

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary  
And Joseph



29<sup>th</sup> December 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.**

**NEW YEAR’S DAY MASS TIMETABLE:**

*New Year’s Day:* 9.30am Mass

**READER’S FOR NEW YEAR’S DAY:**

*New Year’s Day:* Bev McKenzie and Marian Cross

**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](mailto:ruse@dow.org.au).

**Parishioner’s Anniversaries this coming week:**

**30<sup>th</sup>:** *Christine and Russell Goodall (30 years)*

**2020:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> January:** *Theresa and Joe Berbari (49 years)*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The recently deceased and the Anniversaries that occur at this time: Jim McKenzie, Mary McNerney, Ev McNerney, 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 McNerney, 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 LADIES GROUP:** We would like to wish all our Parishioners and visitors to our Parish a very Holy and Blessed Christmas and the very best for the coming year.  
*Thank you for supporting our Parish Fundraisers.*

**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 CHURCH CLEANER’S ROSTER:** ends at the end of December. 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.*

**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 PIETY STALL:** 2020 Columban Calendars are still available. Please come and peruse our Parish Piety Stall.

**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 early next year.

**IMPORTANT LITURGICAL DATES FOR 2020:**

26 February: Ash Wednesday  
5 April: Palm Sunday  
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  
22 November: Christ the King

**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.

*The Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations called for the very nature of the liturgy.*

*Such participation by the Christian people as ‘a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, god’s own people’ Is their right and duty by reason of their baptism.*

*In the reform and promotion of the liturgy, This full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else, For it is the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit.....*

*Sacrosanctum Concilium 14*

**Prayer to Mary, Mother of God**

Father, source of light in every age,  
the virgin conceived and bore Your Son  
Who is called Wonderful God,  
Prince of Peace.  
May her prayer,  
the gift of a mother’s love,  
be Your people’s joy through all ages.  
May her response,  
born of a humble heart,  
draw Your Spirit to rest on Your people.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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

**USHERS**

*Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January: Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne*  
*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January: 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy*  
*Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari*  
*Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley*

**READERS:**

*Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January: Vigil Mass: Kerry Hennessy and May Michelutti*  
*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley and Julie Writer*  
*Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January: Vigil Mass: May Michelutti and Kerry Hennessy*  
*Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January: 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer and Barry Daley*

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

*Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland and Bev McKenzie*  
*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January: 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan and Julie Writer*  
*Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January: Vigil Mass: Trish Newman and Bertha Berbari*  
*Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January: 9.00am Mass: Loretta and Lafitaga Tuigamala*

**POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S:**

*Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star*  
*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris*  
*Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari*  
*Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris*

**CHURCH CLEANERS:**

*Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Eugene Wasko and Barry Daley*  
*Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January: Group 3: Christine Foreman, Christine Charlton, James and Carmel Munro*

Dear Lord,

*We pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You. May we take the time to get to know You. Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously given us and use them to serve You and spread Your word,*

*May we also see and love you in all the people we meet, so that in turn, they can see You in us.*

*We know that all human relations take time if they are to grow and deepen. This is also true of our relations with You, the Father and the Holy Spirit, which must grow over the course of our lives. In this New Year, let us realise that every action of ours no matter how great or small enables us to be in touch with You.*

*Let us accept You in our lives, in the way it pleases You, as Truth, to be spoken, as Life, to be lived, as Light, to be lighted, as Love, to be followed, as Joy, to be given, as Peace, to be spread about, as Sacrifice, to be offered among our relatives, friends, neighbours and all people.*

Amen.



