

2nd Sunday of Lent  
Year B  
**SECOND SUNDAY  
OF LENT**  
"WATCH AND LISTEN"  
25th February 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.

**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.



**MOST REV BRIAN MASCORD WAS ORDAINED AS THE FIFTH BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG:** *Last Thursday (22nd Feb).* Bishop Brian's has adopted the motto, "For all things give thanks," from 1 Thessalonians 5:18. This Ordination was one of the largest Catholic episcopal ordinations in Australia history. It was livestreamed to a national and global audience, the principal consecrator, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP (Archbishop of Sydney) and co-consecrators, Bishop Peter Ingham (now Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Wollongong) and Bishop William Wright (Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle Diocese), presided over the Mass of Ordination for the new Bishop Mascord. Bishop Mascord said, "I look forward to living and working with you as together we continue to build up the presence of the Kingdom of God in this area of the vineyard."

**RECONCILIATION:** Please keep in your prayers, the Teacher's, families and students who are in week 2 of their preparation for Reconciliation.

**LENT 2018:**  
*Stations of the Cross will be every Tuesday at 7.00pm during Lent in the Parish Church.*

**PARISHIONER'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR THIS WEEK:**

**1st March: Elwyn & Adale Spencer (60 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)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr Michael, Fr David Catterall, Patricia McInerney, Helen Rawson, 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:** Fr Hugh Dowdell (R.D.), Fr Tony Daly, Marj Esdall, Heidi Thompson, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, , 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.**

**PARISH PIETY STALL:** Please come and see what is available for sale. There are still "Surrender" -Lenten books available at \$5.00 each and Sunday Missals available for \$40.00.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2018:** Is held at the beginning of the Sunday 9.00am Mass. This is for **School aged children from Kindergarten up to and including Year 6.** If would like more information or would like to join this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 0421 802 132.

**ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME:** Is held every Tuesday (during the School Term) from 9.30am - 11.30am in Chelsea House (Parish Hall). This is held during School Terms and is a gold coin donation. Parents/Guardians/Grandparents, if you have children including bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the children enjoy playtime activities including Bible Story time, songs, craft, outside/inside play and prayer time. If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

**MESSAGE TO THE PARISH READERS:** Thank you to the Readers who were able to attend this **Readers Workshop.** If you have any further enquiries regarding this Parish Ministry please phone May on: 0413 077 824

**GROUNDS MAINTENANCE:** Thank you to the gentlemen who has been coming and cleaning/tidying up the Church grounds. The gift of your time is 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 MINISTRY VACANCIES:** Would you like to feel more included in the Parish life of our Parish and you have about an hour to spare. This could be weekly or whatever suits you the best. There are many Parish Ministries that would like to have more volunteers eg: Church cleaner's and Usher's. There is a clipboard on the table at the main entrance to the Church. **Thank you to the many Parishioners who already give generously of your God given gifts of time, talent and financial treasure to grow our parish community.**

**THANK YOU TO THE MANY PARISHIONERS:** who have purchased a chair/chairs for Chelsea House (Parish Hall). Bulletin 3 will be issued next weekend with a final summary of Chelsea House restoration.

**THANK YOU TO FR MICHAEL and our Parish Artist:** To those who were unable to attend last Sunday's refreshments after the 9.00am Mass, Fr Michael did the "official" unveiling of Chelsea House and Maree's Kitchen. Thank you to Julie our "Parish Artist" the gift of your time and talents are very much appreciated. Thank you to the many who were able to attend.

**PARISH WORKING BEE:** To prepare our Church grounds and surrounds, there will be a working bee on Saturday 17th March from 8.30am. Please bring lawn mowers, blowers etc. Morning tea will be provided. **We look forward to seeing as many helpers as possible. "Many hands make light work".**

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Great value for \$2.00 each. It contains many interesting articles for your perusal. **Please put monies into the red letterbox on top of the Catholic Weeklies.**

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Please take home a copy of the latest School Newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening in our Primary School.

**PROJECT COMPASSION (CARITAS AUSTRALIA):** Is the annual awareness raising and fundraising campaign. It is the time where we can listen and respond to the voices of marginalised and vulnerable. Project Compassion 2018 is celebrating **A Just Future** for all in conjunction with the Year of the Youth. For more information visit: [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion). **In the baskets at the entrance to the Church there are either Project Compassion Boxes or envelopes to take home. The envelopes can be returned each week and placed in either of the collections at Mass. Please give generously.**

**YEAR 7 2019 OPEN DAY/ENROLMENTS:**

**Monday 26th February: Mount Carmel Catholic College**  
Year 7 2019 Information Night 6.45pm for 7pm start. Applications close Thursday 29th March. All enquiries to the School Office: 9603 3000.  
**Saturday 3rd March: John Therry Catholic High School:**  
Open Day and Enrolment Session: 11am - 2pm. Enrolment packs for Year 7 2019 available and enrolments accepted from Monday 5th March - Friday 6th April. All enquiries to the School Office: 4645 8100.

**FRENCH MASS:** is celebrated at St John's Parish, Campbelltown, every second Sunday of the month. The next one will be on Sunday 11th of March, at 6:00 pm. The celebrant is Fr Jan Chrzczonowicz.

**"SURRENDER NOW"** A Lenten Concert at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, Varroville. 2pm Sunday 11 March followed by afternoon tea. Entry by note donation. For bookings and information contact their Parish Office on 9603 7373 or Nella Luce Studio 0478 018918

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** *The Parish has a Parish Rosary Statue that Parishioners are able to home in their homes and prayer the Rosary as a family.* If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry and have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home during 2018, **please phone Bev on: 4625 0659**

**Diary Dates:**

**27th February: 7.00pm Stations of the Cross**  
**27th February: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference** meeting in the Parish Centre (1st for 2018)  
**5th March: 6.30pm:** Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre  
**5th March: 7.30pm** Parish Ladies Group Meeting in the Parish Centre  
**6th March: 7.30pm** Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)  
**8th March: Retiree's Social Group Gathering** after the 9.30am Mass in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) (all Retiree's over 55 are most welcome), come for a chat, laugh and a cuppa

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

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

**3rd March: Saturday Vigil Mass: James Munro & Winnie Cameron**  
**4th March: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Annette Read & Mavon Vaughan**  
**10th March: Saturday Vigil Mass: Trish Newman & Maureen Molland**  
**11th March: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Loretta & Lafitaga Tuigamala**

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

**3rd March: Saturday Vigil Mass: Pauline Menzies & Julie McKenzie**  
**4th March: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Andrew Truong & Julie Writer**  
**10th March: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maryse Parisi & Kerry Hennessy**  
**11th March: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Samoan Community**

- **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**3rd March: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro**  
**4th March: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley**  
**10th March: Saturday Vigil Mass: Help required**  
**11th March: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy**

- **CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

**Saturday 3rd March: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau, Rosa & Manuel Herrera and Colleen (Amber) Jablonskis**  
**Saturday 10th March: Group 5: Samoan Divine Mercy Group**

*Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Jesus Christ.*

