

The Baptism of the Lord
YEAR C



13th January 2019

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.**

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:
THE POPE FRANCIS LIST

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh'.
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'.
10. Be happy.

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"Always leave your diary in the one place"

IMPORTANT LITURGICAL DATES FOR 2019:

Ash Wednesday: 6th March
Easter Sunday: 21st April
Pentecost: 9th June

Eric Genuis Concert at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Ruse, 7 March 2019, 7pm. Looking for a Christmas gift for the person who has everything? Why not buy them tickets to an experience you can share as well as help your Parish community? A rare opportunity to listen to a pianist of exceptional talent who brings with him a world class violinist, cellist and soprano playing in our parish church. The 'Opera House' is coming to our parish! All original compositions together with powerful testimonies outlining the inspiration behind each piece with true stories of life transformations destined to make a deep impression upon all who hear them. A message of hope for all. Tickets: \$30 adult; \$25 pensioner/concession; \$70 family (parents with dependent children under 18). Online tickets sales at www.ericgenuistour.com. A parish event not to be missed. Your support will support our parish.

*With kind regards, Fr Michael.
Tickets are available for sale at our Parish Office during Office hours.*

LAST PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 MEETING: Monday 21st January at 7.30pm light supper provided in Chelsea House (Parish Hall).

After 2 meetings since the launch of Plenary 2020 in August last year, I am pleased to say, things began quietly, but developed into many questions being asked and discussed, regarding issues requiring consideration by our Diocese and the Church in Australia. Each person has had their own area of need to be considered. I would like to thank the parishioners who have attended the meetings and taken up the opportunity to have their say and form their questions! I would also like to thank the parishioners who have taken the opportunity to submit directly on the internet (plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au). All the questions and responses received at these 2 meetings have been entered on line by our Parish Animator – Mike Young. ALL contributions are gratefully received and submitted for consideration! *Mike*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED and the ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Jerry Andrew (R.D.), John (Jack) McInerney (Anniv), Kim Watson, Maree Laming, Jim McKenzie, Mary McInerney, Ev McInerney, Fr Tony Daly, Maurya Hutton, Pedro Santos, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Alice Harris, Ladislav Feher, Bobby Cameron, Bernard Hoffmann and Maria Cabonara.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The **many** sick in our Parish Community including: Fr John Whitty, Roge Beshoy (baby), Maureen Hennessy, Elaine Hoffmann, Ellen Healy, Patricia McInerney, Helen Rawson, Betty Berthon, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, Aimiti Seufatu, John Hill, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

PARISHIONER'S BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS COMING WEEK:
18th: Rosalie Vine

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR THIS WEEK:
12th: Jim and Julie Writer (56 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

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2019: Please mark your diaries
The Sacrament of Reconciliation: 1st/2nd/3rd April 2019
(Parent/Carer Information & Enrolment Evening: Monday 25 February 7.00pm in the Church).
Confirmation: Saturday 22nd June 2019
First Holy Communion: 22nd/23rd September 2019
More details to follow regarding times etc for the Sacraments for this year.

THANK YOU TO THE MANY PARISHIONERS/VISITOR'S: who attended our Christmas and New Years Day Masses and Christmas Carols. To the many Parishioners who helped with the many preparations: eg: Powerpoint Creator, Prayers of Intercession Creator's, Musician's, Choirs, Sacristan etc. The gifts of your time and talents are greatly appreciated by all.

THANK YOU FROM OUR PARISH PASTORAL and FINANCE COUNCIL'S: Wishing you and your families all the very best for 2019 and thank you for your continued support to our Parish.
Mike Young and Barry Daley

OUR PARISH ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE: is extremely grateful for the support of parishioners again during a difficult 2018. *God Bless, on behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society Ruse/ Airs Conference*

PARISH LADIES GROUP: Would like to thank everyone who has supported the fundraising raffles held throughout 2018, **2019 promises to be another good year for the Parish, we appreciate you ongoing continued support.**

PARISH READER'S ROSTERS FOR 2019: If you are a member of this Parish Ministry, **please collect your Roster from the table at the main entrance to the Church.** Thank you for being a member of this important Parish Ministry. *May*

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.

PARISH MINISTRIES: If you would like to become involved in any of our Parish Ministries please see Fr Michael or contact the Parish Office. We have many Parish Ministries that are looking for more Volunteers. Thanking you in anticipation.

PARISH LAWN: With the weather we are currently experiencing, the lawns are growing out of control. If anyone has some spare time and is available to mow the lawns, your time would be greatly appreciated. (Grass bin is emptied this Thursday).

Thanking you in anticipation



PARISH ROSARY STATUE: *During the holidays, the Rosary Statue will not be going to Parishioners Homes until February 2019. Thank you to the Parishioners who had the Rosary Statue in their homes during 2018.* If you would like to have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home during 2019, **please phone Bev on: 4625 0659**

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Monday 21st January: 7.30pm Plenary Council meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) please read main notices for more details
Wednesday 30th January: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre (1st for 2019)
Monday 4th February: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre (1st for 2019)
Tuesday 5th February: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) (1st for 2019)

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

• **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**
Saturday 19th January: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
Sunday 20th January: 9.00am Mass: Gwen and Brian Harris

Saturday 26th January: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Sunday 27th January: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

• **READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**
Saturday 19th January: Vigil Mass: John Green and May Michelutti
Sunday 20th January: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman and Alison Hourigan

Saturday 26th January: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland and Ian Star
Sunday 27th January: 9.00am Mass: Alison Hourigan and Christine Foreman

• **EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**
Saturday 19th January: Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron and Maureen Molland
Sunday 20th January: 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau and Mavon Vaughan

Saturday 26th January: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and James Munro
Sunday 27th January: 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue and Annette Read

• **POWERPOINT OPERATOR'S FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**
Saturday 19th January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 20th January: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

Saturday 26th January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Sunday 27th January: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

• **CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**
Saturday 19th January: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

Saturday 26th January: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau, Rosa and Manuel Herrera and Colleen Jablonskis

