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CATHOLIC CHURCH - DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG

St. THOMAS MORE PARISH, RUSE

WELCOMES YOU

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Healy

ALL SAINTS DAY

1st NOVEMBER 2020



'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

Matthew 5:11-12.

MASS TIMES

MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER
THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)
9.30am. - Mass.

TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER
9.30am. - Mass.

WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER
9.30am. - Mass.

THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER
9.30am. - Mass.

FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER
9.30am. - Mass.

RECONCILIATION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER
Saturday Vigil for THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
6.00pm. - Mass.

SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
9.00am. - Mass.

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH DIRECTORY



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Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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

REFLECTION - by Fr Michael Tate.
How can those suffering grinding poverty such that their whole personality is impoverished – the poor in spirit – be 'Blessed'? How can those who hunger and thirst for justice be 'Blessed'? The answer lies in the new community which Our Lord is establishing under the reign of God.

There are people within this new society who do everything possible to lift the poor out of poverty, to comfort those who are mourning, to make sure the gentle share in the earth's resources, to satisfy the craving for justice. These are 'saints' who are merciful, pure in heart, makers of peace.

The full measure of authentic humanity is Jesus Christ. But there are millions, only a few celebrated in the Church's calendar, who have tried to measure up to the challenge presented by the Teacher of the Beatitudes. These are saints, those who know that they cannot help create the Beatitude society out of some political ideology, but who wholeheartedly respond to the teaching of the One whose Holy Spirit can empower rising to the challenge.

We might pause a moment to pray that God may deal with us mercifully as we fall short of the full stature of the One who embodied the Beatitudes, at the same time as we celebrate the lives of the countless many who have measured up superlatively, the saints whose feast day we celebrate. mtate@bigpond.com

mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **(R.)**

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R.)**

SECOND READING -

1 John 3:1-3.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

(R.) Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING -

Matthew 5:1-12.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

FIRST READING -

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14.

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of the Lord.

(R.) Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **(R.)**

2. Who shall climb the

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

8th NOVEMBER 2020

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

First Reading:

Wisdom 6:12-16.

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 25:1-13.

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

STEWARDSHIP ALL SAINTS DAY

"The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest," Jesus says in today's Gospel.

What wonderful good news for those who give of their time in service to others!



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Secretary: Mrs Carmel Munro

TUESDAY - FRIDAY
9.00am - 3.30pm

Parish ☎: 4628 2967

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HUMOUR CORNER

PEANUTS

There was a priest in a church, listening to people's confessions. One day, a boy came up to him. Father, forgive me, for I have sinned," the boy said. "Okay, what is your confession?" the priest asked. "I threw peanuts down the drain" The priest was very confused, nevertheless, he forgave the boy of his sins, and the boy went off. After the boy, a girl came up to the the priest. "Father, forgive me, for I have sinned," she said. "Okay, what's your confession?" the priest asked. "I threw peanuts down the drain." Again, the priest was very confused, but he forgave the girl and the girl went off, happy. This "throwing of peanuts" confession went on, until a boy, bruised and beaten, showed up. "Let me guess, you threw peanuts down the drain," the priest said. The response was, "Father, I am Peanuts."

WHY ARE YOU CALLING ME NOW?

What time does the library open?" the man on the phone asked. Annoyed, the librarian composed himself before he answered. "9 am," came the reply. "And what's the idea of calling me at home in the middle of the night to ask a question like that?" "Not until 9 am?" the man asked in a disappointed voice. The librarian began to get angry. "No, not until 9 am!" said the librarian. "Why do you want to get in before 9 am anyway?" "Who said I wanted to get in?" the man sighed sadly. "I want to get out."

ST CHARLES BORROMEIO



St Charles Borromeo was born of a wealthy Italian family and was the nephew of Pope Pius IV. At the age of twenty two, he was summoned to Rome and made cardinal and administrator of the Papal states and the archdiocese of Milan. Despite his personal wealth, St Charles lived a simple, ascetic life and was a strong

supporter of church reform.

In 1564 he was ordained a priest and consecrated as bishop. He founded seminaries and instituted the teaching of doctrine to children in Sunday schools. Never one to ask of another something he was not prepared to do himself, St Charles worked tirelessly to help those in need.



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.
"Anymore 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.

NOVEMBER: The Month of the Holy Souls: Is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions. ***(Norms 15,7)***
There is a Sacred Space set up with the Book for the Deceased. If you would like to have your loved ones included please print their names clearly on: the envelope provided in your Planned Giving Envelopes, or on an envelope/paper and either hand to Fr Michael, put in the collection baskets (at the entrance to the Church) or the Parish Office or just email the Parish Office ruse@dow.org.au. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. And may the Souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace Amen

CONFIRMATION: Please keep in your prayers the 32 Candidates, their families and the Sacramental Team as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation is on Saturday 21st November 2020.

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.

PARISH CHURCH CLEANER'S:
7th Nov: Group 6: Tongan Community
14th Nov: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Barry Daley and Michael Bye

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 Birthday this coming week:
5th: Ann Webster

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 Lectern, 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.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: For the ***many*** sick in our Parish Community including: Tresora Wyer, 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, Briege 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.

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.

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

"ADORE": Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2020:
Adore is an 88- page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (29 November 2020) through to the Baptism of the Lord (10 January 2021). \$4.50 per copy. These are available from the Monitor's (at weekend Masses) or the Parish Office (during Office Hours).

VINNIES APPEAL: www.vinnies.org.au/donate or call **13 18 12** to make a secure donation. All donations of \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

2020 World Mission Appeal: For more details and/or to donate please either Freecall: 1800 257 296 or email: catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia

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.

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 OF WOLLONGONG

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' – **1st November:** Uploaded every Friday for free download – go to www.jcr.org.au

PARISH RENEWAL: Reflecting on 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

MACRAMÉ IN THE MORNINGS: CatholicCare is committed to ensuring the welfare of the elderly people within our local area, and we have been so pleased with the response to our, macramé lessons at Lake Side Golf Club. We have only have a few dates left: Mon 9 Nov, Mon 16 Nov,

Tues 24 Nov & Thurs 26 Nov and one final date of 30 Nov. Please come along for this free macrame class including morning tea with some friends or on your own. Contact Jane on 0417 018 152 or Melissa on 0400550627 to reserve your spot.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE REQUIRES CASUAL CLEANERS FOR 2021: Successful applicants will need to be: fit, able to handle tasks involving lifting and carrying, and be able to work independently, and also harmoniously in a team environment. ***Please call, John Ransom, for further information, on: 0435 857 690.***

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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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Marriage Enrichment Weekend 20-22 November 2020 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Book online at www.wvme.org.au Alternatively contact Christine & Terry on 0490 774 419 or nswwbookings@wvme.org.au

November 2 is the Commemoration of All of the Faithful Departed, or All Souls. On this day, we pray that all those who have died— our loved ones, and also those people around the world who we will never meet— through the mercy of God, will rest in peace.