

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER



Year B

15th April 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 Andrew *ofm* 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 Andrew *ofm* or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We currently have 2 Acolytes who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.

Welcome!

The Parishioners and visitors to our Parish, would like to welcome (back) Fr Andrew Granc *ofm* who will be celebrating our

Weekend Masses for the Month of April.

THANKYOU: To the many Parish Ministries in preparing our Parish Church and Grounds in readiness for the Easter Celebrations and especially those "behind" the scenes. *The gifts of your time and talents were greatly appreciated by the many Parishioners and Visitors to our Parish Church during this Easter Season.*



REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY MORNING 9.00am MASS:

Parishioners and visitors are invited to Chelsea House (Parish Hall) after Mass for a cuppa, chat and catch up with friends.

Looking forward to seeing you there

PROJECT COMPASSION (CARITAS AUSTRALIA): Please return your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes ASAP. They are to be returned via: Collection baskets during Mass, handed to Fr Andrew or into the Parish Office during Office Hours. Please continue to donate by 1800 024 413 or by www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr Michael, Fr David Catterall, Joan Ward, 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: Elizabeth Hooton (R.D.), Richard Moreton, Keith Gomes, Balbino Xavier Gomes, Monica Gomes, John Baptist D'Sa, Fr Tony Daly, Fr Hugh Dowdell, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, 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.*

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
Parishioner's Birthday for this Week:
16th: Michael Bye
Parishioner's Wedding Anniversaries for this Week:
14th: Helen & Robert (Bob) Rawson (45 years)
Elaine & John Nakasenh (11years)

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Will be celebrated in the Parish by Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 17th June 2018.
The Parent/Carer Information and Enrolment Evening is Wednesday 9th May at 7.00pm in the Church.
We are seeking volunteers to teach four weekly lessons at 40 minutes each, commencing the week of Sunday 13th May. Days and time of lessons will reflect the availability of volunteers. If you are able to assist, please contact either Mike Young on 0414999606 or Annette Read on 0404112335.
Thank you in anticipation.

WE WISH OUR PARISH CHILDREN and their families a very restful, safe and enjoyable break over the School Holidays.

FRAMED PHOTO OF BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD: Has now been placed in the Church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2018: Is held at the beginning of the Sunday 9.00am Mass (during School Terms). This is for **School aged children** from **Kindergarten up to and including Year 6**. If you 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 School Terms) from 9.30am - 11.30am in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) 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.

THE RETIREES SOCIAL GROUP: Would like to invite retired parishioners (over 55) to join our group in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) after this Thursday's 9.30am Communion Service. We meet twice a month. Please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat, share many laughs and form new friendships. We hope you will join us. *From your fellow Retired Parishioners*

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 *Thank you.*

THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEER GENTLEMEN: Who have been coming during the week and cleaning/tidying the Church grounds and garden beds. Yours gifts are greatly appreciated.

PARISH PIETY STALL: Please come and peruse our Parish Piety Stall eg: Rosary Beads, religious books and cards etc. If you have any enquiries please ask John and Bertha.

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*

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

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/Acolyte's comes to the bottom of the Sanctuary.

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 Parish Primary School.

St Thomas More Catholic Parish Primary School Ruse is currently enrolling children for Kindergarten 2019. The school offers Catholic education for boys and girls from Kindergarten to Year 6. *Please collect an enrolment application form from the School Office (phone: 4625 6561). Applications close during the month of June.*

APPIN MASSACRE: Memorial Ceremony: Today Sunday 15th April: Cataract Dam picnic area: 11am - 3.30pm. *Remembering : Healing : Reconciliation.* All are invited

INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THE MENTAL HEALTH OF YOUR COMMUNITY? CatholicCare offers standard and older person Mental Health First Aid Courses, for you to learn how to assist those experiencing a mental health crisis. Our next Standard MHFA course is running in Campbelltown on 18 & 19 April from 9.30am - 4.30pm. For more information please call 4227 1122 or email Ruth.Davis@catholiccare.dow.org.au

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING EVENTS:
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 10am - 1pm, Servers continue 10am - 3pm: Campbelltown Saturday 23rd June 2018.
Communion of the Sick & Homebound: 10am - 2.30pm: Campbelltown Saturday 28th July 2018.
More details to come

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE: 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville ph no: 8795 3400, retreats@carmeliteretreats.com.au. For more information please contact the Retreat Centre.

YOUTH: GET ALONG TO I STAND CAMP #1:25-27 APRIL: The Wollongong YMT are having their 1st iSTAND camp of the year at The Venue Conference Centre in Bellambi this school holidays! It is for high school students in years 9-12. For more information please go to www.ymt.com.au/regio-wollongong or call Louisa on 0433 636 359.

MEN'S WEEKEND: 5-6 May, Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour St, Wollongong. Experienced leaders from menALIVE will be running this weekend. Details and registration forms: www.menalive.org.au. Enquiries: Ian Boorman 0427 006 021 or email Jude Hennessy jude.hennessy@dow.org.au

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:

19th April: *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
24th 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 THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**
Saturday 21st April: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland & Bertha Barbari
Sunday 22nd April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer & Mavon Vaughan
Saturday 28th April: Saturday Vigil Mass: James Munro & Trish Newman
Sunday 29th April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue & Julie Writer

- READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**
Saturday 21st April: Saturday Vigil Mass: Raquel Villareal & Bev McKenzie, Gospel: Kerry Hennessy
Sunday 22nd April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Alison Hourigan & Tess Writer, Gospel: Neville Taylor
Saturday 28th April: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie & Raquel Villareal, Gospel: Julie McKenzie
Sunday 29th April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Tess Writer, Alison Hourigan, Gospel: May Michelutti

- USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**
Saturday 21st April: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
Sunday 22nd April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman
Saturday 28th April: Saturday Vigil Mass: Help required
Sunday 29th April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy

- CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR THE NEXT WEEKEND:**
Saturday 21st April: Group1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

