

**THE PRESENTATION of the LORD**  
Year A



2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

**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. "Anytime 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.**



**VINNIES BUSHFIRE APPEAL:**

Thank you to the many Parishioners and visitor's to our Parish last weekend who donated to this Appeal. Our Parish was able to send through (so far) the amount of \$2,605.60. If you still wish to donate through the cash system, there are envelopes on all the tables at the entrance of the Church. These envelopes can be placed in either collection baskets. If you require a receipt please put on the front of the envelope: your name/address/contact number and the amount enclosed in the envelope. Or if you wish to donate online: [at https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw](https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw).

*Thank you to those who have already contributed to support Affected communities.*

**DIARY DATES:**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: 6.30pm: Baptism Preparation Class** in the Parish Centre  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group** meeting (1<sup>st</sup> for 2020) in the Parish Centre  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February: after the 9.30am morning Mass Parish Retiree's Social Group Gathering** in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) (1<sup>st</sup> for 2020)  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting (1<sup>st</sup> for 2020) in the Parish Centre  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council** meeting (1<sup>st</sup> for 2020) in the Parish Centre

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

**USHERS**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari**  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland**  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris**

**READERS:**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February: Vigil Mass: Ian Star and Karen Battour**  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February: 9.00am Mass: Maureen Molland and Annette Read**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February: Vigil Mass: Karen Battour and Pauline Menzies**  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February: 9.00am Mass: Chris and Brian O'Brien**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February: Vigil Mass: Bertha Berbari and Maureen Molland**  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February: 9.00am Mass: Loretta and Lafitige Tuigamala**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Trish Newman**  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February: 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau and Julie Writer**

**POWERPOINT OPERATOR'S:**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari**  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star**  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris**

**CHURCH CLEANERS:**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February: Group 6: Tongan Community**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community**

**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 Birthdays this coming week:**

1<sup>st</sup>: **Robert Wrona**  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **Michael Cabonara**  
6<sup>th</sup>: **Francesca Chow**

**Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary this coming week:**

5<sup>th</sup>: **Cathy and Michael Bye (48 years)**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The recently deceased and the Anniversaries that occur at this time: Neal Gattenhof, Sergi Ovchinnikov, Olga Saulig, Marie McGrath, John (Jack) McInerney, Jim McKenzie, Fr Tony Daly, John Read, Mary Writer, Bobby Cameron, Alice Harris, Marguerite (Marg) Davis, Maree Laming, Jay Jablonskis, Deborah Rix, Bernard Hoffmann, Maurya Hutton, Ladislav Feher and Maria Cabonara. **May they rest in peace**

**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 ROSARY STATUE:** If you would like to have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home during 2020 please phone Bev on 4625 0659.

**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 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 at a later date.

**PARISH MINISTRIES:** If you would like to become involved in any our Parish Ministries please see/speak with Fr Michael. **We have many Parish Ministries that are looking/requiring more Volunteers.**

*Thanking you in anticipation.*

**PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Is during the 9.00am Mass, for school aged children (Kindergarten to Year 6 inclusive). It is held during the School Terms. For more information please contact Joanne on 0421802132. We are always on the search for more teachers/helpers.

**RETIREE'S (over 55) SOCIAL GROUP GATHERING 2020:**

Our first get together for 2020 this Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February, after the 9.30am Morning Mass in Chelsea House. **Come and share a cuppa with these vibrant young parishioners.**

**ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME 2020:** Returns Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 9.30am – 11.30am. This is held in Chelsea House (Parish Hall). Mums, dads, grandparents, carers etc come along with the children. Come for a cuppa and a chat while the children play, do craft, read stories etc. Gold coin donation. For further information please contact Catherine on 4627 1842

**WELCOME TO THE 2020 SCHOOL YEAR:** Our Parish would like to welcome back to the School Year, our Parish Teacher's, School Students and families and wish you the very best for the year ahead.

**CALLING FOR CATECHIST'S and/or CLASS ROOM HELPER'S:**

Level 1 Training Course for Catechists (including Child Protection and Classroom Management and Mission and Ministry of the Catechist) At CCD Micah House, Cordeaux St, Campbelltown to start Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February for 6 consecutive Mondays) 9.30am -1.30pm. For more information please contact Cindy on 4640 855 or [cindy.oviver@dow.org.au](mailto:cindy.oviver@dow.org.au) Book by 27 January.

**MACARTHUR SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK:** The first Meeting of the Macarthur Social Justice Network (MSJN) for 2020 will be held next **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020 @ 2.30pm** in Chelsea House. All are welcome. Contact: [secretary@msjn.org](mailto:secretary@msjn.org).

**MACARTHUR PARISHES LUNCHEON:** Do you know people from other parishes in the Macarthur and don't get to see them often, or are you new in the parish and would like to get to know people on a social level? As part of senior's week in Feb, I am inviting any senior parishioners to join with others in the Macarthur parishes for a fun social lunch at Campbelltown Catholic Club on **Friday 14 February** in the food court at 12pm. They have a great menu with senior's price suitable for all budgets. If this is a successful gathering, I hope continue this every second month with the next event in April. It would be great if you could RSVP to Jane at CatholicCare on 0417018152 or [jane@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:jane@catholiccare.dow.org.au) by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February to ensure that we get seating together. I Look forward to seeing you for what will be a lovely social gathering, **Jane, Parish and Community Liaison Officer CatholicCare.**

**Free Art Workshop:** To Celebrate Senior's Week 2020, CatholicCare are running a free Art Workshop in collaboration with 'Liv the Dream' in Chelsea House within Ruse parish grounds. Olivia will teach the basic principles of painting your very own seascape masterpiece on a canvas that you are welcome to take home.

Following the workshop we invite everyone to join us for morning tea and information sharing about My Aged Care and other CatholicCare services. The Art workshop is capped at 20 participants so be quick to secure your space, if you miss out on the workshop, you are still invited to the morning tea afterwards.

*Gwen H*

**Date: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb in Chelsea House**

**Art class: 9-11am**

**Morning tea/information sharing: 11am- 12noon**

**RSVP Monday 17 Feb to [melissaw@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:melissaw@catholiccare.dow.org.au) or call 46408553**

**PLEANARY COUNCIL 2020:** Many parishioners have been involved in the process of listening, prayer, dialogue and discernment in preparation for the Plenary Council to be held in Adelaide during October this year. Bishop Brian has requested Expressions of Interest from anyone interested in being a Diocesan Delegate to accompany him to the Council. Our diocese has been allocated 2 Delegates and 2 reserve Delegates. From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January, information will be on the Diocesan website. This will include Expression of Interest Forms and Role Description for Delegates. Applications need to be sent to [john.tubrigy@dow.org.au](mailto:john.tubrigy@dow.org.au) by Tuesday 4 February 2020.

**ST THERESE RELICS PILGRIMAGE at ROSEMEADOW:** **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 4.30pm – 9.30pm.** More details to follow.

**2020 SISTERHOOD NATIONAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Anointed. 20-22 March,** Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops. Join women from around Australia and the Diocese of Wollongong for this inspiring conference. Book your spot: <https://www.trybooking.com/BFQZP>

