

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B



21st 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:

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*

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:

26th: *Bill Fabry*

PARISHIONER'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

23rd: *Seta & Peter Barbari (15 years)*

25th: *Maree & Noel Laming (60 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

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for \$2.00 per copy. Many interesting articles for your perusal.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr Michael, Fr David Catterall, Patricia McInerney, Helen Rawson, 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: Aida Evans (R.D.), Marj Esdall (R.D.), Heidi Thompson, Jim McKenzie, 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: *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.*

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.

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.

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.

PARISH LENTEN GROUPS 2018: Lent begins on Wednesday 14th February. There is a clipboard on the table at the entrance to the Church. Please put your name down for if you would like to host a group or join in a group. Also if you wish to purchase the Lenten Book and/or CD.

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

This is a ticketed event

DIOCESAN CHOIR FOR ORDINATION: The Diocesan Choir will be singing at the ordination of Bishop-elect Brian Mascord. Advice of rehearsal dates and times has been sent to current members of the Diocesan Choir. If you wish to join the Diocesan Choir, please complete the form at the following link: <http://www.liturgydow.org.au/diocesan-choir.html>



WHERE IS BISHOP-ELECT BRIAN MASCORD FROM?: He was born in Newcastle, NSW 30 January 1959. He achieved a Diploma of Teaching at the Catholic College of Education at Castle Hill, he continued his studies at St Patrick's College, Manly. Where he obtained a Bachelor of Theology. He was ordained a Priest on 31 October 1992 in Hamilton by Bishop Leo E Clark, and was incardinated in the Diocese of Maitland (later Maitland-Newcastle). From 1993 to 96, he worked as an assistant Priest and administrator in the parishes of Taree, Hamilton and Stockton. He then served as parish Priest at: Cardiff, East Maitland and Morpeth, Maitland, Lochinvar and Rutherford. Since 2007, he has been the vocations director. Moreover, he has been working as administrator for the parishes of Nelson Bay and also Mayfield and Mayfield West. He has been a long-standing member of the Council of Priests (2006 to present) and is currently a member of the diocesan Clergy Life and Ministry Team (2013-to present) and of the National Council for Clergy Life and Ministry (2015-present). Since 2012, Brian has been the vicar general of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

Bishop Peter Ingham has asked Brian to deliver the annual Lenten video message for 2018 as a way of introducing him to the people of the Diocese before his ordination.

Diary Dates:

25th January: after 9.30am Mass: **Retiree's Social Group Gathering (Retiree's over 55)** (1st for 2018) in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) all Retiree's are most welcome (come for a chat, cuppa and a laugh)
29th January: **7.00pm** Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
5th February: **7.30pm** Parish Ladies Group AGM and meeting in the Parish Centre (1st for 2018)
6th February: **7.30pm** Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) (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:**

27th January: **Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie McKenzie & James Munro**
28th January: **Sunday 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan & Annette Read**
3rd February: **Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron & Julie McKenzie**
4th February: **Sunday 9.00am Mass: Annette Read & Julie Writer**

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

27th January: **Saturday Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie & Marisel King**
28th January: **Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris & Brian O'Brien**
3rd February: **Saturday Vigil Mass: Marisel King & Julie McKenzie**
4th February: **Sunday 9.00am Mass: Bill George & Marian Cross**

- **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

27th January: **Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland**
28th January: **Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman**
3rd February: **Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro**
4th February: **Sunday 9.00am Mass: Brian & Gwen Harris**

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

Saturday 27th January: Group 5: Samoan Divine Mercy Group
Saturday 3rd February: Group 6: Elisapeta Misinale

ALPHA – BEGIN THE JOURNEY: Wednesday 7 Feb, 7pm-9pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 80 Demetrius Rd Rosemeadow. Do you know someone who hasn't been to church for a while? Maybe never been to Church at all? Perhaps you come to Church but want to get to know God better or are struggling with life's big questions? You're invited to come along and try Alpha, a fun and friendly series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. Just so that there's plenty of food for you please RSVP to the Rosemeadow Parish Office (46281385) and let them know you'll be attending.

