

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.**

PRAYER FOR OUR PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 REGIONAL LISTENING SESSIONS: – LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING. "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Local animators are currently preparing to represent their local community at one of 4 Diocese of Wollongong Plenary 2020 regional listening days. Animators will have the opportunity to address Bishop Mascord about processes, express what they have heard and encountered in their community and provide a written reflective submission. In order to allow for deep, orderly listening, only local animators, clergy and up to 2 other lay key members of the team will be attending these days on behalf of local communities. Please pray for your local animator (Mike Young) who will represent our community at these regional sessions.



FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: All Masses will be offered for the deceased relatives and friends of all our Parishioners. We will record all the names that have been given in the Parish Book of Remembrance, set up in the Sacred Space. Please notify either Fr Michael or the Parish Office should you wish to include deceased relatives and/or friends in the Book of Remembrance.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Ron Mascord (Bishop Brian's Father), Roge Beshoy(baby), Maureen Hennessy, Jessica & Ella Channon, Maria Byron, Elaine Hoffmann, Gulliver, Ellen Healy, Patricia McInerney, Helen Rawson, Betty Berthon, Maureen Wyer, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, Aimiti Seufatu, Robert Berthaly, John Hill, Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

PARISHIONER'S BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS COMING WEEK:
5th: *Anne Webster*

PARISHIONER'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR THIS COMING WEEK:
7th: *Hedy and Janos Toth (31 years)*

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2018: Is held at the beginning of the Sunday 9.00am Mass (during School Terms).

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME: Is held every Tuesday (during School Terms) from 9.30am – 11.30am in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) and is a gold coin donation.

MESSAGE FOR READERS: The current Readers' Roster will end in December and the 2019 Roster will be released by mid-December this year. **We would like to invite more new Readers to join us this New year.**

We are looking for individuals, couples or families who have passion in reading and would love to share their God-given talents in reading. We highly encourage young people, who are in Year 5 and above and are good Readers' to join us. Those of you who have been Readers' in the past, we hope you will continue. There is a sign-up clipboard on the table at the Church entrance for the next few weeks for your name, phone numbers, email addresses and preferred Mass time. **Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me 041 3077 824. Thank you to the "old" Readers for their loyalty and welcome "new" Readers' into this rewarding Ministry. May**

SAVIOUR: ADVENT PROGRAM 2018 BOOK: Is available for \$3.50 per copy from our Parish Piety Stall. It begins the 1st Week of Advent and concludes the Baptism of the Lord.

PARISH PIETY STALL: Also has available the 2019 Columban Calendar for \$9.00each. These make great Christmas gifts.

PARISH COLLECTIONS IN THE CHURCH: We depend on your generosity to make ends meet for the support of our Parish. **The First Collection:** (at the Offertory) for our Parish Priest and the running of the Presbytery
The Second Collection: (after Communion) for Parish costs, insurance, bills (phone, gas, electricity, water etc) office operations etc.
If you are not part of our Parish Planned Giving Program, then please consider joining. If you are new to our Parish, please consider joining.
You can join by the envelope system or Direct Debit. There are forms on the table at the main entrance of the Church. For more information, please either contact the Parish Office or see Fr Michael

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday 25th November: 40th Anniversary Picnic: Past, present and future students, parents, staff and parishioners are all invited to come along and celebrate 40 years of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Ruse. **Where:** School grounds, **Time:** 11.00am-3.00pm **BYO food and drink**
Please take home a copy of our Parish Catholic Primary School Newsletter.

THE PARISH LADIES GROUP: IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR ST VINCENT de PAUL CONFERENCE: Is again seeking your help in helping make Christmas a little bit more joyful for some needy children in our Parish. **More details to follow.**

PARISH MAINTENANCE: Like anywhere, from time to time little things need 'doing' in the Church, Parish Hall, toilets etc. It's good to keep on top of things. If you happen to notice eg: kneelers need mending, or anything that is need of repair, please write in the 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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: MAKE OUR PARISHES AND COMMUNITIES WELCOMING PLACES. People experiencing poverty are never to be regarded as a 'problem', but as principal partners in the work of building up bonds of unity and social cohesion. Social Justice Statement 2018-19, p 12. Are there ways our Parish can identify those needing help? Is there someone in the parish who knows what resources are available for people with housing needs?

PILGRIMAGE to Benedictine Abbey, Jameroo: Monday 5th November: For further information and/or to reserve your place please contact Victoria Amato v.vamato@yahoo.com.au or 4454 1460

REMEMBRANCE DAY: Lest we Forget: 100th Anniversary of the Armistice Remembrance Mass at Old St Johns Catholic Cemetery, 13 George St, Campbelltown on Saturday 10th November starting 11am.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – 4 NOVEMBER 2018. This week on the Journey, Fr Graham Schmitzer reflects on the gospel of Mark, Sr Hilda Scott shares her Wisdom from the Abbey reminding us that "God is Love" Bruce Downes, the Catholic Guy shares moments of "Encountering God" and Sam Clear in his Walking the Walk Go Spot, reminds us that "Pain and Suffering in God's Plan". We are so very grateful for the beautifully talented Christian Music artists that supply us with their fabulous music. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER 16-18 NOVEMBER at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville: Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship! Book online at www.wwme.org.au Or phone: Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490 774 419 or Adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED PRIESTS: The Mass celebrated by Bishop Brady will be held on Wednesday 21 November 2018 at 12pm – Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery and followed by refreshments

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: *The Parish has a Parish Rosary Statue that Parishioners are able to have 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 2018, **please phone Bev on: 4625 0659.**

Diary Dates:

Monday 5th November: Baptism Preparation Class at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre
Monday 5th November: Parish Ladies Group meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 6th November: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 7.30pm in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)
Tuesday 13th November: St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
Thursday 15th November: Retiree's Social Group Gathering after the 9.30am Mass in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) (all Retiree's over 55 are most welcome), come for a chat, laugh and a cuppa

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

• **EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 10th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron & James Munro
Sunday 11th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Loretta & Laftiaga Tuigamala
Saturday 17th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie & Trish Newman
Sunday 18th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau & Catherine Minogue

• **READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 10th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: Raquel Villareal & John Greens
Sunday 11th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Samoan Community
Saturday 17th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: John Greene & Stephanie Roux
Sunday 18th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Brien O'Brien & Julie Writer

• **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 10th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne
Sunday 11th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy
Saturday 17th November: Saturday Vigil Mass: Help Required
Sunday 18th November: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley

• **CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 10th October: Group 6 Tongan Community
Saturday 17th November: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

• **REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS:**

Sunday 11th November: Group 2: Carmel Munro, Christine Foreman, Annette Read, Sue Boyd and Shirley Smith

The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, "creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself". Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation.

