

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
YEAR C



9<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**OUR PARISH WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME FR MARK De BATTISTA** this weekend. Fr Mark will be talking about the Eric Genuis Concert being held in our Parish Church on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March (see main notices for more details).

*Thank You!*

**TO THE MANY PARISHIONERS IN THE VARIOUS PARISH MINISTRIES:** for the giving of their time and talents for our Parish. You are greatly appreciated. Acolyte's, Sacristan's (including the washing/ironing of the Church Linen), Prayers of Intercessions Creator's, Church Cleaner's, Flower arrangers, Musician's (all Choir's), Powerpoint Creator and operator's, Extraordinary Ministers Of Communion, Usher's, Parish Counter's, Catechist's, Sacramental Team, Children's Liturgy Teacher's, Baptism Preparation, Parish Ladies Group, St Vincent de Paul, Refreshments after Mass groups, and the many other Parish Ministry Groups.

**PARISH JESSE TREE:** To all who have taken Christmas Tags from the Jesse Tree. As Fr Michael said, each tag represents a Child whose family is assisted by our Vinnies Conference. Could all gifts be **returned by this Wednesday**, please as the St Vincent de Paul Members will be distributing the gifts this Friday. If you are unable to bring them to the Church, they can be dropped in to the Office during normal business hours.

**CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION and MASS TIMES:**

**Reconciliation:**

**20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December:** after the 9.30am Mass

**22<sup>nd</sup> December:** 11am – 12noon and 4.30pm-5.30pm

**Christmas Mass Timetable:**

**Christmas Eve Vigil Mass:** (5.30pm Christmas Carols) 6.00pm Mass

**Midnight Mass:** (11.30pm Christmas Carols) 12midnight Mass

**Christmas Day:** (8.30am Christmas Carols) 9.00am Mass

**New Years Day:** 9.30am Mass

**READERS FOR CHRISTMAS and NEW YEARS DAY:**

**Christmas Eve:** Ian Star and Julie McKenzie

**Midnight Mass:** James and Carmel Munro

**Christmas Day:** Marian Cross and Barry Daley

**New Years Day:** May Michelutti and Annette Read

**EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR:**

**Christmas Eve Vigil Mass:** Bev McKenzie and Trish Newman

**Midnight Mass:** Annette Read

**Christmas Day:** Loretta and Lafitaga Tuigamala

**New Year's Day Mass:** Julie Writer and Bev McKenzie

**PARISH LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Tickets are on sale before and after our Parish Masses this weekend and will be drawn next Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Rose Sunday)) at the morning tea after the 9.00am Mass. We have 6 fantastic prizes and tickets are \$1.00 each. *Please support this Parish Fundraiser.*



**ROSE SUNDAY**, the Third Sunday of Advent, is the midpoint Of our preparation for the birth of our Saviour, Jesus. It is a time to encourage each other in our spiritual preparation for Christmas.

**You are invited to attend the 9am Mass next Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, and join in a special Morning Tea following Mass.** This will be in Chelsea House (Parish Hall). Please place your name and number attending on the clipboard at the back of the Church. Alternately, please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or email to [ruse@dow.org.au](mailto:ruse@dow.org.au). *It would be appreciated if you are able to bring a plate of food to share.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED and the ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Pedro Santos, Fr Tony Daly, Deborah Rix, Jim McKenzie, Mary Writer, John Read, Alice Harris, Ladislav Feher, Bobby Cameron, Maurya Hutton, Bernard Hoffmann and Maria Cabonara.

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

**PARISHIONER'S BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS COMING WEEK:**

**13<sup>th</sup>:** Russell Goodall **14<sup>th</sup>:** Aggie D'Sa

**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](mailto:ruse@dow.org.au)

**PARISH PIETY STALL:** We have more stock available of the **2019 Columban Christmas** – great value for \$9.00 each. **Saviour: advent program 2018 book:** ample copies are still available for **\$3.50 per copy**. There are plenty of St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards, please lots of last-minute Christmas gift ideas. Come and peruse our Parish Piety Stall.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2018:** Is held at the beginning of the Sunday 9.00am Mass (during School Terms).

**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. This Tuesday is the last one for 2018.

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:** The Catholic Bishops of Australia have asked us to respond to 3 questions about the future of the church. **1.** What do you think god is asking of us in Australia at this time? **2.** What questions do you have about the future of the church for the plenary council to consider in 2020? **3.** Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the church you would like to share? **You are invited to: attend the meeting to be held in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.** Join a small group discussion, provide written feedback or make a submission on line. Our Parish local animator is: Mike Young

**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.

**ST THOMAS MORE PARISH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** **End of School Year Mass held here, (Parish Church) on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at the usual 9.30am morning Mass.** Please take home a copy of our Parish Catholic Primary School Newsletter.

**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.ericgenuisour.com](http://www.ericgenuisour.com). This weekend of (8/9 Dec) Fr Mark De Battista will be here promoting the concert in our parish. A parish event not to be missed. Your support will support our parish. **With kind regards, Fr Michael.**

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** *The Parish has a Parish Rosary Statue that Parishioners are able to have in their homes and prayer 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.**

**Parish Diary Dates:**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** *St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting* (to be held off site)

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** *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

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** *Plenary Council 2020* meeting in Chelsea House at 7.30pm (supper will be provided). Come along and have your say (see main notices)

**PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

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

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** *Saturday Vigil Mass: Trish Newman & James Munro*

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** *Sunday 9,00am Mass: Julie Writer & Annette Read*

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December:** *Saturday Vigil Mass: Bertha Berbari & John Greene*

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December:** *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan & Annette Read*

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

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** *Saturday Vigil Mass: David Minogue & Carmel Munro*

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Feyise & Tess Writer*

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December:** *Saturday Vigil Mass: Kerry Hennessy and Bev McKenzie*

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December:** *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Elisapeta Minisale & Jim Writer*

• **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** *Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland*

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley*

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December:** *Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro*

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December:** *Sunday 9.00am Mass: Brian & Gwen Harris*

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

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** *Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community*

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December:** *Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy*

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Rose Sunday) Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** *All donations would be welcome to share with Parishioners and Visitors who attend this Mass*

**Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent Year C**

Jesus, you came among us, with the irresistible power of a baby, requiring both our hands and captivating our whole hearts. Help us to cast aside the sin and brokenness that we cling to, so we might be ready to hold you when you come again. **Amen**

