

5th Sunday of Lent



2nd April 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.

WE WELCOME: Into our Parish Community: *Emelia Eve Birch, Caitlyn Elizabeth and Owen Michael Ohlsen and Francesca June Acosta* who were Baptised last weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Hugo Osorio (Anniv), Keith Gomes, Albino & Xavier Gomes, Monica Gomes, Michael Seufatu, 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.

Parishioner's Birthday for this week:

4th: *Therese Writer*

5th: *Helen Rawson*

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. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes and/or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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

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

READER'S FOR THE EASTER Triduum:

8th April: Saturday Vigil for Palm Sunday:

1st Reading: Kerry Hennessy

2nd Reading and POI's: David Minogue

Gospel/Passion Narrator: James Munro

Gospel/Passion Other: Bev Mc

9th April: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:

1st Reading: Barry Daley

2nd Reading: Maureen Molland

Gospel/Passion Narrator: Tess Writer

Gospel/Passion Other: Julie Writer

13th April: Thursday of the Lord's Supper:

Commentator for procession of Oils: Julie Writer

1st Reading: Chris O'Brien

2nd Reading: Brien O'Brien

Prayers of Intercession: Carmel Munro

14th April: Friday of the Passion of the Lord:

1st Reading: May Michuletti

2nd Reading: Liz Misale

Gospel/Passion Narrator: Bev McKenzie

Gospel Passion Other: Kerry Hennessy

General Intercessions: Mike Young

15th April: Vigil for Sunday of the Resurrection:

1st Reading: Loretta

2nd Reading: Ashy

3rd Reading: Maureen Molland

Epistle & Prayers of Intercession: Julie McK

16th April: Sunday of the Resurrection:

1st Reading: Marian Cross

2nd Reading & Prayers of Intercession: Christine Foreman

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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Congratulations to the 56 children who made their First Reconciliation during the past week. *May you always know the love and peace found in Christ.* Thank you to the Parents and Sacramental Team in preparing these Children.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Will be celebrated by Bishop Peter here on Saturday 1st July. We are seeking volunteers to teach four classes, beginning towards the middle of May. Day and times of lessons will be based on availability of volunteers. If you are able to assist, or would like further information, please ring either Mike Young on 0414333606 Or Annette Read on 0404112335. Many thanks in anticipation".

PARISH LADIES GROUP: Meeting at 7.30pm Monday in the Parish Centre. All ladies of the Parish are invited to come and be a part of this active Parish Group. This Monday we will be preparing Mother's Day raffle prizes for sale during late April.

PARISH LADIES GROUP EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets are for sale at all Parish Masses this weekend. There are 7 prizes and tickets are \$1.00 each. Please support this Parish Fundraiser as all monies received will go towards upgrading the Parish Hall. The raffle will be drawn after the 9.00am Mass on Palm Sunday (next week). *Thanking you in anticipation.*

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 this Thursday 6th of April, then a fortnight later on April 20th. 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.*

PARISH WORKING BEE: Thank you very much for the Parishioners who helped with last weekend's grounds clean up, the gift of your time and talents were greatly appreciated. Our next Parish working bee: next Saturday 8th April. Commencing from 8.30am. Morning tea will be provided. We have many jobs that need to be completed. This is also a great way to meet other Parishioners. *Looking forward to seeing you all.*

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 2 Monday's (3rd & 10th April) 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*

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. Mrs Diana Young our Parish Catholic Primary School REC will be finishing at our Parish Catholic School this coming Friday. We wish Diana the very best and thank her for all her good works within the School and the Parish.

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
www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

A MASS IN FRENCH: Is celebrated at St John's Parish, Campbelltown, every second Sunday of the month and the next one will be on Sunday 9th April, at 6:00pm. The celebrant is Fr Jan Chrzczonowicz.

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Monday 3rd April: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre (see notice)
Tuesday 4th April: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall
Wednesday 5th April: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre
Thursday 6th April: 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)
Monday 10th April: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 11th April: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR
Saturday 8th April: Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday:
Bev McKenzie & Winnie Cameron
Sunday 9th April: 9.00am Mass - Palm Sunday:
Helen Rawson & Julie Writer

Thursday 13th April: Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Julie Writer & Bev McKenzie

Friday 14th April: Good Friday: The Passion of the Lord:
Helen Rawson & Catherine Minogue

Saturday 15th April: Vigil Mass: Resurrection of the Lord:
Trish Newman & Bertha Barbari

Sunday 16th April: 9.00am Mass: Resurrection of the Lord:
Faye & Junior Faamau

READERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 8th April: Vigil Mass: for Palm Sunday:
Kerry Hennessy & David Minogue

Sunday 9th April: 9.00am Mass for Palm Sunday:
Maureen Molland & Barry Daley

Thursday 13th April: Thursday of the Lord's Supper: see notices

Friday 14th April: Friday of the Passion of the Lord: see notices

Saturday 15th April: Vigil Mass for the Resurrection of the Lord: see notices

Sunday 16th April: 9.00am Mass for the Resurrection of the Lord: See notices

USHERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 8th April Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday:
Carmel Munro

Sunday 9th April: 9.00am Mass for Palm Sunday:
Barry Daley

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 8th April: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Eugene Wasko and Barry Daley

Saturday 15th April: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00AM Mass: Sunday 9th April: Group 2: Carmel Munro, Christine Foreman, Helen Rawson and Annette Read

