

4th Sunday of Lent  
Year B



**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** *Bishop Brian's has adopted the motto, "For all things give thanks," from 1 Thessalonians 5:18.*

If you were unable to attend the Ordination, or if you would like to relive the experience, the video is available to watch online at [www.livestream.dow.org.au](http://www.livestream.dow.org.au). There are also over 500 photos of the Ordination taken by the official photographers that can be viewed on Facebook at [www.facebookphotos.dow.org.au](http://www.facebookphotos.dow.org.au) or you can view them at [www.photos.dow.org.au](http://www.photos.dow.org.au).

**WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITOR'S TO OUR PARISH THIS WEEKEND:**

To refreshments in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) after Sunday morning 9.00am Mass. Come and share a cuppa and catch up with friends or make new ones. We look forward to seeing you in Chelsea House.

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

**PARISH PIETY STALL:** Please come and see what is available for sale.

**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.*

**PARISHIONER'S BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:**

10<sup>th</sup>: Kerry Hennessy  
15<sup>th</sup>: Cathy Bye  
16<sup>th</sup>: Kieran Minogue

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

16<sup>th</sup>: Karin and Barry Daley (44 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:** Geoffrey Lamont (R.D.), Nathan Berthaly (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv), Fr Tony Daly, Fr Hugh Dowdell, 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 LADIES GROUP EASTER RAFFLE:** Tickets will be on sale at all Masses this weekend and next weekend. We have 11 Easter prizes (all donated by the Parish Ladies Group). Tickets are \$1.00 each. The Raffle will be drawn during the Sunday 9.00am Mass on Palm Sunday.

**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.

**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.

**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*

**THANK YOU TO THE MANY PARISHIONERS:** who have purchased a chair/chairs for Chelsea House (Parish Hall). You are still able to purchase chairs or make a donation to the garden that will be in front of Chelsea House. Please either give to Fr Michael, Noel Laming, Barry Daley, Jim Writer or hand into the Parish Office during Office Hours. *Thank you all once again.*

**PARISH WORKING BEE:** To prepare our Church grounds and surrounds, there will be a **working bee next Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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".*

**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 4628 2967 or e-mail: [ruse@dow.org.au](mailto:ruse@dow.org.au) *Thank you.*

**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.

**"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

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

**MARY IMMACULATE PARISH, EAGLEVALE:** would like to invite you to the Stations of the Cross intertwined with reflective classical music by L'Estro Armonico String Orchestra (e.g Albinoni, Barber, Pergolesi). Duration: approx 75 min. Time: 23 March 2018 at 7.30pm. Collation will take up to support the Orchestra

**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

*During Lent penance should be not only inward and individual, but also outward and social. SC 110*

*The Eucharist...is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.  
Evangelii Gaudium (2013) 47*

**LENT TIMETABLE 2018**

Stations of the Cross are every Tuesday evening during Lent (except Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March) at 7.00pm in the Parish Church.

**The Sacred Paschal Triduum**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March: 7.30pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper, then Altar of Repose till 10.00pm

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March: GOOD FRIDAY**

**10.00am:** Stations of the Cross

**3.00pm:** The Passion of the Lord

**7.00pm:** Stations of the Cross

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March: HOLY SATURDAY**

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

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Sunday of the Resurrection

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

**RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER:**

Each Saturday evening 5.00pm – 5.30pm.

Holy Thursday: 29<sup>th</sup> March: 11.00am – 12 noon

Good Friday: 30<sup>th</sup> March: 11.00am – 12noon & 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Easter Saturday: 31<sup>st</sup> March: 10.00am – 11.am & 5.00pm – 5.30pm

**Diary Dates:**

13<sup>th</sup> March: 7.00pm Stations of the Cross

13<sup>th</sup> March: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre

17<sup>th</sup> March: 8.30am Parish Grounds general clean-up for Easter (see notices for details etc)

22<sup>nd</sup> 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:**

17<sup>th</sup> March: Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron & Bertha Berbari

18<sup>th</sup> March: Sunday 9.00am Mass:

24<sup>th</sup> March: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland & Bev McKenzie

25<sup>th</sup> March: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer & Bev McKenzie

**READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

17<sup>th</sup> March: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maryse Parisi & Kerry Hennessy

18<sup>th</sup> March: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Raquel Villareal & Elisapeta Dimsale

24<sup>th</sup> March: Palm Sunday Vigil Mass: St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

25<sup>th</sup> March: Palm Sunday 9.00am Mass:

• **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

17<sup>th</sup> March: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne

18<sup>th</sup> March: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

24<sup>th</sup> March: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland

25<sup>th</sup> March: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy

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

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March: Group 6: Elisapeta Misinale

