

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A



16th February 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.

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.**



REFRESHMENTS IN CHELSEA HOUSE: after Sunday 9.00am Morning Mass: All Parishioners and Visitor’s to our Parish Sunday morning Mass are invited to

refreshments in Chelsea House, the 1st for 2020. Come share a “cuppa” and catch up with friends, make new ones. Looking forward to seeing you in the Hall.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 2020: For Baptised children in Year 3 (in 2020) and above. The Parent/Carer Information and Enrolment Evening is Monday 24th February 2020 at 7.00pm. Information for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be available at a later date.

LENTEN PROGRAM 2020 “Grace”: The books are available for sale from the Parish Piety Stall this weekend @ \$6.00 each. These books bring to life the daily reflections that walk alongside the major themes of our Lenten Sunday Gospels. The Gospels of the Year A cycle offer us a focus that calls us to, and reminds us of, our Baptismal commitment. These reflections are an opportunity to help us benefit from this incredible time of retreat. Lent is a time of renewal in faith, hope and love so that we can enter more fully into the celebration of the Sacred Triduum of our Lord’s last supper, his suffering and death on the cross, and his glorious resurrection.

2020 LENTEN GROUPS: If you would like to host or attend a Lenten Group, please put your name etc on the clipboard at the main entrance to the Church.

LENT: STATIONS of the CROSS: Will be held in the Church each Tuesday evening at 7.00pm. Commencing Tuesday 3rd March.

Free Art Workshop: To Celebrate Senior's Week 2020, CatholicCare are running a free Art Workshop in collaboration with 'Live the Dream' in Chelsea House within Ruse parish grounds. Olivia will teach the basic principles of painting your very own seascape masterpiece on a canvas that you are welcome to take home. Following the workshop, we invite everyone to join us for morning tea and information sharing about My Aged Care and other CatholicCare services. The Art workshop is capped at 20 participants so be quick to secure your space, if you miss out on the workshop, you are still invited to the morning tea afterwards.

Date: Thursday 20th Feb in Chelsea House, Art class: 9am-11am, Morning tea/information sharing: 11am- 12noon. RSVP: Monday 17 Feb to melissaw@catholiccare.dow.org.au or call 46408553.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME 2020: Is held on Tuesday mornings in Chelsea House: 9.30am – 11.30am. This is held in Chelsea House (Parish Hall). Mums, Dads, grandparents, carers etc come along with the children. Come for a cuppa and a chat while the children play, do craft, read stories etc. Gold coin donation. For further information please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

PARISH CHILDREN’S LITURGY: Is during the 9.00am Mass, for school aged children (Kindergarten to Year 6 inclusive). It is held during the School Terms. For more information please contact Joanne on 0421802132. We are always on the search for more teachers/helpers.

OUR LADY’S NURSES FOR THE POOR (Sr Patricia and Sr Kerry’s Congregation): Cordially invite you to Mass for the launch of The Cause for Eileen O’Connor Servant of God being held in St Mary’s Cathedral this **Thursday 20th February at 5.30pm.**

POPE FRANCIS’ Post-Synodal apostolic exhortation Querida Amazonia: Follows the October 2019 Synod of Bishops on the Amazon, has just been published. **This can be accessed on the Vatican website.**

VINNIES BUSHFIRE APPEAL: If you still wish to donate through the cash system, there are envelopes on all the tables at the entrance of the Church. These envelopes can be placed in either collection baskets. If you require a receipt, please put on the front of the envelope: your name/address/contact number and the amount enclosed in the envelope. Or if you wish to donate online: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw>. Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY: **Ky James Achurch, Merida Bella and Addeline Fiore Mitchell** who were Baptised last weekend.

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.

Parishioners’ birthdays this coming week:
18th: Freda Miranda

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The recently deceased and the anniversaries that occur at this time: Beryl Ford (Anniv), Peter Cochrane (R.D.), Ken Churchill, David Burke, Neal Gattenhof, Sergi Ovchinnikov, Olga Saulig, Marie McGrath, Jim McKenzie, Fr Tony Daly, John Read, Mary Writer, Bobby Cameron, Alice Harris, Marguerite (Marg) Davis, Maree Laming, Jay Jablonskis, Deborah Rix, Bernard Hoffmann, Maurya Hutton, Ladislav Feher and Maria Cabonara. **May they rest in peace**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The **many** sick in our Parish Community including Eileen Hughes, 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, Ellen Healy, 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.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: If you would like to have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home during 2020 please phone Bev on 4625 0659.

PARISH COLLECTIONS IN THE CHURCH: We depend on your generosity to make ends meet for the support of our Parish. 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 contact the Parish Office or see Fr Michael.

ADVERTISING ON THE BACK COVER OF THE PARISH BULLETIN: If you would like to advertise your Business on the back cover of the Parish Bulletin please see/contact Fr Michael, Barry Daley (Chairman Parish Finance Council) or The Parish Office. A business card size is \$275.00 (includes GST) or double business card size is \$550.00 (includes GST). This cost covers advertising for 12 months.

ST MARY’S TOWERS RETREAT CENTRE: 415 Douglas Park Drive, Douglas Park Ph: 4630 0233 or email: contact@towersretreat.org.au or website: <http://towersretreat.org.au>. St Mary’s Towers is steeped in a spirituality of the heart, a spirituality of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. They offer a variety of retreat experiences throughout the year as well as day visits for individuals and groups. Retreats can be tailored to individual circumstances. **Retreat: 6th – 12th March:** The Gift of Aging, for more details please contact the above.

CALLING ALL BUSINESS PEOPLE: Catholic Business Connections (CBC) is an opportunity for business women and men in our diocese (active and retired) who share common values, to network and engage with each other and leaders representing the diocese. CBC gathers four times a year for

lunch and to listen to guest speakers chosen to inspire with their unique story and share how they relate their work and spiritual life experience to the context of living in a modern world. **The first luncheon for 2020 will be held on Friday 28 February at Rydges Hotel, Campbelltown (11.45am-2pm).** For more information on CBC and how to join, visit www.cbc.dow.org.au or contact Debbie Gates, Diocesan Director of Development and Community Engagement (02) 4222 2446.

ST THERESE RELICS PILGRIMAGE at ROSEMEADOW: **Thursday 19th March 4.30pm – 9.30pm.** More details to follow.

2020 SISTERHOOD NATIONAL CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE: Anointed. 20-22 March, Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops. Join women from around Australia and the Diocese of Wollongong for this inspiring conference. Book your spot: <https://www.trybooking.com/BFQZP>.

DIARY DATES:
Thursday 20th February: after the 9.30am morning Mass Parish Retiree’s Social Group Gathering in Chelsea House (Parish Hall). Also see notices for other event on this day.
Monday 24th February: 7.00pm Reconciliation and Enrolment Evening for Reconciliation (see main notices).
Tuesday 25th February: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference. Meeting in the Parish Centre.

PARISH ROSTERS:

Saturday 22/2 Vigil			
Usher	Readers	Communion	PowerPoint
Carmel Munro	Pauline Menzies Carmel Munro	Winnie Cameron Julie McKenzie	Chantal Berbari
Sunday 23/2 9:00am			
Christine Foreman	Brian and Chris O’Brien	Catherine Minogue Mavon Vaughan	Gwen Harris
Saturday 29/2 Vigil			
Vicki Horne	Carmel Munro Raquel Villareal	Bev McKenzie Bertha Berbari	Joshua Starr
Sunday 1/3 9:00am			
Chris Reddy	David Minogue May Michelutti	Annette Read Julie Writer	Gwen Harris

CHURCH CLEANING

- Saturday 22/2
 - Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Eugene Wasko and Barry Daley
- Saturday 29/2
 - Group 3: Christine Foreman, Christine Charlton, James and Carmel Munro

