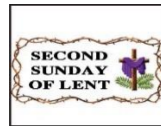


2nd Sunday in Lent
Year A



8th March 2020

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, welcomes me and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." Matthew 10:40

Please note the attached important temporary changes:

Communion under one kind only, the Body of Christ Communion to be received only in the hand
No shaking hands at the Sign of Peace, just acknowledge and/or say "Peace be with You".
No Holy Water is available

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.

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.**



REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS:

All Parishioners and Visitor's to our Parish this weekend are invited to refreshments in Chelsea House after Sunday morning Mass. We look forward to seeing you all.

LENT: STATIONS of the CROSS: Are held in the Church each Tuesday evening at 7.00pm during Lent.

PASCHAL PRECEPT: Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be between **Ash Wednesday** (26 February) and **Trinity Sunday** (7 June) unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least one a year.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: The **38 Children** who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, their families and the Sacramental Team.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS: If you would like to join this Parish Ministry, please put your name down on the clipboard on the table at the entrance to the Church. This is another great way to develop friendships with other parishioners. Currently this Ministry is once a month. If you would like more information regarding this Ministry please contact Cathy on: 4625 5449. Thank you to the Ladies that are already on the Roster, the gifts of your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

PARISH LADIES EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets are \$1.00 each and will be on sale before and after all Masses on the weekends of: 21/22 & 28/29 March. The raffle will be drawn on Palm Sunday 9.00am Mass. Please support this Parish Fundraiser, all funds raised go towards needs of our Parish Church.

PLENARY POST: You can receive regular updates about Plenary Council by subscribing to Plenary Post. This can be done by accessing the Plenary Council website plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

VINNIES BUSHFIRE APPEAL: If you wish to donate online: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw>. Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities.

MACARTHUR SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK (MSJN)
Meeting: Will be held next **Saturday 14th March 2020 @ 2.30pm** in Chelsea House (Parish Hall). All welcome. Contact: secretary@msjn.org.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:
Connor Gray Harley and **Mia June Graham** who were Baptised last weekend.

FOR ANY PARISHIONERS: who 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.

Parishioners' Birthdays this coming week:
9th: **Robert (Bob) Rawson and Brian Wyer**
10th: **Kerry Hennessy**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The recently deceased and the anniversaries that occur at this time: Winifred Minogue (R.D.), Fr Anthony (Tony) Daly, Ladislav Feher, Tolentino Enaje, Beryl Ford, Peter Cochrane, Ken Churchill, David Burke, Olga Saulig, Jim McKenzie, John Read, Mary Writer, Bobby Cameron, Alice Harris, Marguerite (Marg) Davis, Maree Laming, Jay Jablonskis, Deborah Rix, Bernard Hoffmann, Maurya Hutton and Maria Cabonara. **May they rest in peace**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The **many** sick in our Parish Community including Eileen Hughes, Mary Dolan, Frank Byron, Sean Scanlon, Kellie Brandes, Brian Harris, Francisco Carmona, David Minogue, Daphne and Edmund Pew, Steve Foreman, Luke Van Der Burg, Briega Glover, Fr John Whitty, Elaine Hoffmann, Ellen Healy, Patricia McInerney, Betty Berthon, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, Aimiti Seufatu, John Hill, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME 2020: Is held on Tuesday mornings in Chelsea House (Parish Hall): 9.30am – 11.30am. Mums, Dads, grandparents, carers etc come along with the children. Come for a cuppa and a chat while the children play, do craft, read stories etc. Gold coin donation. For further information please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Is during the 9.00am Mass, for school aged children (Kindergarten to Year 6 inclusive), during the School Terms. For more information please contact Joanne on 0421802132. We are always on the search for more teachers/helpers.

PARISH COLLECTIONS IN THE CHURCH: We depend on your generosity to make ends meet for the support of our Parish. If you are not part of our Parish Planned Giving Program, then please consider joining. If you are new to our Parish, please consider joining. You can join by the envelope system or Direct Debit. There are forms on the table at the main entrance of the Church. For more information, please contact the Parish Office or see Fr Michael.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO SHOW: Airls 8 March 2020: This week on the Journey we have Week 2 of Lent for you! The Gospel read by Bishop Brian, reflections by Fr Chris Sarkis and Sr Anastasia Reeves. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au to listen

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Are now taking enrolments for 2021. If you know any family, who have children beginning school next year, please let them know to contact the School Office, for further information etc on 4625 6561.

WHY WE'RE CATHOLIC: A Presentation by Trent Horn: Sunday 8th March 2020 6.30pm – 6.30pm, Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour St, Wollongong. Mass at 5pm followed by a light supper at 6pm before the presentation at 6.30pm.

ST MARY'S TOWERS RETREAT CENTRE: 415 Douglas Park Drive, Douglas Park Ph: 4630 0233 or email: contact@towersretreat.org.au or website: <http://towersretreat.org.au>. St Mary's Towers is steeped in a spirituality of the heart, a spirituality of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. They offer a variety of retreat experiences throughout the year as well as day visits for individuals and groups. Retreats can be tailored to individual circumstances. **Weekend Retreat: 13-15 March:** Mindfulness and the Presence of God, for more information please contact the above.

6 Day Retreat: 20-26 March: Paul's Letter to the Galatians Men's Prayer Weekend: 27-29 March: Paul White and Fr Thang Nguyen msc. For more information please use the above contact details

HOLY HOUR for YOUNG ADULTS (17-35): Wednesday 18th March at St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown. Come and join a growing vibrant group of young adults in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, praise and worship, Reconciliation, Liturgy of the Word and short teachings, silence and prayer. 6.30-7.45pm followed by supper and fellowship. For enquires please contact Georgia at georgia.farrugia@dow.org.au or 4222 2427.

RELICS PILGRIMAGE As part of the National Pilgrimage, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Rosemeadow, will be hosting the relics of the much loved **St. Therese of Lisieux, the "Little Flower"**, together with the relics of her recently canonised parents, **Ss. Louis and Zelig Martin** in our parish church on **Thursday 19 March from 4.30pm to 9.30pm**. People from all parishes in our region, and indeed anyone, are welcome to come and venerate these holy and unique relics of the only family to be canonised. **The schedule will be as follows:**
4.30pm: Solemn Liturgical Reception & Enthronement of Holy Relics in Sanctuary, **Reflection: A Family Bringing Blessings**, Silent Veneration, **5.45pm:** Reflection: *The Relics of Ss. Louis, Zelig, & Therese Martin*, Silent Veneration
6.30pm: Reflection: *St. Therese of Lisieux* Silent Veneration
7.30pm: Solemn Mass, **8.30pm:** Silent Veneration
9.00pm: Holy Rosary, **9.30pm:** Final Prayers & Departure of Holy Relics

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: If you would like to have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home during 2020 please phone Bev on 4625 0659.

DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 10th March: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference. Meeting in the Parish Centre.
Thursday 19th March: after the 9.30am morning Mass Retiree's Social Group Gathering in Chelsea House, all Retiree's over 55 are most welcome

PARISH ROSTERS:

CHURCH CLEANING

Saturday 14th March: Group 5: Samoan Divine Mercy
Saturday 21st March: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

Saturday 14th March Vigil:			
Usher's	Readers	Musician's	PowerPoint
Maureen Molland	St Thomas More Catholic Primary School	Carmen Wells & STM Catholic Primary School Choir	Chantal Berbari
Sunday 15th March 9.00am:			
Brian & Gwen Harris	Feyise and Tess Writer	Dexter Harris and Tongan Choir	Gwen Harris
Saturday 21st March Vigil:			
Carmel Munro	May Michelutti Jessica Littlewood	Dexter Harris and John Greene	Chantal Berbari
Sunday 22nd March 9.00am:			
Christine Foreman	Tess and Feyise Writer	Samoan Divine Mercy Choir	Gwen Harris

