

The EPIPHANY of the Lord
Year B



7th January 2018

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 last 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*

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

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN OUR PARISH: Who is ill/or unable to come to Mass and would like to have Holy Communion please inform either Fr Michael or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We currently have 2 Acolytes' who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.

PARISHIONER'S BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:

6th: **Edmund Pew**
7th: **Chris Vine**
10th: **Julie Writer**

PARISHIONER'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK:

7th: **Gwen and Brian Harris (51 years)**
7th: **Rosa and Manuel Herrera (57 years)**
12th: **Julie and Jim Writer (55 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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The **many** sick in our Parish Community including: Fr Michael, Fr David Catterall, Patricia McNerney, 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: Jack McNerney (Anniv), Heidi Thompson, Ev McNerney, Jim McKenzie, Mary McNerney, 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 FROM ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

On behalf of the Pastoral Council I would like to wish everyone that the New Year will 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 during a very busy 2017.

Our work is very rewarding but we do need new members. We encourage you to give this your prayerful consideration.

Our first meeting for 2018 is on Tuesday 13th February, commencing at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Parishioners are most welcome to come and listen about the good works/support our Parish Conference does.

God bless and best wishes for the New Year, on behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society Ruse/ Airs Conference.

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. We still have 1 prize that needs to be collected: L J Thomas. If they could please come to the Parish Office or see Fr Michael. **Wishing you all very best for the coming year.**
The Parish Ladies Group

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.

REMINDER: There are still Rosters for collection (on the table at the entrance of the Church) for Readers' and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.

FRENCH MASS: To be celebrated Sunday 14th January at St John the Evangelist, Cnr Lindesay and Cordeaux St Campbelltown at 6.00pm

KEEP THIS DATE FREE: Our new Bishop, Brian Mascord, will be ordained as the 5th bishop of Wollongong at 7.00pm Thursday 22nd 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.

HOW ARE YOU PREPARING? We sometimes put off thinking about vocation, or what God wants, instead putting our energy into other areas. God is calling; we need to prioritise our response. Pray, talk with others, find out what God wants. Please contact Fr Richard Healey, Vocations Director, on 0401 621 591 priesthood@dow.org.au

IMPORTANT LITURGICAL DATES FOR 2018:

Ash Wednesday	14 February
Easter Sunday	1 April
Pentecost	20 May

Prayer for Epiphany

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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:**

13th January: **Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron & Bertha Berbari**
14th January: **Sunday 9.00am Mass: Loretta & Lafitaga Tuigamala**
20th January: **Saturday Vigil Mass: Trish Newman & Maureen Molland**
21st January: **Sunday 9.00am Mass: Faye & Junior Faamau**

- READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

13th January: **Saturday Vigil Mass: Kerry Hennessy & May Michelutti**
14th January: **Sunday 9.00am Mass: Tess & Feyise Writer**
20th January: **Saturday Vigil Mass: May Michelutti & Bev McKenzie**
21st January: **Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris & Brian O'Brien**

- USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

13th January: **Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro**
14th January: **Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley**
20th January: **Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne**
21st January: **Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy**

- CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

Saturday 13th January: **Group 4: Maureen Molland, Colleen Jablonskis, Fay Faamau & Rosa & Manuel Herrera**
Saturday 20th January: **Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community**

