



#### 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 2019 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.*

**BLIAIN NUA MHAITH AGAIBH**

*God Bless*

*Fr Michael*

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

Kim Watson (R.D.), Maree Laming, Jim McKenzie, Mary McInerney, Ev McInerney, Maurya Hutton, Pedro Santos, Fr Tony Daly, Deborah Rix, Jim McKenzie, 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.

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

6<sup>th</sup>: Edmund Pew

7<sup>th</sup>: Chris Vine

10<sup>th</sup>: Julie Writer



#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK:

5<sup>th</sup>: Tresora and Brian Wyer (56 years)

and Rosalie and Chris Vine (50 years)

7<sup>th</sup>: Gwen and Brian Harris (52 years) and

Rosa and Manuel Herrera (58 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)

**SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2019:** Please mark your diaries  
**The Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019  
**(Parent/Carer Information & Enrolment Evening:** Monday 25 February in the Church).

**Confirmation:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019

**First Holy Communion:** 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

More details to follow regarding times etc for the Sacraments for this year.

#### IMPORTANT LITURGICAL DATES FOR 2019:

**Ash Wednesday:** 6<sup>th</sup> March

**Easter Sunday:** 21<sup>st</sup> April

**Pentecost:** 9<sup>th</sup> June

**THANK YOU TO THE MANY PARISHIONERS/VISITOR'S:** who attended our Christmas and New Years Day Masses and Christmas Carols. To the many Parishioners who helped with the many preparations: eg: Powerpoint Creator, Prayers of Intercession Creator's, Musician's, Choirs, Sacristan etc. The gifts of your time and talents are greatly appreciated by all.

**THANK YOU FROM OUR PARISH PASTORAL and FINANCE COUNCIL'S:** Wishing you and your families all the very best for 2019 and thank you for your continued support to our Parish.  
**Mike Young and Barry Daley**

**OUR PARISH ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE** is extremely grateful for the support of parishioners again during a difficult 2018.

Our supporters throughout the St Thomas More Parish are too many to acknowledge in this brief note but we thank you all!

*God Bless, on behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society Ruse/Airds Conference*

**PARISH LADIES GROUP:** Would like to thank everyone who has supported the fundraising raffles held throughout 2018, The Parish Ladies Group High Tea, the Jesse Tree, Refreshments after Sunday morning Mass, hosting the Wakes following the passing of our much-loved *Group Leader: Maree Laming* and Jay Jablonskis (Colleen's husband) and Advent Rose Sunday.

*2019 promises to be another good year for the Parish, we appreciate you ongoing continued support.*

**PARISH READER'S ROSTERS FOR 2019:** If you are a member of this Parish Ministry, please collect your Roster from the table at the main entrance to the Church. Thank you for being a member of this important Parish Ministry. *May*

**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 this stall during 2018 and would like to wish each and everyone one of you a very Blessed 2019.

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:** Big "Thank You" to the parishioners who attended the 2nd meeting and to those who have responded on line! ([plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au))

**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 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.

**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.*

**Pope Francis@Pontifex:** If we live as Jesus taught us, and in harmony with what we proclaim, our witness will bear fruit. To make peace is to imitate God, who wants to make peace with us: He sent us his Son, and He has forgiven us.

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** *During the School holidays, the Rosary Statue will not be going to Parishioners Homes until February 2019. Thank you to the Parishioners who had the Rosary Statue in their homes during 2018. 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 2019, please phone Bev on: 4625 0659

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

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

*Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Trish Newman and Bertha Berbari*

*Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer and Annette Read*

*Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron and Maureen Molland*

*Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau and Mavon Vaughan*

- READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

*Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Cecile Marot and John Greene*

*Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Julie and Jim Writer*

*Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January: Saturday Vigil Mass: John Green & May Michelutti*

*Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman and Alison Hourigan*

- USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

*Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland*

*Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley*

*Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro*

*Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Gwen and Brian Harris*

- CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

*Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January: Group 3: Christine Foreman, Christine Charlton, James and Carmel Munro*

*Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community*

- POWERPOINT OPERATOR'S FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

*Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari*

*Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris*

*Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January: Saturday Vigil Mass: Joshua Starr*

*Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris*



