

## Fourth Sunday of Easter



7<sup>th</sup> May 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.

### Think about it....

Have you thought about how much work goes into to celebrating our Sunday liturgies? How much our musicians prepare and practice? Our sacristans and florists work hard. Our liturgical ministers eg: Prayers of Intercessions, Powerpoint creator, Readers etc prepare and participate in our service, to name a few people who give generously of their time and talents. Our priests spend many hours preparing homilies and other things for the liturgies and sacraments they celebrate for us. *Perhaps today we might pause and give a prayer of thanks for all those who serve us in our parish.*

**LITURGY NOTES: Offertory Procession:** If you are taking up the Gifts for the Offertory, please proceed to the back table at the conclusion of the Prayers of the Faithful, ready to process with the Gifts when Father comes to the bottom of the Sanctuary.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To *Ian Craig Van Der Westhuizen* and *Michelle Mansueto* who were married last weekend. Wishing them a life time of God's Blessings.

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community: *Sophia Megan Baraki* who was Baptised last weekend.

### Parishioner's Birthday's for this week:

6<sup>th</sup>: *Joanne Griffin*

9<sup>th</sup>: *Feyise Writer*

### Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary this week:

7<sup>th</sup>: *Margaret and Colin Davis (53 years)*

12<sup>th</sup>: *Freda and Wilfred Miranda (54 years)*

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

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Tom van Kints (R.D.), Cheryl Johnson (R.D.), Sonja Meyers (R.D.), Jean Chartterton (R.D.), Hugo Osorio, Keith Gomes, Balbino & Xavier Gomes, Monica Gomes, Michael Seufatu, Lina Cookson, Ladislav Feher, 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. *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: Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Frank Byron, Chris Reddy, Rosa Santos, Pio Byron, Elaine Hoffmann, Natalie Dwyer, Aimiti Seufatu, Robert Berthaly, Ken Flemming, John Hill, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Ellen Healy, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

**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.

### PARISH LADIES MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE:

The Parish Ladies Group have organised a raffle for Mother's Day, tickets will be sold over this weekend, and the winners will be drawn following the 9am Mass on Mother's Day (next Sunday). Tickets are \$1 each, and all proceeds will be used towards refurbishment of the Parish Hall. *We thank you for your generous and continuous support of our fund raising efforts.*

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Is held during the 9.00am Sunday morning Mass and 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 on Tuesdays (during School Terms) from 9.30am - 11.30am in our Parish Hall. *Gold coin donation.* Parents/Guardians/Grandparents, if you have children including School aged and bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the children enjoy playtime activities. If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

**POWERPOINT OPERATOR'S:** If any Parishioner is interested in joining this Parish Ministry especially for the *Saturday Vigil Mass only*, please speak with Fr Michael. Training will be provided.

### PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ENVELOPES:

Please return Project Compassion Boxes/Envelopes as soon as possible. Either being placed in the Collection baskets or to the Parish Office during Office Hours. Please continue to Donate by ☎ **1800 024 413** or by [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion).

**ST VINCENT de PAUL NSW FLOOD APPEAL:** *Thank you to all who have donated to this Appeal.* To make a donation to this appeal please visit [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au), call 13 18 12 or send your donation to PO Box 5, Petersham NSW 2049.

**THE RETIREES SOCIAL GROUP:** Would like to invite senior parishioners (over 55) to join our group in the hall after 9.30am Mass (Thursday's). We meet twice a month, with the next meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, then a fortnight later on 1<sup>st</sup> June. Please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat, share many laughs and form new friendships. We hope you will join us. Hope to see you there. *From your fellow Retired Parishioners.*

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Will be celebrated here on Saturday 1st July at 2.30pm by Bishop Peter Ingham. There will be an *Information/Enrolment night* for all Parents/Guardians of Candidates for Confirmation on *Wednesday 17th May at 7.00pm in the Church.*

**PARISH PLANNED GIVING:** If you would like to join the Parish Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or email: [ruse@dow.org.au](mailto:ruse@dow.org.au)

**PARISH PIETY STALL:** Come and have a browse through our Parish Piety Stall, we have many Religious items etc for sale. If you have any enquiries please see John and Bertha our Piety Stall Co-Ordinators.

**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.

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Great value for \$2.00, includes many interesting articles. Money to be placed in the "red letterbox", on the table where the Catholic Weeklies are.

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Save the date: *Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August - School Fete.* More details to follow. Please take home a copy and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

**MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE APRIL RETREATS:** 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville. 8795 3400. For more details please contact the Retreat Centre. [retreats@carmelite.com.au](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com.au) [www.carmeliteretreats.com.au](http://www.carmeliteretreats.com.au)

**A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples - set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset... your Marriage! **Weekend date: 19-21 May at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Bookings online at [www.wvme.org.au](http://www.wvme.org.au) or Bill and Ardell Sharpe on 02 4283 3435 or [wsharpe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au)**

**PARISH HALL UPDATE:** The leaves and debris etc have been removed from the roof and work has been done on repairing the verandah floor. More updates to follow.

### PARISH ROSARY STATUE

If you would like to have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home, **please phone Bev on: 4625 0659.** *"When you pray the Rosary, you have our Lady's hand in your hand. When you pray the Holy rosary, you have the power of God in your hand".*

### PARISH DIARY DATES:

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May: 7.00pm** Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May: 7.00pm** Information Evening for Confirmation (please see notices for more details)  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May: 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. (see notice)

### PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

#### EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

**13<sup>th</sup> May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bertha Barbari & Trish Newman**  
**14<sup>th</sup> May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Faye & Junior Faamau**  
**20<sup>th</sup> May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland & James Munro**  
**21<sup>st</sup> May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Julie & Jim Writer**

#### READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

**13<sup>th</sup> May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie & Carmel Munro**  
**14<sup>th</sup> May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Feyise Writer & Bill George**  
**20<sup>th</sup> May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Pauline & Gabby Menzies**  
**21<sup>st</sup> May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Tess & Jim Writer**

#### USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

**13<sup>th</sup> May: Saturday Vigil Mass: HELP REQUIRED**  
**14<sup>th</sup> May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy & Helen Rawson**  
**20<sup>th</sup> May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro**  
**21<sup>st</sup> May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman & Catherine Minogue**

#### CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May: Tongan Youth Group**  
**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May: Syro-Malabar Indian Community**

#### REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MORNING MASS: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May: Tongan Community

### Fourth Sunday of Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)



Today the Church asks each of us to pray for, or to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Each person in the community has a role to play in encouraging vocations - whether by prayer, encouragement or personal suggestion. The Pope, in his Letter for today, tells us "There is no room for fear!" May each one of us be fearless in praying for, and promoting more vocations.