

The Epiphany of the Lord



5th January 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. "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.**

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



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.

Parishioner's Anniversaries this coming week:

6th: **Edmund Pew**

7th: **Chris Vine**

10th: **Julie Writer**

Parishioner's Wedding Anniversaries this coming week:

3rd: **Joe and Theresa Berbari (50 Years)**

4th: **Edmund and Daphne Pew (62 Years)**

5th: **Brian and Tresora Wyer (57 Years) and**

Chris and Rosalie Vine (47 Years)

7th: **Brian and Gwen Harris (53 Years) and**

Manuel and Rosa Herrera (59 Years)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The recently deceased and the Anniversaries that occur at this time: Jim McKenzie, Mary McInerney, Ev McInerney, Fr Tony Daly, John Read, 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.

2019 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Many Parishioners and Visitor's to our Parish over Christmas passed on their congratulations to the organisers, Joanne and Catherine.

Because a lot of people were unable to go away due to the fires, our Church saw its biggest Christmas Vigil congregation in many years. How wonderful it was that we were able to showcase the talents of people like both of you, as well as the children and Carmen with the music. **Thank you both so much for all your gifts of time and talent.**

PARISH LADIES GROUP: Wish to thank Parishioners and Visitors to our Parish for supporting our Parish Raffle Fundraisers during 2019. Your support is shown through some of the upgrades in our Church and Chelsea House.

RUSE ST VINCENT de PAUL CONFERENCE: Your St Vincent de Paul Conference 2019 has finished in a very busy manner. Much has been achieved and many families helped but none of this could have occurred without the support of our wonderful Parishioners.

We are encouraged in our work by your generous support for the Assist a Student and Winter Appeals and especially your response to the Jesse Tree. We must especially thank the Parish Ladies Group for the latter. The toys received this year have been of high quality and will brighten Christmas for many families in our community and in local refuges. 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.**

PARISH READER'S ROSTERS 2020: Are available for collection from the table at the entrance to the Church.

PARISH CHURCH CLEANER'S ROSTER: 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.**

PARISH PIETY STALL: Please come and peruse our Parish Piety Stall.

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 24th February 2020 at 7.00pm.** Information for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be available at a later date.

FEAST DATES FOR 2020:

26 February:	Ash Wednesday
17 th March:	St Patrick's Day
5 April:	Palm Sunday
10 th April:	Good Friday
11 th April:	Holy Saturday
12 April:	Easter Sunday
24 May:	Ascension Sunday
31 May:	Pentecost Sunday
7 June:	Trinity Sunday
14 June:	Corpus Christi
19 June:	Sacred Heart of Jesus
6 th August:	Transfiguration of the Lord
8 th August:	St Mary of the Cross (Mackillop)
15 th August:	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1 st November:	All Saints Day
2 nd November:	All Souls Day
22 November:	Christ the King
29 th November:	First Sunday of Advent
25 th December:	Christmas Day
27 th December:	Holy Family

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.

JOIN THE ADVENTURE: CatholiCare will be holding a fundraising trek to the iconic Larapinta Trail (near Alice Springs) on 28 September – 4 October 2020. CatholiCare is seeking participants to undertake the trek and help raise \$100,000 to help children in need throughout the Illawarra, Shoalhaven, Macarthur and Southern Highlands areas. For more information: <http://tiny.cc/CatholicCareLarapinta>

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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Saturday 11th January: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Sunday 12th January: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley
Saturday 18th January: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
Sunday 19th January: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

READERS:

Saturday 11th January: Vigil Mass: May Michelutti and Kerry Hennessy
Sunday 12th January: 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer and Barry Daley
Saturday 18th January: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and John Greene
Sunday 19th January: 9.00am Mass: Alison Hourigan and Christine Foreman

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 11th January: Vigil Mass: Trish Newman and Bertha Berbari
Sunday 12th January: 9.00am Mass: Loretta and Lafitaga Tuigamala
Saturday 18th January: Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron and Julie McKenzie
Sunday 19th January: 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau and Mavon Vaughan

POWERPOINT OPERATOR'S:

Saturday 11th January: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Sunday 12th January: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 18th January: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 19th January: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

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CHURCH CLEANERS:

Saturday 11th January: Group 3: Christine Foreman, Christine Charlton, James and Carmel Munro
Saturday 18th January: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: THE POPE FRANCIS LIST

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh'.
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'.
10. Be happy.

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