

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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20th 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.*

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.

IMPORTANT LITURGICAL DATES FOR 2019:

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

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community *Serah Phoebe McMahan* who was Baptised last weekend.

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: 6.30pm Baptism Preparation Class (1st for 2019) in the Parish Centre

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:

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Saturday 26th January: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari

Sunday 27th January: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

Saturday 2nd February: Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne

Sunday 3rd February: 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy

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

Saturday 26th January: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland and Ian Star

Sunday 27th January: 9.00am Mass: Alison Hourigan and Christine Foreman

Saturday 2nd February: Vigil Mass: Ian Star and Julie McKenzie

Sunday 3rd February: 9.00am Mass: Feyise and Tess Writer

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

Saturday 26th January: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and James Munro

Sunday 27th January: 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue and Annette Read

Saturday 2nd February: Vigil Mass: Trish Newman and Bertha Berbari

Sunday 3rd February: 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan and Julie Writer

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

Saturday 26th January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari

Sunday 27th January: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

Saturday 2nd February: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star

Sunday 3rd February: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

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

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

Saturday 2nd February: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group

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 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.*

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR THIS WEEK:
23rd: Seta and Peter Berbari (16 years)

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

Diane McCrorey (Anniv), Peter Hampton (Anniv), Jerry Andre, John (Jack) McInerney, 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.

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**

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 BULLETIN ADVERTISING: If you would like to advertise your Business on the back cover of our Parish Bulletin, either single or double business card size please either speak with Barry Daley or contact the Parish Office for more information.

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 LAWNS AND WATERING: Thank you to the gentlemen who came and mowed our Parish Lawns during the past week. Thank you also to those who come and water our plants. If you have a spare half an hour (in your time) and would like to help keep the Parish grounds in order, **it would be most appreciative.** Please speak with either Fr Michael or Barry Daley.

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: 21st/22nd September 2019
More details to follow regarding times etc for the Sacraments for this year.

TAKE A RISK AND GIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH: In our parish, there is a team of volunteers that 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. We were all given our gift of faith by someone—someone who stepped-up for us so that we would know Jesus. 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. Take a risk and give the gift of faith. Become a Catechist teacher or helper today! **For more information, please speak with Fr Michael. Please prayer about this Parish Ministry**

MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE, VARROVILLE:

Sat. 9th February 10.30am-4.00pm Paths of Carmel: The Spiritual Canticle – Presenter: Fr Paul Maunder OCD. \$30. Per person. Reflections on the Spiritual Canticle of St John of the Cross.

Sat. 2nd March 10.30am – 4.00pm "Laudato Si, Mi' Signore" A Prayerful and interactive encounter with creation. "Praise be to you, my Lord". This retreat will encourage you to bend your knees and pray in solidarity with all creatures. Presenter: Fr Michael Dyer.

For further information please contact Carla: on (02) 8795 3400 or email: retreats@carelite.com

CALLING ALL BUSINESS PEOPLE: Bishop Brian Mascord recently launched Catholic Business Connections (CBC)—an opportunity for business women and men in our diocese (active and retired) who share common values, to network and engage with leaders representing the diocese. CBC will gather three or four times a year for lunch and to listen to guest speakers chosen to inspire with their unique story. The next gathering is on Tuesday 19 February 2019 at Rydges Hotel, Campbelltown (12pm–2pm). **Robert Fitzgerald AM** will be speaking on *Trust and Integrity— Touchstones for Success in Private and Public Life*. For more information on CBC and how to join, visit dow.sh/cbc. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

Prayer for Rain & Relief from the heat

Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can really fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs. But You want us to ask you anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on you. Look to our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice and rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of all will be made glad. Amen.



