

The NATIVITY of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST



Year B
24th June 2018

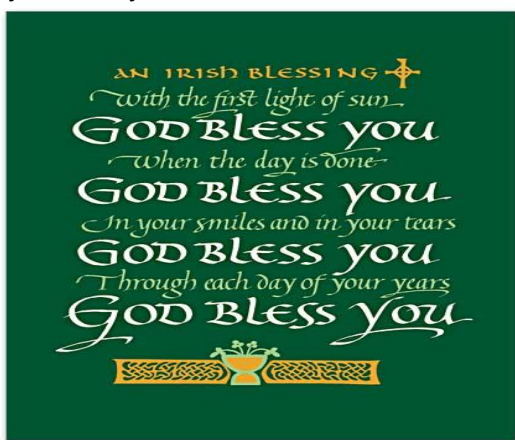
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"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, 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.

"COMHGHAIRDEAS" FR MICHAEL: On your 50th Anniversary of your Ordination to the Priesthood: "God's Blessings on you and thank you for all you do in the service of God".



FR MICHAEL'S 50th ANNIVERSARY GIFT: A donation box is in the Parish Office if anyone would like to contribute. All offerings placed in this box will be given to Fr Michael to go towards his visit home to Ireland in July. He will be celebrating his 50th Anniversary with his fellow classmates and visiting family.

THANK YOU: to everyone who contributed to a successful celebration last Saturday for Fr Michael's 50th Anniversary of Ordination - those who set up, served food and cleaned up the hall, those who prepared and donated the food, those who made the decorations for the walls. A special thanks to the generous parishioner who organised building the shelves in the kitchen.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: The new sets of Planned Giving envelopes are available for collection from the Church this weekend. **If you would like to join our Parish Planned Giving programme, the forms are available on the table at the main entrance to the Church.**

CONGRATULATIONS: To the 59 Candidates of our Parish who were Confirmed last weekend. "May the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which they receive, assist them to be active members of the Church, and always help them to live their lives as Catholic Christians, and to bear faithful witness to Jesus throughout their lives". **Thank you to the Sacramental Team (Admin and Teachers), Powerpoint Creator, Sacristan's, Choir, and their families in preparing the Candidates, for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you also to the Church Cleaners and Groundsmen for making our Church and grounds neat and tidy for us to worship in.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The **many** sick in our Parish Community including: Fr Michael, Fr David Catterall, Elaine Hoffmann, Gulliver (6), Ellen Healy, Patricia McInerney, Helen Rawson, Betty Berthon, Maureen Wyer, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Sr Patricia Murphy O.L.N, Leonard Littlewood, Lynette Ellich, Faleniko Tiatele, Fr Tony Daly, Keith Gomes, Balbino Xavier Gomes, Monica Gomes, John Baptist D'Sa, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Alice Harris, Ladislav Feher, Bobby Cameron, Bernard Hoffmann and Maria Cabonara. **May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual Light shine upon them.**

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
Parishioner's Birthday this coming week:
24th: Barry Daley
26th: Gabbie Menzies
30th: Jim Eggert & Pauline Menzies

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.

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

The **FIRST COLLECTION** (taken during the Offertory Procession) is for the Remuneration of the Priests of the Diocese, including the sick, Retired and aged Priests of the Diocese.
The **SECOND COLLECTION** (taken up after Holy Communion) is for the Parish expenses (electricity, repairs and maintenance, wages, insurance etc). This includes Parish Planned Giving Envelopes and all loose money in the Second Collection.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2018: Is held at the beginning of the Sunday 9.00am Mass (during School Terms). This is for **School aged children from Kindergarten up to and including Year 6.** If you would like more information or would like to join this Parish Ministry, please contact Joanne on 0421 802 132.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME: Is held every Tuesday (during School Terms) from 9.30am - 11.30am in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) and is a gold coin donation. Parents/Guardians/Grandparents, if you have children including bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the children enjoy playtime activities including. If you have any enquiries, please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for \$2.00 each. It contains many interesting articles for your perusal. **Please put monies into the red letterbox on top of the Catholic Weeklies**

PARISH PIETY STALL: Please come and peruse our Parish Piety Stall, we have many items for sale eg: Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion gifts, Rosary Beads etc.

ST VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL: Our Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference wishes to express a very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the Appeal this year. Envelopes will remain available at the back of the Church for the remainder of Winter and these may be completed and placed in either collection or delivered to the Parish Office. Any further food donations can also be delivered to the Parish Office during office hours.
We thank you again, for your continuing generosity and support.

THOMAS MORE PARISH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take home of the School Newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening. They are on the tables at the entrance to the Church.
Congratulations to our Parish Catholic Primary School for their 40th Anniversary and Feast Day Mass held on Friday (22nd June).

MINISTRY TRAINING:
Communion of the Sick & Homebound: Saturday 28th July 2018 at 10am-2.30pm. The above Ministry Training events are being held at St John's Parish, Campbelltown. **For enquires and to RSVP (essential) please contact Anthony Rewak 4222 2465 or Anthony.rewak@dow.org.au**

2018 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS: If you are celebrating 25, 40, 50 or 60 years of marriage this year and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on Sunday 19th August 2018 at 2pm, please contact Helen on 4222 2403 or email helen.bennett@dow.org.au at the Office of the Bishop **by Friday 13th July** and an invitation will be sent to you.

RENEWING PARISH CULTURE: Missionary Disciples, Divine Renovation & Alpha. Thursday 19th July 7.30pm - 9.30pm at Campbelltown Catholic Club. Presenter: Ron Huntley. RSVP: Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au. This evening is taking up Pope Francis' call to be a more outward looking, missional Church.

Men ALIVE: MACARTHUR REGION WEEKEND: 4-5 August 2018: Parish Hall @ St John the Evangelist Church, Campbelltown. Please see the brochures on the tables at the entrance to the Church.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: *The Parish has a Parish Rosary Statue that Parishioners are able to have in their homes and pray the Rosary as a family.* If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry and have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home during 2018, **please phone Bev on: 4625 0659**

Diary Dates:

26th June: St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
28th June: Retiree's Social Group Gathering after the 9.30am Mass in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) (all Retiree's over 55 are most welcome), come for a chat, laugh and a cuppa
3rd July: Catechist Meeting at 1.00pm in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

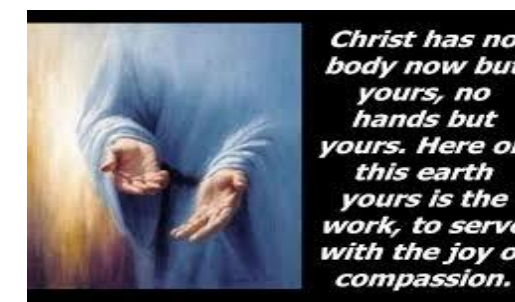
- EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**
Saturday 30th June: Saturday Vigil Mass: Trish Newman & James Munro
Sunday 1st July: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue & Mavon Vaughan
Saturday 7th July: Saturday Vigil Mass: John Green & Bev McKenzie
Sunday 8th July: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue & Julie Writer

- READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**
Saturday 30th June: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel & James Munro
Sunday 1st July: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Maureen Molland & May Michelutti
Saturday 7th July: Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie McKenzie & Ian Star
Sunday 8th July: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Samoan Community

- USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**
Saturday 30th June: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne
Sunday 1st July: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley
Saturday 7th July: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
Sunday 8th July: Gwen & Brian Harris

- CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**
Saturday 30th June: Group 6: Elisapeta Misinale (Tongan Community).
Saturday 7th July: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Kathy Donachie and Eugene Wasko

- REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS:**
Sunday 8th July: Group 3: Julie Writer, Maryse Parisi, Catherine Minogue, Yvonne Reddy and Rosalie Vine



Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours. Here on this earth yours is the work, to serve with the joy of compassion.