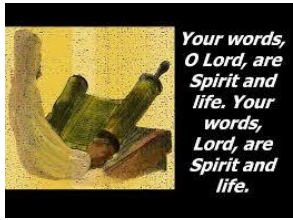


3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
YEAR C



27th January 2019

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.**

WELCOME BACK TO THE 2019 SCHOOL YEAR: *We wish all our Parish Teacher’s, School children and their families all the very best for the School Year ahead.*

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2019: Please mark your diaries **The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Parent/Carer Information & Enrolment Evening: Monday 25 February 7.00pm in the Church.** (Child/ren must be a Baptised Catholic and in Year 3 and above)
Confirmation: Saturday 22nd June 2019
First Holy Communion: 21st/22nd September 2019
More details to follow regarding times etc for the Sacraments for this year.

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Wednesday 30th January: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre (1st for 2019)
Monday 4th February: 6.30pm Baptism Preparation Class (1st for 2019) in the Parish Centre
Monday 4th February: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre (1st for 2019) please see notices
Tuesday 5th February: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) (1st for 2019)
Tuesday 12th February: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre (1st for 2019)
Monday 18th February: 7.00pm Easter Liturgy Meeting in Chelsea House (more details to follow)

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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Saturday 2nd February: Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne
Sunday 3rd February: 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy
Saturday 9th February: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
Sunday 10th February: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley

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

Saturday 2nd February: Vigil Mass: Ian Star and Julie McKenzie
Sunday 3rd February: 9.00am Mass: Feyise and Tess Writer
Saturday 9th February: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Kerry Hennessy
Sunday 10th February: 9.00am Mass: Tess and Feyise Writer

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

Saturday 2nd February: Vigil Mass: Trish Newman and Bertha Berbari
Sunday 3rd February: 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan and Julie Writer
Saturday 9th February: Vigil Mass: John Greene and Maureen Molland
Sunday 10th February: 9.00am Mass: Loretta and Lafitaga Tuigamala

• **POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 2nd February: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 3rd February: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 9th February: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Sunday 10th February: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

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

Saturday 2nd February: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group
Saturday 9th February: Group 6: Tongan Community

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. 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.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community: **LACEY ANN McINTOSH** and **JACK KEVIN LOUDEN** who were Baptised last weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED and the ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Naomi Gertrude Gomes (Anniv), Diane McCrorey, Peter Hampton, Jerry Andre, John (Jack) McInerney, Kim Watson, Maree Laming, Jim McKenzie, Fr Tony Daly, Maurya Hutton, Pedro Santos, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Alice Harris, Ladislav Feher, Bobby Cameron, 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, 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.

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
PARISHIONERS BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:
26th: Bill Fabry
28th: Christine Foreman
1st: Margaret Davis and Rita Jowsey

CHILDREN’S LITURGY 2019: Will be returning next Sunday (3rd February) during the Sunday 9.00am Mass. This is for School Aged Children (Kindergarten to and including Year 6). If you would like more information or would like to join this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 042 180 2132.

PARISH LADIES GROUP: All Ladies over 18 are invited to join this group. This group is a Parish based Social group focusing on supporting each other in our faith development and in looking to help or assist in the wider needs of our Parish. We host regular morning teas after the Sunday morning Mass, we hold raffles to raise funds to assist in beautifying the Church and surrounds. **The more ladies we have joining this group the more and varied activities we can engage in. Come along for a chat, laugh and make/meet new friends.**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Will be having their 1st meeting for 2019 on Tuesday 5th February. If you have any items you would like discussed, please send an email to the Parish Office (ruse@dow.org.au) or phone through 4628 2967 where they will be forwarded to the Chairperson.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME 2019: Returns on **Tuesday 12th February from 9.30-11.30am.** This is held in Chelsea House (Parish Hall). Mums, dads or any Carers come along with the children. Come for cuppa and a chat while the children play, do craft, read stories, and many more acitivities. Gold coin donation. **All are most welcome**

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: If you would like to have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home during 2019, **please phone Bev on: 4625 0659**

PARISH MINSTRIES: If you would like to become involved in any of our Parish Ministries please see Fr Michael or contact the Parish Office. We have many Parish Ministries that are looking for more Volunteers. **Thanking you in anticipation.**

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.

PARISH BULLETIN ADVERTISING: If you would like to advertise your Business on the back cover of our Parish Bulletin, either single or double business card size please either speak with Barry Daley or contact the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH LAWNS AND WATERING: If you have a spare half an hour (in your time) and would like to help keep the Parish grounds in order, **it would be most appreciative.** Please speak with either Fr Michael or Barry Daley.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for only \$2.00 each (please pay in the red letterbox on top of the Catholic Weeklies).

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.

TAKE A RISK AND GIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH: In our parish, there is a team of volunteers that take a risk and step out in faith. State Government schools do not provide lessons that teach the basic message about Jesus, our faith, and the great adventure that life can be with God. We were all given our gift of faith by someone. Each week of the school year, Catechists present 30-minute lessons using a step-by-step lesson plan that helps Catholic children understand their faith, grow in love and maturity, and learn what it means to be Catholic. Become a Catechist teacher or helper today! **For more information, please speak with Fr Michael. Please prayer about this Parish Ministry**

MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE, VARROVILLE:

Sat. 9th February 10.30am-4.00pm Paths of Carmel: The Spiritual Canticle – **Presenter:** Fr Paul Maunder OCD. \$30. Per person. Reflections on the Spiritual Canticle of St John of the Cross.
Sat. 2nd March 10.30am – 4.00pm “Laudato Si, Mi’ Signore” A Prayerful and interactive encounter with creation. This retreat will encourage you to bend your knees and pray in solidarity with all creatures. **Presenter:** Fr Michael Dyer.
For further information please contact Carla: on (02) 8795 3400 or email: retreats@carelite.com

CALLING ALL BUSINESS PEOPLE: Bishop Brian Mascord recently launched Catholic Business Connections (CBC)—an opportunity for business women and men in our diocese (active and retired) who share common values, to network and engage with leaders representing the diocese. CBC will gather three or four times a year for lunch and to listen to guest speakers chosen to inspire with their unique story. The next gathering is on Tuesday 19 February 2019 at Rydges Hotel, Campbelltown (12pm–2pm). **Robert Fitzgerald AM** will be speaking on *Trust and Integrity— Touchstones for Success in Private and Public Life*. For more information on CBC and how to join, visit dow.sh/cbc. Don’t miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

