



8th October 2017

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, welcome 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 Parish Hall. They are not permitted to climb the brick walls, the hand rails both leading into the Church **and** the 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.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CANNOT COME TO MASS FROM OUR PARISH: We currently have 2 Acolyte’s who visit Parishioners and bring them Communion every Tuesday to those who are ill or elderly and unable to come to Mass. Please encourage them (or a family member) to contact either Fr Michael or the Parish Office on 4628 2967 during Office Hours.

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4: For our Parish Children. We wish you well in your studies for the last school term for 2017.

WE WELCOME: Into our Parish Community *Niamh Lily & Ruairi Patrick Jones* and *Andrea Patricia Jones* who were Baptised last weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr David Catterall, Helen Rawson, Betty Berthon, Faleniko Tiatele, Maureen Wyer, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, Elaine Hoffmann, Natalie Dwyer, Aimiti Seufatu, Robert Berthaly, John Hill, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Bobby Cameron (R.D.), Eric Hughes, Bernard Hoffmann, Lena Pereira, Fr Tony Daly, Keith Gomes, Ladislav Feher, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Alice Harris and Maria Cabonara.

May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

Parishioner’s Birthdays this coming week:

11th: *Marian Cross & Catherine Minogue*

12th: *Wilfred Miranda*

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

PARISH LADIES GROUP: SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 29th

October: Parish Ladies Group High Tea (over 18) 12noon - 2.00pm. The cost is \$15.00 per head. RSVP is Sunday 15th October. **An enjoyable afternoon will be had by all.** There is a clipboard on the main table at the entrance to the Church (table is located the closest to the Church entrance ramp)

YOUR PARISH ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE: is in need of new members to continue the work of serving the less fortunate people in our community. To this end, a recruitment weekend will accompany Masses on 21st & 22nd October. We ask for your prayers and encouragement as we seek new members to assist with this most rewarding work.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY: Is held during the 9.00am Sunday morning Mass (during School Terms) and is for **school aged children - Kindergarten to Year 6 (inclusive)**. If you would like more information on this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 0421 802 132.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME: Is held on Tuesday’s (during School Terms) from 9.30am - 11.30am in our Parish Hall. **Gold coin donation.** Parents/Guardians/Grandparents, if you have children including School aged and bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the children enjoy playtime activities. If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you to the 2 new Parishioners and those Parishioners who are continuing with this Parish Ministry in making sure our Place of Worship is kept clean. **The gift of your time and talents is greatly appreciated.** If you would like to join this Parish Ministry please put your name down on the clipboard on the table at the entrance of the Church. **Many hands make light work**

POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S HELP REQUIRED: Help is required for the **Saturday Night Vigil Mass.** For enquiries please contact the Parish Office or see Fr Michael.

PARISH HALL UPDATE: The lights on the verandah have been replaced with LED Lights, the Hall fans and book shelves have been cleaned and the carpet has repaired in the main meeting room in the Hall. 2 new cupboards have also been donated in the Hall Kitchen. **Thank you to the Parishioners who have given of their time and talents in revamping the Parish Hall so far.**

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 or notice anything that is in need of repair.

THE RETIREES SOCIAL GROUP: Would like to invite senior parishioners (over 55) to join our group in the hall after 9.30am Mass (Thursday’s). We meet twice a month. **Please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.** See diary dates.

MENTION MY NAME MEMORIAL MASS: Saturday 21st October at 10am in our Parish Church. A memorial mass for family, friends, caregivers, first responders, grieving the loss of a loved one from suicide. Enquiries please call: Nancy Murdocca 9646 6908 or email: nancym@catholiccemeteries.com.au

THE BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL – IN SUPPORT OF SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY:

Thank you for your ongoing support of this Appeal. This gift will help fund programs in our Diocese that support and care for our sick and retired clergy. This year’s appeal **video can be viewed, and donations can still be made, online** via the Diocese of Wollongong’s website www.dow.org.au *“I am very grateful for your support in helping me to ensure that we can provide the right care for our sick and retired clergy. God bless you.”* Bishop Peter Ingham.

ALPHA – BEGINNING THE JOURNEY AT ORAN PARK:

Tuesday 10 October, 7pm-9pm, Parish Church, Mary MacKillop Parish, 94 Oran Park Dr Oran Park. **Just so that we can make sure there’s plenty of food for you and for more details please RSVP to the Parish office on 4648 2226**

ALPHA – BEGINNING THE JOURNEY AT EAGLE VALE:

Wednesday 11 October, 7pm-9pm, Parish Hall, Mary Immaculate Parish, 2 Aquamarine Drive Eagle Vale **Just so that we can make sure there’s plenty of food for you and for more details please RSVP to the Parish office on 4626 3055**

CHOSEN - Advent and Christmas Reflections 2017 book.

Continuing the tradition from past years, **Chosen** is a 72 page pocket-size book containing short daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (3 December 2017) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 January 2018). **Chosen** also features religious artworks from the Masters such as Fasolo, Veronese, De Favanne, Bloch, Lotto and Perugino with enlightening “Artwork Spotlight” reflections written by Fr Graham Schmitzer PP. **If you wish to purchase the book \$2.00 per copy, please put your name down on the clipboard at the entrance to the Church. They will be ordered in approx. 2 weeks.**

PENROSE PARK “COME AND SEE” PRAISE AND PRAYER NIGHT 4-5 NOVEMBER 2017:

Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, Penrose Park, 120 Hanging Rock Rd, Sutton Forest. Please see notice boards for more details.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: Join the work of combating poverty and homelessness. As people of the Gospel, we have to be concerned about growing inequality, and especially about the situation of the more vulnerable in our community. <http://dow.sh/socialjustice2017>

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: If you would like to have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home, **please phone Bev on: 4625 0659. “When you prayer the Rosary, you have our Lady’s hand in your hand. When you pray the Holy Rosary you have the power of God in your hand”.**

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Monday 9th October: 6.30pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Monday 9th October: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group Meeting in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 10th October: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre
Thursday 19th October: Retiree’s Social Group gathering is *after the 9.30am Mass. (Any Retirees over the age of 55 are warmly welcome to join this group)*. Gathering is held in the Parish Hall. (see notice)

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

14th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bertha Barbari & Trish Newman
15th October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Faye and Junior Faamau
21st October: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland & Bertha Barbari
22nd October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue

READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

14th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: James Munro & May Michelutti
15th October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Jim Writer & Marian Cross
21st October: Saturday Vigil Mass: May Michelutti & Bev McKenzie
22nd October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Marian Cross & Jim Writer

USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

14th October: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne
15th October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Brian & Gwen Harris
21st October: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
22nd October: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley

CHURCH CLEANERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 14th October: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau, Rosa and Manuel Herrera and Colleen Jablonskis
Saturday 21st October: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS: Sunday 15th October: Tongan Community

PRAYER

Please continue to keep in your prayers those who are preparing for the Higher School Certificate, who are unwell and for those who “just” need prayers.

OCTOBER MONTH OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILIES:

(Scripture and the Church’s history give us many examples of the great impact when a whole community undertakes prayer and fasting together)
Today and throughout this month we pray for all marriages and families in Australia.

Heavenly Father, grant that our families may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Make us every more mindful of the sacredness and beauty of the family in God’s plan

