

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B



14th January 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.

FR MICHAEL'S 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 last 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.
God Bless *Fr Michael*



CONGRATULATIONS FR MICHAEL: On celebrating your 1st Anniversary as our Parish Priest.

Your abiding devotion and faithful service to the Lord has touched countless hearts and inspired so many souls, what a Blessing you are to all of us.

God's blessings on you and thank you for all you do.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN OUR PARISH: Who is ill/or unable to come to Mass and would like to have Holy Communion please inform either Fr Michael or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We currently have 2 Acolytes' who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.

PARISHIONER'S BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:

18th: *Rosalie Vine and Eleanor Berbari*

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr Michael, 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: (John) Jack McInerney, Heidi Thompson, Ev McInerney, Jim McKenzie, Mary McInerney, Maurya Hutton, Fr Tony Daly, Ralph Carmona, 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.

PARISH LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Thank you to the many people who have supported these Parish Fundraising Raffles. We still have 1 prize that needs to be collected: L J Thomas. If they could please come to the Parish Office or see Fr Michael. *Wishing you all very best for the coming year.* *The Parish Ladies Group*

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.

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.

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 the Parish Piety Stall this year.

REMINDER: There are still Rosters for collection (on the table at the entrance of the Church) for Readers' and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Parents Information/Enrolment Evening: Monday 12th February at 7.00pm in the Parish Church. Candidates have to be Baptised Catholic and in Years 3 and above.

CHILDRENS LITURGY COORDINATOR: We are seeking the time and talents of one or two parishioners to coordinate the Childrens Liturgy Program. Childrens Liturgy runs each Sunday of school term, during the 9am Mass. For more information please contact Mike Young on 0414999606.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: will have its first meeting of the year on Tuesday 6th February. If you have any agenda items you would like discussed, please send to the Parish Office from where they will be forwarded to the Chairperson.

FRENCH MASS: To be celebrated Sunday 14th January at St John the Evangelist, Cnr Lindesay and Cordeaux St Campbelltown at 6.00pm

REGIONAL FAREWELL MASS FOR BISHOP PETER INGHAM TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2018: Fr Peter Caruana—on behalf of the Eastern Macarthur region of the Diocese—has warmly invited our parish to attend a **farewell Mass for Bishop Peter Ingham at 7:30pm on Shrove Tuesday 13 February 2018 at Holy Family Catholic Church, Ingleburn** (136 Oxford Rd). Bishop Peter will preside at the Mass and it will be a great opportunity for parishioners to say their farewells. Refreshments will follow immediately after the Mass. No RSVP is necessary.

PARISH SEATING AT THE ORDINATION OF BISHOP BRIAN ON 22 FEBRUARY: Our Parish will be seated together as a group at the Ordination of our new Bishop-elect Brian Mascord at 7:00pm on Thursday, 22 February 2018 at the WIN Entertainment Centre, Wollongong.

If you would like to attend the Ordination, and if you are a parishioner of our Parish, then please reply either via email (ruse@dow.org.au) or on the clipboard on the table at the main entrance to the Church as soon as possible, and **before 26 January 2018.**

Please reply giving the following information:

- Name(s) of those attending (including adults and children)
- The number of those who will need mobility access (wheelchair, walker etc.)
- The number of those who will need an AUSLAN interpreter

The image is the stained glass window from the Chair of St Peter in St Peter's Basilica in The Vatican. As the Ordination is being celebrated on the Feast of the Chair of St Peter.

IMPORTANT LITURGICAL DATES FOR 2018:

Ash Wednesday	14 February
Easter Sunday	1 April
Pentecost	20 May

Diary Dates:

29th January: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
5th February: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre (1st for 2018)
6th February: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the Parish Hall (Chelsea House) (1st for 2018)

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: *During the Christmas Season and School holidays, the Rosary Statue will not be going to Parishioners Homes until February 2018.* 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**

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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

20th January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Trish Newman & Maureen Molland
21st January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Faye & Junior Faamau
27th January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie McKenzie & James Munro
28th January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan & Annette Read

• **READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

20th January: Saturday Vigil Mass: May Michelutti & Bev McKenzie
21st January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris & Brian O'Brien
27th January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie & Marisel King
28th January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris & Brian O'Brien

• **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

20th January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne
21st January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy
27th January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
28th January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

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

Saturday 20th January: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community
Saturday 27th January: Group 5: Samoan Divine Mercy Group

The **MASS** consists in some sense of two parts, namely the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, these being so closely interconnected that they form but one single act of worship.

For in the Mass is spread the table both of God's Word and of the Body of Christ, and from it the faithful are to be instructed and refreshed.

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