

**Third Sunday of Advent Year A**



15<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**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.*

*All Parishioners and visitors are invited to join in a special Morning Tea following today's 9.00am Mass. This will be held in Chelsea House.*

**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.**

**CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION and MASS TIMETABLE: Reconciliation:**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December:** 4.30pm – 5.30pm  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** 10.00am – 12noon

**CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS TIMETABLE:**

**Christmas Eve Vigil Mass:** (5.30pm Christmas Carols and Children's Pageant) 6.00pm Mass  
**Midnight Mass:** (11.30pm Christmas Carols) 12midnight Mass  
**Christmas Day:** (8.30am Christmas Carols) 9.00am Mass  
**New Year's Day:** 9.30am Mass

**READER'S FOR CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S DAY:**

**Christmas Eve:** Julie McKenzie and Ian Star  
**Midnight Mass:** May Michelutti and Carmel Munro  
**Christmas Day:** Feyise and Tess Writer  
**New Year's Day:** Bev McKenzie and Marian Cross

**EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION for CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S DAY:**

**Christmas Eve Vigil:** Julie Writer and Bev McKenzie  
**Midnight Mass:** Faye Faamau  
**Christmas Day:** Catherine Minogue and Mavon Vaughan  
**New Year's Day:**

**PARISH LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Tickets will be on sale (\$1.00) at Masses this weekend and will be drawn at the Morning Tea. The Winners will be notified and printed in next weeks Parish Bulletin. Wishing all those who have supported this Parish Fundraiser all the very best and thank you for your continued Support. Half of the funds collected will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Bushfire Appeal.



**THANK YOU:** To the many Parishioners in the various Parish Ministries: for the giving of your time and talents which enhances Our Parish Liturgies and beautifies the Parish Church and Grounds. If you are interested in joining one or more of our Parish Ministries you are most welcome. The Parish is always looking for more Volunteers eg: to list a few: Reader's,

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Church Cleaning, Choir, Powerpoint Creator's and Operators, Sacristan's, Children's Liturgy, Catechists (Teacher's and Class room helpers), Sacramental Team, Parish Counter's, Baptism Preparation, St Vincent de Paul, Parish Ladies Group, Refreshments After Mass and the many more Parish Ministries. This is another Way to become involved in the Parish, meet new friends etc. Please either see Fr Michael, any member of the Parish Pastoral Council or contact the Parish Office.

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community **Capri Elizabeth Emalini Turaganivolo** who was Baptised last weekend.

**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).  
**Parishioner's Birthday this coming week:**  
**14<sup>th</sup>:** *Aggie D'Sa*

**Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary this coming week:**  
**14<sup>th</sup>:** *Chris and Brian O'Brien (45 years)*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The recently deceased and the Anniversaries that occur at this time: Fr Tony Daly, John Read, Jim McKenzie, Mary Writer, Bobby Cameron, Alice Harris, Deborah Rix, Bernard Hoffmann, Maurya Hutton, Ladislav Feher and Maria Cabonara

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Mary Dolan, Frank Byron, Sean Scanlon, Kellie Brandes, Brian Harris, Francisco Carmona, David Minogue, Daphne and Edmund Pew, Luke Van Der Burg, Briege Glover, Steve Foreman, Fr John Whitty, Elaine Hoffmann, Ellen Healy, Patricia McInerney, Betty Berthon, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, Aimiti Seufatu, John Hill, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

**PARISH JESSE TREE GIFTS:** *Can the unwrapped gifts please be returned ASAP,* or be delivered to the Parish Office during Office Hours. **Thank you in advance for your continuing generosity.**

**PARISH CHURCH CLEANER'S ROSTER:** ends at the end of December. If you would like to join this very important Parish Ministry or continue, it would be greatly appreciated. You are appreciated by all who come to worship in our Parish. Please put your details down on the Clip board on the main table at the Entrance to the Church. **Thanking you in advance.**

**ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME 2020:** is held in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) on Tuesdays 9.30am-11.30am during School Terms. Please contact Catherine on 4627 1842 for details.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2020:** Is held during the 9.00am Sunday Mass during School Terms. This is for Kindergarten up to and including Year 6 school students. If you would like to know more about this Parish Ministry or become a helper please contact Joanne on: 0421 802 132

**ADVERTISING ON THE BACK COVER OF THE PARISH BULLETIN:** If you would like to advertise your Business on the back cover of the Parish Bulletin please see/contact either Fr Michael, Barry Daley (Chairman Parish Finance Council) or the Parish Office. A business card size is \$275.00 (includes GST) or double business card size is \$550.00 (includes GST) this cost covers advertising for 12 months.

**PARISH PIETY STALL:** Looking for that extra special Christmas gift, come and look at the Piety Stall, there are many gift ideas etc. 2020 Columban Calendars are still available.

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Great value for only \$2.00 (to be placed in the red letterbox)

**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. **You can join by the envelope system or Direct Debit.** There are forms on the table at the main entrance of the Church. For more information, please either contact the Parish Office or see Fr Michael.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 2020:** For Baptised children in Year 3 (in 2020) and above. The Parent/Carer • Information and Enrolment Evening is Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.00pm. Information for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be available early next year.

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** The End of School Year Mass will be held here (Parish Church) this coming Tuesday (17<sup>th</sup> December) at the usual 9.30am Morning Mass. All Parishioners are invited to attend.

**Wishing all our Parish School Children, their families and Teacher's a very happy, restful, Holy and Blessed Christmas and the very best for 2020.**

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO SHOW-Airs 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Reflections from: Peter Gilmore, Mother Hilda Scott, Fr Dave Callaghan and Marilyn Rodrigues. Tune into LIFE 101.0 or 98.5 or to go [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) to ensure that you never miss a show, it can be sent to you each week as a Podcast via email – for free.

**THE RELICS of much-loved Carmelite Saint, St Therese of Lisieux** plus her parents, St's Louis and Zelig Martin are coming to Australia for a national tour in 2020. They are coming to Varroville for a visit from 22 January until 1 February 2020, when the official tour begins. The relics will be in the Parish Church at Our Lady of Mt Carmel. From Sat 25 January until Tuesday 28 January 2020 for public veneration and all are most warmly invited to attend.

**PARISH DIARY DATES TO NOTE:**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Parish Finance Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre (last for 2019)

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

**USHERS**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland+**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris**  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro**  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman**

**READERS:**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Pauline Menzies**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: 9.00am Mass: Feyise and Tess Writer**  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December: Vigil Mass: Stephanie Roux and Carmel Munro**  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December: 9.00am Mass: Maureen Molland and Andrew O'Halloran**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December: Vigil Mass: Bertha Barbari and John Greene**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan and Annette Read**  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December: Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron and Bev McKenzie**  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December: 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue And Julie Writer**

**POWERPOINT OPERATOR'S:**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris**  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December: Vigil Mass: Chantal Barbari**  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris**

**CHURCH CLEANERS:**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community**  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December: Group 6: Tongan Community**

Rejoice in the Lord always,  
I will say it again:  
REJOICE



**WHY DO PRIESTS WEAR ROSE VESTMENTS ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT?**

- The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday or Rejoice Sunday
- Baudete is the Latin word that means rejoice. This is why Priests have the option of wearing Rose on this Particular Sunday.
- The Third Sunday of Advent indicates that the season of penance is coming to an end and soon we will be rejoicing in the celebration of Christmas