Hutton and Maria Cabonara. **May they rest in peace**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: For all the people who have coronavirus and the **many** sick in our Parish Community including: Shirley Starr, Kenny Wilson, Antonio David, Hannah Kavanagh, Mary Dolan, Frank Byron, Sean Scanlon, Kellie Brandes, Brian Harris, Francisco Carmona, David Minogue, Daphne and Edmund Pew, Steve Foreman, Luke Van Der Burg, Briege Glover, Fr John Whitty, Elaine Hoffmann, Patricia McInerney, Betty Berthon, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, Aimiti Seufatu, John Hill, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

FOR ANY PARISHIONERS: who 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:

9th: Phil Chesney

Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary this coming week:

9th: Phil and Ron Chesney (51 years)

ELECTRONIC PARISH PLANNED GIVING: Parishes are urgently needing the ongoing financial support of parishioners more than ever, as their overhead costs will not change. The majority of parishioners give physically to their parish in the first and second collection baskets during Mass, we are encouraging all parishioners to join the electronic parish planned giving program. The Diocese have created a page with 2 simple options for parishioners to give to their local parish electronically. You can view the page and forms at the following link: www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving. If you have any questions about the form, please contact the CDF Wollongong: Trevor Kellam at trevor.kellam@dow.org.au

PARISH COLLECTIONS: With the current situation it is imperative that you please keep up your weekly contributions, as the Parish runs on a limited budget and without these regular contributions to both the First and Second Collections, we will be in real financial difficulties. For this reason, I strongly encourage parishioners who currently give by envelope to change to Direct Debit or Credit Card contributions (please read following notice on how to arrange this or contact the Parish Office) to ensure the regular income of the parish continues. **I Thank you.** Otherwise, please drop your Planned Giving Envelope Contribution into the secure letter box outside the Church in Acacia Ave, each week. Please don't forget the first collection for the sustenance of the clergy (as we still have to live too!) For this collection please place your donation in a plain envelope and mark it 'FIRST COLLECTION' and drop it in the secure letter box outside the Church in Acacia Ave.

Thank you once again for your continued support of our Parish of St Thomas More, Ruse.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Is available online at <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/catholic-weekly-newspaper-online/>

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please contact the School Office on 4625 6561, for information for School Enrolments for 2021. The link to read our Parish Catholic Primary School newsletter is: <https://stmdow.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=43>

UPDATE FROM THE DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG: PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: New dates for plenary council have been announced as well as the Discernment Papers on each Plenary Theme are now available on the Plenary website: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

THE DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG WEEKLY PODCAST: "The Journey": 7 June 2020: Listen in this week for as we hear from Fr Mark De Battista. Uploaded every Friday for free go to: www.jcr.org.au

DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG MASS ONLINE:

For all of the online Mass options – please visit the DoW website <https://dow.sh/dailymass>

Members of the faithful are urged to keep holy the Lord's Day by making an act of Spiritual Communion (**read on front cover**). **Mass for You at Home** is available across the Ten Network on Sundays at 6.00am and any time on Ten Play. **Daily Mass on demand** is available at CathNews YouTube channel

ADORATION LIVESTREAMED WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: The NET Team host Holy Hour every Wednesday at 6.30pm. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cymdow/> and Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/wollongongnetteam/>

CathFAMILY: Visit www.cathfamily.org especially during this time of COVID-19 social distancing especially if children are unable to attend school.

FAITH CIRCLES: is available free to download at www.faithcircles.dow.org.au or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.

THE EUCHARIST: Exploring our Catholic Faith: Mondays 1st-22nd June or Fridays 5th-26th June all at 4pm via Zoom Video Conferencing. For more information and to register go to <https://www.dow.org.au/news-and-events>. For further information email darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE PSALMS: A Songbook for Today: Thursdays, 4th-25th June at 4-5pm (repeated at 8-9pm) Fr Mark De Battista will lead on an introductory explanation of the Book of Psalms. For further information and registration email: darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au

CatholicCare: now offers the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) in the Macarthur region, helping seniors to access entry-level support services to live independently and safely at home. If you, or anyone you know requires aged care assistance at home, please ask them to call 4628 0044 and ask for Melissa or Colleen.