

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE



26th November 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.

**TAKE A RISK AND GIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH:** Parish Catechist Recruitment Drive this weekend: In our Parish there is a team of volunteers what take a risk and step out in faith. State Government Schools do not provide lessons that teach the basic message about Jesus, our faith and the great adventure that life can be with God. Each week of the school year Catechists present 30 minute lessons using a step-by-step lesson plan that helps Catholic children understand their faith, grow in love and maturity and learn what it means to be Catholic. If you would like to join this Ministry or have any questions please contact our Parish Scripture Co-Ordinator: Colleen On 0414284717

**FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:** It is a special time to pray for the dead. 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.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Assist A Student Scheme (Year 2017): Forms for contributing to the Scheme are still available at the literature stands at the back of the church.  
*Thank you and God bless from the Members of the Parish Conference.*

**PARISHIONER'S BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:**

27<sup>th</sup>: Vicki Horne  
28<sup>th</sup>: John Nakasenh  
29<sup>th</sup>: Noel Laming

**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](mailto:ruse@dow.org.au)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr David Catterall, Patricia McInerney, Helen Rawson, Colleen Keane, 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.

**MESSAGE FOR READERS:** The current Readers' Roster ends on the 31st December and the 2018 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 for reading and would love to share their God-given talent. 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 address and preferred Mass time. Should you have any question regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me (May) on **0451468931**. *Thank you to the old readers for their loyalty and welcome to new ones into this rewarding Ministry. - May*

**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.

**PARISH PIETY STALL:** Are selling the 2018 Columban Art Calendar, \$9.00 each, **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 Dec. 2017) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 Jan. 2018) **for \$2.00 each.** *The Piety Stall also has many Christmas present ideas. Come and have a look at what is also available.*

**THE PARISH LADIES GROUP, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR VINNIES CONFERENCE:** Is again seeking your help in helping making Christmas a little bit more joyful for some needy children in our Parish. Tags are on the Jesse Tree, you are invited to take as many as you are able, and purchase a gift suitable for a child whose age and gender is on the tag. Please return unwrapped gifts as soon as possible, either to the Church next weekend or to the Parish Office during the week.

*Your generosity is very much appreciated*

**PARISH GROUNDS WORKING BEE PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS:** Will be on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 8.30am. Please bring along, lawnmowers, whipper snippers, etc. Morning Tea will be provided. The more hands the lighter the better.

**PARISH LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Thank you to the many people who have supported these Parish Fundraising Raffles. Yes, Christmas is fast approaching and the Parish Ladies Group have 8 wonderful prizes for their upcoming Christmas Raffle. Tickets will be on sale before and after Masses for the next 2 weekends (2/3 & 9/10<sup>th</sup> Dec). Tickets are \$1.00 each. The raffle will be drawn on Rose Sunday (17<sup>th</sup> December after the 9.00am Mass). Thank you for supporting this Parish Fundraiser.

**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.

**GROUNDS MAINTENANCE:** The Parish is looking for a volunteer who will be willing to work on a regular basis each week in an effort to keep the Church grounds and surrounds neat and tidy. Hours would be flexible and any handyman skills would also be beneficial as there sometimes small tasks that need doing but it is expensive to bring a tradesman in. If you are able to assist please contact the Office on 46282967 your help would be greatly appreciated.

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Please take a copy of the School Newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** 5.30pm on Christmas Eve, prior to Vigil Mass. Any school children who would like to participate in this Liturgy please contact **Joanne Griffin on 0421 802 132**, for full details. All children are encouraged to join.

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS:** There are two collections at Mass the **first** collection is for the Parish Priests of the Diocese and the **second** collections is for the running expenses of our Church, St Thomas More Catholic Church. **Any Planned Giving Envelopes** should be placed on the **second** collection and any catch up can be placed in one envelope to make the counters task easier. Thank you.

**PREPARE THE WAY: An Advent Day Retreat in Preparation for Christmas:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December commencing at 9.00am at Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo. Please see notice boards for more details.

**CATHOLIC CARE'S FOSTER CARE PROGRAM** is urgently looking for two separate forever homes. Jenna\*, 13, is an outgoing girl who plays netball and enjoys bike riding. She has a mild disability and attends a support unit in a mainstream school. Alice\*, 7, is a happy and social girl who loves learning. Both girls need homes with no other children. If you or someone you know could provide a loving home for Jenna\* or Alice\*, please call 4227 1122 or email [enquiries@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:enquiries@catholiccare.dow.org.au)  
*\*Not their real names.*

**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:**

**28<sup>th</sup> November:** St Vincent de Paul Conference; - 7.30pm Parish Centre  
**30<sup>th</sup> November:** Retiree Social Group - Parish Hall  
**5<sup>th</sup> December:** Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the Parish Hall (last meeting for 2017)

**PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> December: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bertha Barbari, Maureen Molland**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> December: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue**  
**9<sup>th</sup> December: Saturday Vigil Mass: Trish Newman & James Munro**  
**10<sup>th</sup> December: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue**

**READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> December: Saturday Vigil Mass: Pauline Menzies, Gabby Menzies**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> December: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Maureen Molland, Tess Writer**  
**9<sup>th</sup> December: Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie & Bev McKenzie**  
**10<sup>th</sup> December: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Pesio & Noelle Aiga**

**USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> December: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> December: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Foreman**  
**9<sup>th</sup> December: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro**  
**10<sup>th</sup> December: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Gwen & Brian Harris**

**CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Group 4 Maureen Molland, Fa'au Faamau, Colleen Jabionskis, Rose & Manuel Herrera**  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy**

*When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel GIRM 29*



