

3rd Sunday of Lent



19th March 2017

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.

*"Anyone 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.

LENT TIMETABLE 2017

Stations of the Cross are every Thursday evening during Lent in the Parish Church at 7.30pm.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday 13th April: 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, then Altar of Repose till 10.00pm

Friday 14th April: GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am: Stations of the Cross

3.00pm: The Passion of the Lord

7.00pm: Stations of the Cross

Saturday 15th April: HOLY SATURDAY

7.00pm: Easter Vigil Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

Sunday 16th April: SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

9.00am: Easter Sunday Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER:

Each Saturday evening 5.00pm - 5.30pm

After the morning (9.30am) Masses of Holy Week

Holy Thursday (13th April) 11.00am - 12noon

Good Friday (14th April) after the Stations of the Cross (10.00am) and then after the evening Stations of the Cross (7.00pm)

Easter Saturday (15th April) 10.00am - 11.00am

WE WELCOME:

Into our Parish Community: **Kaleb Andrew Tennant** and **Noah Badolato** who were Baptised last weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Anthony James Dengate** and **Sarah Ann Franklin** who were Married on Friday 10th March. May God's Blessings be with you both always.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Michael Seufatu (4th Anniv), Lina Cookson, Ladislav Feher, Falmata Lilian Wako, Marie (Betty) White, Fr Tony Daly, Mathew Cherian, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Josephine and Frank McKay, Genie Lynch, Alice Harris and Maria Cabonara. *May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Betty Byrne, Frank Byron, Chris Reddy, Rosa Santos, Pio Byron, Elaine Hoffmann, Natalie Dwyer, Aimiti Seufatu, Robert Berthaly, Ken Flemming, John Hill, Liban (Wako) Family, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Ellen Healy, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

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 either inform Fr Michael or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We have 2 Acolyte's who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.

Parishioner's Birthday for this week:

21st: **Annette Read**

23rd: **Betty Berthon**

If any Parishioner/s would like to have their Birthdays and or Wedding Anniversaries included in the bulletin, please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or ruse@dow.org.au

PROJECT COMPASSION 2017: Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help empower women in Timor-Leste to recover from domestic violence, develop sustainable livelihoods, and lead a life of dignity. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes and/or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Can you please supervise your children in the Church courtyard and Parish Hall. They are not permitted to climb the brick walls, the hand rails both leading into the Church **and** the 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.

MESSAGE FOR READERS: As Easter is fast approaching, I am calling for Readers who will be available to cover our special roster from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday. Please check the clipboard at the back, choose which Reading you are able to do and put your name in the appropriate spot. I really appreciate if you can do this ASAP so we can finalise the official special roster and publish this in our parish bulletin. Many thanks - May

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY (Ruse branch):

Bev McKenzie is the new President of the Ruse Conference. We thank Bill George (who is the outgoing President after 4 years) very much for all his good works during his time as President and his continual support of our Parish St Vincent de Paul.

PARISH LADIES GROUP EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets will go on sale at all the Parish Masses for the next 2 weekends. There are 8 prizes and tickets are \$1.00 each. Please support this Parish Fundraiser as all monies received will go towards upgrading the Parish Hall. *Thanking you in anticipation.*

PARISH WORKING BEES: To prepare our Church and surrounds for Easter we will be holding 2 working bees: **next Saturday 25th March** and **Saturday 8th April**. Both commencing **from 8.30am**. Morning tea will be provided. More details to follow.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Is held during the 9.00am Sunday morning Mass during School Terms. This is for School aged children Kindergarten to Year 6 inclusive. If you would like more information on this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 0421 802 132.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME: Is held in the Parish Hall every Tuesday during School Terms from 9.30am - 11.30am. Parents/Guardians/Grandparents if you have children including School aged and bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the children enjoy playtime activities. Gold coin donation. If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

PARISH MAINTENANCE: A reminder regarding the Parish 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 LITURGY MEETING FOR EASTER: This Monday 20th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All Reader's, Musician's/Singer's/Sacristan's, Acolyte's, Powerpoint creator, Flower arrangers and any other interested Parishioners are invited/encouraged to attend this meeting in preparing for the Easter Liturgies.

POWERPOINT OPERATOR: If you attend the Saturday Vigil Mass, we are asking for help with working the powerpoint for the Vigil Mass. Please see Fr Michael, you will be shown how to work the powerpoint and there are written instructions also.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING: Planned Giving is essential to the running costs of the Parish Did you know that you can contribute in several ways: Weekly Envelopes, Direct Debit from your Bank Account, Direct Credit by electronically transferring funds (EFT) from your Bank Account direct to the St Thomas More Church Account and Cheques/Cash *If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 46282967 or e-mail: ruse@parish.woll.catholic.org.au. Thank you.*

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for only \$2.00 each, many interesting articles for your perusal.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

2018 Kindergarten Enrolments are due by Friday 7 April 2017.

Please take home a copy of the school newsletter and see what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

TWO FOREVER HOMES NEEDED FOR GIRLS: CatholicCare's Foster Care Program is urgently looking for separate forever homes for two girls aged 10 and 11. Due to their complex needs, both girls need homes where they will receive one-on-one care and there are no younger children. Carers must be flexible, resilient and able to work in a supportive team environment with CatholicCare. Full training provided. To find out more please contact Toni on 4254 7712 or tonil@catholiccare.dow.org.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY BLUE TIE BALL: The St Vincent de Paul Society are running a Vinnies Blue Tie Ball on Saturday 27 May 2017 at the Camden Lakeside Country Club. Tickets are \$110pp or \$1000 for a table of 10. If you want to attend as part of a St Thomas More Parish Group and make up a table of 10 for the discounted rate, just contact Lee Hughes on 0458297667 and place your name down for a booking. Lee will be able to answer any further questions you might have."

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish has a Parish Rosary Statue that Parishioners are able to have in their Home and pray the Rosary as a family. The next two Mondays (20th & 27th March) the Parish Rosary Statue will be prayed in the home of Wilfred and Freda (address is on the main noticeboard) at 11.00am. *If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry in 2017 and would like to find out more information please phone Bev on: 4625 0659.*

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR Vigil Mass: Saturday 25th March: Maureen Molland & Bev McKenzie

9.00am Mass: Sunday 26th March: Julie Writer & Annette Read

Vigil Mass: Saturday 1st April: Bertha Barbari & James Munro

9.00am Mass: Sunday 2nd April: Catherine Minogue & Jim Writer

READERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 25th March: Julie McKenzie & Carmel Munro

9.00am Mass: Sunday 26th March: Elisapeta Misinale & Marian Cross

Vigil Mass: Saturday 1st April: David Minogue & Kerry Hennessy

9.00am Mass: Sunday 2nd April: Barry Daley & Andrew Truong

USHERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 25th March: Carmel Munro

9.00am Mass: Sunday 26th March: Christine Foreman & Catherine Minogue

Vigil Mass: Saturday 1st April: Vicky Horne

9.00am Mass: Sunday 2nd April: Barry Daley

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 25th March: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group

Saturday 1st April: Group 6: Tongan Youth Group

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS: 19th March: Tongan Community

DIARY DATES:

Monday 20th March: 7.30pm Parish Liturgy meeting (please read main notices for more information)

Thursday 23rd March: Retiree's Social Group gathering is after the 9.30am Mass. *(Any Retirees over the age of 55 are warmly welcome to join this group).* Gathering is held in the Parish Hall. Come along and share a cuppa some laughs and meet other Parishioners.

Tuesday 28th March 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre