

The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
Year B



31st December 2017

**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:**

*A heartfelt THANK YOU to all those who gave me cards and gifts for Christmas. I am deeply touched by your generosity.*

*Thank you to all who have worked for and been of service to our Parish in so many, many ways over the past 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*

**NEW YEARS DAY MASS TIMETABLE:**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December:**  
**6.00pm:** Vigil Mass for *The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

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**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January:**  
**9.00am:** Mass for the *HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

**READER'S FOR NEW YEARS DAY:**

*1st January: 9.00am Mass: Julie & Jim Writer*

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER'S OF COMMUNION:**

*1st January: 9.00am Mass: Fay & Junior Faamau*

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

**2018:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Jan:** *Chris Mawere*

**PARISHIONER'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**WEEK:**

**29<sup>th</sup>:** *Hazel & Hector Bernardino (57 years)*

**30<sup>th</sup>:** *Christine & Russell Goodall (28 years)*

**2018:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Jan:** *Theresa & Joe Berbari (48 years)*

**4<sup>th</sup>:** *Daphne & Edmund Pew (60 years)*

**5<sup>th</sup>:** *Tresora & Brian Wyer (55 years) and*

*Rosalie & Chris Vine (49 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)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr Michael, Fr David Catterall, Patricia McInerney, Helen Rawson, Colleen Keane, 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:** Heidi Thompson (R.D.), Ev McInerney (Anniv), Jim McKenzie, Mary McInerney, 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.*

**THANK YOU TO THE MANY PARISHIONERS:**

Who prepared our Parish Church and grounds for the Christmas/New Year celebrations. The Gifts of your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

**THANK YOU TO THE MANY PARISHIONERS/VISITORS:**

who attended our Christmas Masses, Children's Pageant and Christmas Carols. To the many Parishioners who helped in and with the preparations eg: Powerpoint creator, Musician's, Choirs, Pageant coordinator etc. Thank you all once again. Your gifts and treasures are greatly appreciated.

**PARISH LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Thank you to the many people who have supported these Parish Fundraising Raffles. The winners of our Christmas Raffle were: *Maureen Hennessy, Gabbie Menzies, Kerry Walker, Bill George, L J Thomas, Mia Graham, Annette Read and Noel Laming. Wishing you all very best for the coming year.*  
*The Parish Ladies Group*

**THANK YOU FROM ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:**

As 2017 draws to a close, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the Council members for their dedication and assistance in carrying out their Council and Ministry requirements. These sentiments I would like to extend to all participants in the Ministries for the enthusiasm and effort they put into carrying out their Stewardship. On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Holy Christmas and may the New Year bring you everything you wish for.

*Mike Young - Chairperson - Parish Pastoral Council*

**THANK YOU: ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:** Your St Vincent de Paul Conference is extremely grateful for the support of parishioners again during a busy 2017. We are encouraged in our work when we witness your generous support for the Winter Appeal, Assist a Student Weekend and especially the Jesse Tree. We must thank the Parish Ladies Group for the later but our supporters throughout the St Thomas More Community are too many to acknowledge in this brief note.

This Christmas we have been able to assist 78 households. All up these festive gifts brought the hope of Christmas to 259 people. We could not do this without you. Our work is very rewarding but we still need new members. Our recent recruitment weekend was the first of what we hope will become an annual event. The result was encouraging but new members remain a priority for us. We encourage you to give this your prayerful consideration. God bless and Merry Christmas on behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society Ruse/ Airs conference.

**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.

**KEEP THIS DATE FREE:** Our new Bishop, Brian Mascord, will be ordained as the 5<sup>th</sup> bishop of Wollongong at 7.00pm Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, (the Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle). The Ordination will take place at the WIN Entertainment Centre, Wollongong. Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Bishop Peter Ingham and Bishop William Wright will be the main consecrating bishops. Further details will be published when they are available.

**IMPORTANT LITURGICAL DATES FOR 2018:**

Ash Wednesday	14 February
Easter Sunday	1 April
Pentecost	20 May

**CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MESSAGE** from Most Rev Peter W Ingham: My warmest good wishes and blessings for Christmas and the New Year to all our Parishioners and Visitor's.

*Most Rev Peter W Ingham*

Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Wollongong

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** *During the Christmas Season and School holidays, the Rosary Statue will not be going to Parishioners Homes until February 2018. I take this opportunity to thank the Parishioners who have had the Rosary Statue in their homes during 2017. I wish them and their families a joyous Christmas and God's Blessings.* If you would like to 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:**  
**2018**

*6<sup>th</sup> January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie & Bev McKenzie*  
*7<sup>th</sup> January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue & Julie Writer*  
*13<sup>th</sup> January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron & Bertha Berbari*  
*14<sup>th</sup> January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan & Annette Read*

- READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
**2018**

*6<sup>th</sup> January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie McKenzie & Kerry Hennessy*  
*7<sup>th</sup> January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Feyise & Tess Writer*  
*13<sup>th</sup> January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Kerry Hennessy & May Michelutti*  
*14<sup>th</sup> January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Tess & Feyise Writer*

- USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
**2018**

*6<sup>th</sup> January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne*  
*7<sup>th</sup> January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Brian & Gwen Harris*  
*13<sup>th</sup> January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro*  
*14<sup>th</sup> January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley*

- CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:**  
**2018**

*Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January: Group 3: Christine Foreman, James & Carmel Munro*  
*Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Colleen Jablonskis, Fay Faamau & Rosa & Manuel Herrera*

May **GOD** be with you  
through **NEW YEAR**

and fill your life with  
**COMFORT, LOVE** and **CHEER.**  
May this day and the days ahead,  
Hold many **BLESSINGS**  
for you and yours.

*Happy New Year!*

