

The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
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30th December 2018

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.*

FR MICHAEL'S 2019 NEW YEAR MESSAGE:

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all those who gave me cards and gifts for Christmas. I am deeply touched by your generosity.

Thank you to all who have worked for and been of service to our Parish in so many, many ways over the past year. Your sense of responsibility, regular service, generosity, support, hospitality, courtesy, integrity and deep faith are most appreciated.

May the child Jesus touch all the hearts and the homes of the Parish with peace, happiness and good will throughout the New Year.

Also, that the Holy Spirit will lead us into the New Year with confidence to guide us forward in our journey with a sense of hope, peace and confidence.

BLIAIN NUA MHAITH AGAIBH

God Bless

Fr Michael



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

Jim McKenzie, Mary McInerney, Ev McInerney, Maurya Hutton, Pedro Santos, Fr Tony Daly, Deborah Rix, Jim McKenzie, 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:

1st Jan: *Chris Mawere*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR THIS WEEK:

29th: *Hazel and Hector Bernardino (58 years)*

30th: *Christine and Russell Goodall (29 years)*

3rd Jan: *Theresa and Joe Berbari (49 years)*

4th: *Daphne and Edmund Pew (61 years)*

5th: *Tresora and Brian Wyer (56 years and*

Rosalie and Chris Vine (50 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

Confirmation: Saturday 22nd June 2019

First Holy Communion: 22nd/23rd September 2019

More details to follow.

IMPORTANT LITURGICAL DATES FOR 2019:

Ash Wednesday: 6th March

Easter Sunday: 21st April

Pentecost: 9th June

PARISH LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Thank you to the many Parishioners and Visitor's to our Parish who have supported our Parish Fundraising Raffles. These funds will go towards our Parish Church. Congratulations to the Winners of our Christmas Raffle: *Elaine Hudson, Loretta Tuigamala, Yvonne, Virginia Clarke, Pauline Menzies and Faye Faamau.* *Wishing you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas and the very best for the coming year. The Parish Ladies Group*

YOUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE is extremely grateful for the support of parishioners again during a difficult 2018.

We are encouraged in our work when we witness your generous support for the Winter Appeal, our drought appeal and especially the Jesse Tree. We must praise & thank the Parish Ladies Group for the later. The toys received this year have been amazing and will brighten Christmas for many young people in our community.

Our supporters throughout the St Thomas More Parish are too many to acknowledge in this brief note but we thank you all! *God bless and Merry Christmas on behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society Ruse/ Airds conference*

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 PIETY STALL: Come and have a look at our Parish Piety Stall and see the Religious goods available for sale. John and Bertha wish to thank everyone who has supported this stall during 2018 and would like to wish each and everyone one of you a very Blessed 2019.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: Big "Thank You" to the parishioners who attended the 2nd meeting and to those who have responded on line! (plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

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.

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.

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: *During the Christmas Season and School holidays, the Rosary Statue will not be going to Parishioners Homes until February 2019. I take this opportunity to thank the Parishioners who have had the Rosary Statue in their homes during 2018. I wish them and their families a joyous Christmas and God's Blessings.* If you would like to have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home during 2019, please phone Bev on: 4625 0659

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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

Saturday 5th January: Saturday Vigil Mass: John Greene and Bev McKenzie
Sunday 6th January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue and Julie Writer
Saturday 12th January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Trish Newman and Bertha Berbari
Sunday 13th January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Loretta and Lafitaga Tuigamala

- READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 5th January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Cecile Marot and May Michelutti
Sunday 6th January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Jim and Julie Writer
Saturday 12th January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Cecile Marot and John Greene
Sunday 13th January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Julie and Jim Writer

- USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 5th January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne
Sunday 6th January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy
Saturday 12th January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
Sunday 13th January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley

- CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 5th January: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Eugene Wasko and Barry Daley
Saturday 12th January: Group 3: Christine Foreman, Christine Charlton, James and Carmel Munro

- POWERPOINT OPERATOR'S FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 5th January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Joshua Starr
Sunday 6th January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 12th January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Sunday 13th January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris



