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STEWARDSHIP THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbour when we exercise good stewardship — joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbour's need.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**1st NOVEMBER 2020
ALL SAINTS DAY**

First Reading:
Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14.

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

Second Reading:
1 John 3:1-3.

We shall see God as he really is.

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 5:1-12.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

HUMOUR CORNER

HAGGLING WITH THE DENTIST

One day, a woman walks into a dentist's office and asks how much it will cost to extract wisdom teeth.

"Eighty dollars," the dentist says.
"That's a ridiculous amount!" the woman says. "Isn't there a cheaper way?"

"Well," the dentist says, "if you don't use an anesthetic, I can knock the price down to \$60."
"That's still too expensive," replies the woman.

"Okay," says the dentist. "If I save on anesthesia and simply rip the teeth out with a pair of pliers, I can knock the price down to \$20."
"Nope," moans the woman, "it's still too much."

"Well," says the dentist, scratching his head, "if I let one of my students do it, I suppose I can knock the price down to \$10."

"Marvelous," says the woman. "May I book my mother-in-law for next Tuesday please?"

ST. SIMON AND ST JUDE



St Simon and St Jude were two of Jesus' twelve apostles. St Simon was known as 'the Caananite' or 'the Zealot' by other evangelists and St Jude was a blood relative of Jesus and known as one of the 'brethren of the Lord'. Little, however, is known about either of these apostles after the events at Pentecost. Western traditions suggest that St Simon preached in Egypt before joining St Jude in Persia, where they were both martyred. In recent times, St Jude has become popular as the patron of 'hopeless causes'. This probably originates from early Christians confusing St Jude with Judas, who betrayed Jesus. As a result people never prayed for his help and so devotion to St Jude became somewhat of a lost or hopeless cause.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH - DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG

St. THOMAS MORE PARISH, RUSE
WELCOMES YOU
Parish Priest: Fr Michael Healy

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A
25th OCTOBER 2020

FIRST READING - Exodus 22:20-26.

A reading from the book of Exodus.
The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans."

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him."

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The Word of the Lord.
(R.) Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

SECOND READING - 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in

spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord.
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 22:34-40.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, "Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?" Jesus said, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also."

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



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

REFLECTION - by Fr Michael Tate.

Did you notice that Our Lord does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the Lord your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love the Lord your God'.

Then Our Lord does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being.

The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant.

We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command. *mtate@bigpond.com*

LIVING THE GOSPEL COMPASSION

Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place - experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word 'compassion' means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.



"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment.
Matthew 22:37-38.



MASS TIMES

TUESDAY 27th OCTOBER
9.30am. - Mass.

WEDNESDAY 28th OCTOBER
St Simon and St Jude
9.30am. - Mass.

THURSDAY 29th OCTOBER
9.30am. - Mass.

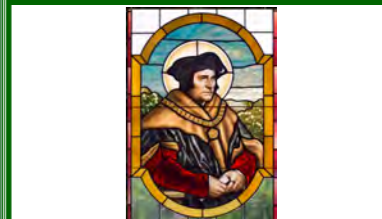
FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER
9.30am. - Mass.

RECONCILIATION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER
Saturday Vigil for ALL SAINTS DAY
6.00pm. - Mass.

SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER
ALL SAINTS DAY
9.00am. - Mass.

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



25th October 2020

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.

"Any more who welcomes you, welcomes me and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."

Matthew 10:40

DO YOU WISH TO ATTEND A WEEKEND MASS?

You cannot just turn up for Mass as previously!!

YOU HAVE TO REGISTER WITH THE PARISH OFFICE BY THE FRIDAY (12noon) BEFORE THE WEEKEND MASSES.

We are unable to accommodate more than 70 in our church, and it will not be possible to admit parishioners who have not pre-registered.

Please arrive **early** for Mass (at least **15 minutes** beforehand). Church doors are locked as Mass begins, No collections are taken up at Mass. Usual Parish Collection donations can be placed in the baskets provided on the table at the Church entrance door. If you are elderly (70 years +) or not feeling well, the ruling states that, (for your own safety) YOU MUST STAY AT HOME.

After entering the Church for Mass, your hands will be sanitized and your temperature taken. (This is obligatory) then a Monitor will show you to your RESERVED seat, where **Social distancing (4 sq meters)** must be strictly observed, (except for people of the same house-hold). Holy Communion (in a single file) **must** be Received in the hand. **You** are to sanitize your hands again as you leave the Church and **Nobody** will be permitted to socially assemble in the courtyard before, during and after Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Mitchell Gregory Bryant and Emily Hope Kaudeer who were Married in our Parish Church last Saturday. Wishing them God's Blessings for a lifetime of happiness.

WE WELCOME: into our Christian Community:

Aidyn Dean McGrath and **Isaac William Harding**, who were Baptised last weekend.

BAPTISM: If you wish for your child to be Baptised in our Parish, please contact the Parish Office during Office Hours, so that a suitable date can be organized for the celebration. Due to COVID-19 we are currently having only 1 Baptism per Sunday.

PRAYERS: Please continue to keep in your prayers those who are preparing and sitting for the Higher School Certificate, those who are unwell and those who "just" need prayers.

THANKYOU:

Parishioner's and Visitor's to our Parish Masses during the week and weekends, who help with the santising of their seats plus the many areas that are touched eg: door handles, the Lecturn, Sactuary etc. **To the Parishioner's who have kindly donated: sanitizing wipes, hand sanitizer and face masks.** The Parishioner's who look after our Parish grounds and our Church cleaners who keep our grounds and Church clean and tidy. Our Monitor's, both during the week and weekend Masses, Parishioners and visitors who support our Parish both by financializing and volunteering, (especially during this Pandemic), and many others behind the 'scenes' and **Father Michael.**

PARISH CHURCH CLEANER'S:

31st Oct: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

7th Nov: Group 6: Tongan Community

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: 25th: Christine Goodall**
Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary this coming week: 25th: Trish and Paul Newman (47 years)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: All the people who have died in this current pandemic, the recently deceased and whose anniversaries that occur at this time: Bernardino Espinola, Robert (Bobby) Cameron, Ida Sa Cordeiro, Renato Sa Cordeiro, Michael Hennessy, Fr Anthony (Tony) Daly), Bernard Hoffmann, John Read, Alice Harris, Mary Writer, Ladislav Feher, Beryl Ford, Jim McKenzie, Marguerite (Marg) Davis, Maree Laming, Jay Jablonskis, Deborah Rix and Maurya Hutton. **May they Rest in Peace**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: For the **many** sick in our Parish Community including: Trish Spackman, Katy Carolan, Jan Vaughan, Peter Gabas, Ron Fredericks, Kathleen Sidebottom, Kerry Walker, Jessica Nilsson, David Jabour, Dennis Jabour, Samantha Glover, Shirley Starr, Kenny Wilson, Antonio David, Mary Dolan, Frank Byron, Sean Scanlon, Kellie Brandes, Brian Harris, Francisco Carmona, David Minogue, Daphne and Edmund Pew, Steve Foreman, Luke Van Der Burg, Brieger Glover, Fr John Whitty, Elaine Hoffmann, Betty Berthon, Moria Harris, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, Aimiti Seufatu, John Hill, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Jeannie and George Nicholson, Mary Fredericks and Flynn Griffiths.

VINNIES APPEAL: There remain many people in need and anyone able to make a cash donation is encouraged to do so. Simply, visit www.vinnies.org.au/donate or call **13 18 12** to make a secure donation. All donations of \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS: Are available for sale from the Parish Office, during Office Hours. We have plenty of stock available.

CONFIRMATION: Please keep in your prayers the Candidates, their families and the Sacramental Team as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation is on Saturday 21st November 2020.

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 the 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.

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

2020 World Mission Appeal – Cambodia: "For the Joy of the Lord is your STRENGTH" Nehemiah 8:10. **This Appeal was held in our Parish last weekend:**

This year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal highlights the important work of the Church in Cambodia, which aims to reach out to those who have been affected by disability, and give them hope and support to live a fulfilling life.
For more details and/or to donate please either Freecall: 1800 257 296 or email: catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please contact the School Office on 4625 6561 for School enquiries. To keep up-to-date with the happenings in our Parish Catholic Primary School please use this link to read their School newsletter: <https://stmdow.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=50>

AROUND THE DIOCESE:

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.

THE DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG WEEKLY PODCAST: The Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast – 'The Journey' – **25th October:** Uploaded every Friday for free download – go to www.jcr.org.au



MACRAMÉ IN THE MORNINGS:

CatholicCare is committed to ensuring the welfare of the elderly people within our local area, and with this, we are offering some macramé lessons at no expense to you with morning tea included at Lake Side Golf Club Camden

for the following dates. Mon 26 Oct, Thurs 29 Oct, Mon 2 Nov, Thurs 5 Nov, Mon 9 Nov, Thurs 12 Nov, Mon 16 Nov, Thurs 19 Nov, Tues 24 Nov & Thurs 26 Nov. Please see flyer for more information. **Contact Jane on 0417 018 152 or Melissa on 0400550627 ASAP to reserve your spot on your own or with friends.**

PARISH RENEWAL: Reflecting n Pope Francis' Recent

Instruction on Parish Life: Online Sessions in 3 Parts – between 12 October -13 November. Visit: www.dow.org.au/news-and-events for more information or contact Darren on daren.mcdowell@dow.org.au

YOUTH MINISTRY ONLINE: Catholic Youth Ministry

Wollongong LIVE -Check it out at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdC-Q7-OVY>. great way. To get in touch with the NET team and be part of this, simply follow the "CYMW" Facebook page or by Instagram at "wollongongnetteam".

PRAYER RESOURCES for INDIVIDUALS and FAMILIES:

These include daily prayers and readings, prayer services, the Sunday Office commentaries, homilies and reflections plus a lot more. Go to: liturgyhelp.com/aus/woll/pray and follow the prompts to access.

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

CatholicCARE- Have you thought about becoming a foster carer? For more information please either: call 0418 783 956 or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au>.

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