



25th August 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.**

BISHOP BRIAN has written a Pastoral Statement to the people of God in the Diocese of Wollongong in the wake of the Victorian Court Appeal’s decision to dismiss Cardinal Pell’s Appeal.
You can download the Statement on:
dow.sh/MascordPellAppeal.
As Bishop Brian says in the Statement, “we pray that we truly become the Church that Jesus calls us to be – a Church of humility, compassion and healing, as we continue to strive to build a culture of safety in all our parishes, schools and agencies”.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

Jaxson Seaborn, Leila Jane and **Phoebe Rose Smith** 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 Birthday this coming week:

26th: Gloria Eggert
: Colleen Jablonskis

Parishioner’s Wedding Anniversary this coming week:

31st: Marilyn and Bill Fabry (51 years)

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

Jay Jablonskis (1st Anniv), Bernard Hoffmann (Anniv), Rachel Neville, Sr Francis Maher, William Reed, Ronald D’Souza, Monica Gomes, John Read, Alberto Michelutti, Theresa Pierce, John & Constance Thomas, Marguerite (Marg) Davis, Mary Writer, Fr Tony Daly, Maree Laming, Keith Gomes, Balbino Gomes, Kyle Miller, Beryl Ford, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Alice Harris, Ladislav Feher, Bobby Cameron, Bernard Hoffmann and Maria Cabonara.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Luke Van Der Burg, Briege Glover, Clare McManus, 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please continue to keep in your Prayers the 38 Candidates, their families and teachers, as they have begun their preparation for this Sacrament.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER APPEAL 2019:

Any further food donations can also be delivered to the Parish Office during business hours. Again, thank you to the St Thomas More Parish community, for your wonderful generosity and support.

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.

PARISH PIETY STALL: Come and peruse the new stock we have available for sale. We have gifts for Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Rosary Beads, religious books etc.

PARISH MAINTENANCE: A reminder regarding the Parish 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 of notice anything that is in need of repair.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for \$2.00 each. It contains many interesting articles for your perusal. Please put monies into the red letterbox on top of the Catholic Weeklies.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish has a Parish Rosary Statue that Parishioners are able to home in their homes and prayer the Rosary as a family. *If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry and have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home during 2019 please phone Bev on 4625 0659.*

PARISH PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME: If you would like to join our Parish Planned Giving Programme either via the envelope or direct debit system, the forms are available on all the tables at the entrance to the Church, or you can contact the Parish Office via phone or email for more details.



ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC

PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Please take home a copy of the latest School Newsletter to keep up to date with the happenings in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

HOLY HOUR FOR YOUNG ADULTS: At Our Lady Help of Christians on Wednesday 28th August from 6.30pm- 7.30pm (followed by a meal). The night will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, praise and worship, Reconciliation Liturgy of the Word, short teachings, silence and Benediction.

MEN’S RETREAT WEEKEND: 30 August – 1 September 2019

St Mary’s Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park.

Presenter: Mr Paul White. Join other men of faith exploring how, the power of “Yes!” changes circumstances in dark times; how we can live in the light of God’s truth which can bring much joy and harmony. Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquillity at St Mary’s Towers Retreat Centre. Cost \$230 RSVP Ph:4630 0233 or email contact @towersretreat.org.au website: <http://towersretreat.org.au>

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO SHOW: airs 1 September

This week on the Journey, we hear Luke’s Gospel 14:1,7–17. Mother Hilda from the Abbey, Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent, share their sage words. We have the ever-talented Trish McCarthy with her God spot, and you will also hear from Fr Dave Callaghan. With amazingly talented Christian Music artists, we are blessed to bring you this week’s edition of the Journey Catholic Radio Program. Go to WWW.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au and to ensure that you never miss a show it can be sent to you each week as a podcast via email – for free.

INSPIRING RETREAT DAY AT ST PAUL’S MOSS VALE

Thursday 5 September 2019 at 9:30 a.m.–7:45 p.m.
All are invited to join with Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers for a day of prayer and talks. Find out why Mass is such a “big deal” and about the call to evangelise. The day will include exposition, Mass and conversations with this dynamic evangelist, EWTN radio host and best-selling author. Go to www.parousiamedia.com to register for this free event or rsvp by contacting helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 4222 2403

menALIVE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGIONAL WEEKEND: 21-23 September 2019: Bowral Parish.

What are you doing that weekend? Come along to an inspiring weekend of great talks, personal stories, good discussion and space to reflect on your manhood and your faith. This regional weekend will be hosted by Bowral Parish and conducted by experienced leaders from the menALIVE Team details and registration forms are available on the tables at the entrance to the Church. Bookings and enquiries ring Jude Hennessy 4222 2407/Ian Boorman 0427 006 021 or www.menalive.dow.org.au

LIVE LOCAL: Join us for a gathering of teenagers and young adults (12-18) every Friday night of the term. This runs from 7pm – 9pm at St John’s Parish Hall, Campbelltown. This is put on by passionate young adults from the local area and leaders from the Diocese of Wollongong.

A vocation view: Will you help gather people to be a part of the reign of God? Pay to be open if God calls you to serve as priest, deacon, brother or sisters. (Isaiah 66:18-21) Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF): This year the Festival will be held in Perth 8-10 December and our Diocese will be organising a group of young adults (18-30 year) to attend. For more information phone Georgia on 4222 2427 or at youth@dow.org.au . (Please read poster)

DIARY DATES TO NOTE:

Tuesday 27th August: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in the Parish Centre

Monday 2nd September: 6.30pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre

Monday 2nd September: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre

Thursday 5th September: Retiree’s Social Group Gathering after the 9.30am morning Mass in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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Saturday 31st August: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland

Sunday 1st September: 9.00am Mass: Gwen and Brian Harris

Saturday 7th September: Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne

Sunday 8th September: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

READERS:

Saturday 31st August: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Kerry Hennessy

Sunday 1st September: 9.00am Mass: Ana and Lidija Faamau

Saturday 7th September: Vigil Mass: Kerry Hennessy and Annette Read

Sunday 8th September: 9.00am Mass: Samoan Community

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 31st August: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Bertha Barbari

Sunday 1st September: 9.00am Mass: Annette Read and Julie Writer

Saturday 7th September: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland and John Greene

Sunday 8th September: 9.00am Mass: Loretta and Lafitaga Tuigamala

POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S:

Saturday 31st August: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star

Sunday 1st September: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

Saturday 7th September: Vigil Mass: Chantal Barbari

Sunday 8th September: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Saturday 31st August: Group 3: Christine Foreman, Christine Charlton, James and Carmel Munro

Saturday 7th September: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau, Colleen Jablonskis, Rosa and Manuel Herrera

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS:

8th September: Group 2: Carmel Munro, Christine Foreman, Annette Read, Sue Boyd and Shirley Smith

Nothing is more practical than finding God, falling in love in a quite absolute way..... Fr Pedro Arrupe

Father, may our faith be stronger, may our hope be blessed and may our love for you and others grow every day. Amen