

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
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16<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. "Any more 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 TIMES:**

**Reconciliation:**

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December: after 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 Year's 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 Year's 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 and Bertha Barbari

**Christmas Day:** Loretta and Lafitaga Tuigamala

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



**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 in Chelsea House (Parish Hall).

*Thank You!*

**TO THE MANY PARISHIONERS IN THE VARIOUS PARISH MINISTRIES:** for giving of their time and talents for our Parish. 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.

**You are greatly appreciated**

**PARISH LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Tickets are on sale before and after our Parish Masses this weekend and will be drawn today (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. The winners will be in next weekends Parish Bulletin.**

**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, 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, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

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

21<sup>st</sup>: Jeff Cross

**BELATED WEDDING FOR LAST WEEK**

14<sup>th</sup>: Brian and Chris O'Brien (44 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](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:** Has ceased for this year and will return on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:** Big "Thank You" to the parishioners who attended the first meeting and to those who have responded on line! ([plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)) There will be another **PLENARY 2020 MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY 19.12.2018 7.30PM.** All are most welcome! Light Supper Provided! The meeting will take place in Chelsea Hall (Parish Hall)! Please come armed with questions, stories and experiences of Faith! **This is a wonderful and rare opportunity to listen to others, have your say and make your recommendations!** I look forward to seeing you there!

**Mike Young** Chairperson Ruse Parish Council ☩

**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.

**YOUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE** is extremely grateful for the support of parishioners again during a difficult 2018. We are encouraged in our work when we witness your generous support for the Winter Appeal, our drought appeal and especially the Jesse Tree. We must praise & thank the Parish Ladies Group for the later. The toys received this year have been amazing and will brighten Christmas for many young people in our community. Our supporters throughout the St Thomas More Parish are too many to acknowledge in this brief note but we thank you all! **God bless and Merry Christmas on behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society Ruse/ Airds conference.**

**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](http://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.**

**ST THOMAS MORE PARISH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

**End of School Year Mass held here, (Parish Church) this 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 the last for 2018.

**Wishing all our Parish School Children and their families a very happy, restful, Holy and Blessed Christmas and the very best for 2019.**

**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:**

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

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

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

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bertha Barbari and John Greene**

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

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: See notices**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Midnight Mass: See notices**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Day Mass: See notices**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December: Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron and Bev McKenzie**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue and Julie Writer**

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

**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 and Bev McKenzie**

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**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maryse Parisi and Pauline Menzies**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December: Sunday 9.00am Mass: May Michelutti and Alison Hourigan**

• **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

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

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

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December: Saturday Vigil Mass: HELP REQUIRED**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman**

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

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

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December: Group 6: Tongan Community**



