

5th Sunday of Lent  
Year B



18th March 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 Paul ofm or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We currently have 2 Acolytes' who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.



The Parishioners and Visitors of our Parish would like to welcome Fr Paul Smith ofm to our Parish for the celebration of our weekend Masses for the next 3 weekends.

**HEALTH UPDATE OF FATHER MICHAEL:** Fr Michael is currently resting off site for approximately the next 3 weeks. In his absence the Parish Weekend Masses will be celebrated by Father Paul Smith ofm.

**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).

**RECONCILIATION:** Please continue to keep in your prayers, the Teacher's, families and students. The Students will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation this coming week. *Thank you to the Parish Sacramental Team and Teacher's who gave the gift of their time and talents in helping the Parents/Carers to prepare them for their First Reconciliation.*

**LENT TIMETABLE 2018**

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

**READER'S FOR THE EASTER Triduum:**

**24<sup>th</sup> March: Saturday Vigil for Palm Sunday:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: STM Primary School  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & POI's: STM Primary School  
Gospel/Passion Narrator: Kerry Hennessy  
Gospel/Passion Other: Bev McKenzie  
Gospel/Crowd: Julie McKenzie  
**25<sup>th</sup> March: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Feyise Writer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & POI's: Alison Hourigan  
Gospel/Passion Narrator: Tess Writer  
Gospel/Passion Other: Julie Writer  
Gospel/Crowd: Marian Cross  
**29<sup>th</sup> March: Thursday of the Lord's Supper:**  
Commentator for Procession of the Oils: Bev McKenzie  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Maureen Molland  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Cecile Satchell  
Prayers of Intercession: Carmel Munro  
**30<sup>th</sup> March: Friday of the Passion of the Lord:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Elisapeta Minisale  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ian Star  
Gospel/Passion Narrator: Julie Writer  
Gospel/Passion Other: John Greene  
General Intercessions: May Michelutti  
**31<sup>st</sup> March: Vigil for Sunday of the Resurrection:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Pauline Menzies  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Marian Cross  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: May Michelutti  
Epistle & Prayers of Intercession: Stephanie Roux  
**1<sup>st</sup> April: Sunday of the Resurrection**  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Christine Foreman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Prayers of Intercession: Jim Writer

**THURSDAY of the LORD'S SUPPER MASS: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.** If you will be attending this Mass and would like to participate in the **WASHING of the FEET Ceremony** please put your name down on the clipboard on the table at the main entrance to the Church.

**PARISH LADIES GROUP EASTER RAFFLE:** Tickets are on sale at all Masses this weekend and next weekend. We have **12 Easter prizes** (donated by the Parish Ladies Group and Catholic Development Fund). Tickets are \$1.00 each. The Raffle will be drawn during the Sunday 9.00am Mass next Sunday (Palm Sunday). **All monies will be going towards the landscaping in front of Chelsea House. Please support this Parish fundraiser.**

**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). Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can be returned either via: the Collection baskets during Mass, handed to Fr Paul or into the Parish Office. Thank you for donations for supporting Project Compassion (Caritas Australia) 2018

**BELATED PARISHIONER'S BIRTHDAY FOR LAST WEEK:**  
**16<sup>th</sup>: Chris Reddy**

**PARISHIONER'S BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:**  
**21<sup>st</sup>: Annette Read**  
**23<sup>rd</sup>: Betty Berthon**

**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, Nathan Berthaly, 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.**

**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.

**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 landscaping that will be in front of Chelsea House. Please either give to Noel Laming, Barry Daley, Jim Writer or hand into the Parish Office during Office Hours. *Thank you all once again for your support in the renovations to Chelsea House.*

**PARISH WORKING BEE:** Thank you to the Parishioners who came and helped with the working bee to prepare the Church grounds and surrounds for the Easter celebrations. *The gifts of your time and talents were/are 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*

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

**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.

**MARY IMMACULATE PARISH, EAGLEVALE:** would like to invite you on Friday 23 March at 7.30pm to *Stations of the Cross* see notice board for more details.

**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.*

**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:**

**22nd 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  
**27<sup>th</sup> March: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference** meeting in the Parish Centre

**PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:**  
• **EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

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

**25<sup>th</sup> March: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue & Julie Writer**

**29<sup>th</sup> March: 7.30pm Thursday of the Lord's Supper: Catherine Minogue and Julie Writer**

**31<sup>st</sup> March: Saturday: Easter Sunday of the RESURRECTION of the LORD: Julie McKenzie and James Munro**

**1<sup>st</sup> April: SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION: Catherine Minogue and Mavon Vaughan**

• **READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
Please see main notices

• **USHERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

**24<sup>th</sup> March: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland**  
**25<sup>th</sup> March: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy**

• **CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March: Group 6: Elisapeta Misinala**  
**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie**

