

Third Sunday of Easter



30th 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.

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 comes to the bottom of the Sanctuary.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Hugo Osorio, Keith Gomes, Balbino & 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. *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’s for this week:

2nd May: *Michael (Mike) Young*
5th: *Gwen Harris*

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

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community: *Azalea Bella Bates, Maddison Grace Keegel, Lachlan Rohinton Mascarenhas and Ava Daisy Reddy* who were Baptised last weekend.

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.

PARISH LADIES MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE:

The Parish Ladies Group have organised a raffle for Mother’s Day, tickets will be sold over the next two weekends, and the winners will be drawn following the 9am Mass on Mother’s Day. Tickets will be \$1 each, and all proceeds will be used towards refurbishment of the Parish Hall. We thank you for your generous and continuous support of our fund raising efforts.

PARISH LADIES GROUP MEETING: This coming Monday, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All ladies of the Parish are warmly welcome to attend this meeting at which we will be preparing the Medals to be given to all Mums on Mother’s Day. Final details for our High Tea in May will also be on the agenda.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY: Returns today (Sunday 30th April). This is held during the 9.00am Sunday morning Mass and is for school aged children - Kindergarten to Year 6 (inclusive). If you would like more information on this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 0421 802 132.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME: Returns this Tuesday 2nd May from 9.30am - 11.30am in our Parish Hall. *Gold coin donation.*

Parents/Guardians/Grandparents, if you have children including School aged and bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the children enjoy playtime activities. If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ENVELOPES:

Please return Project Compassion Boxes/Envelopes as soon as possible. Either being placed in the Collection baskets or to the Parish Office during Office Hours. Please continue to Donate by ☎ **1800 024 413** or by www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

ST VINCENT de PAUL FLOOD APPEAL: *Thank you to all who have donated to this Appeal.* To make a donation to the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW flood appeal please visit www.vinnies.org.au, call 13 18 12 or send your donation to PO Box 5, Petersham NSW 2049. Donations can also be made at any Vinnies Shop in NSW.

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 on Thursday 4th May, then a fortnight later on 18th May. 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Will be celebrated here on Saturday 1st July at 2.30pm by Bishop Peter Ingham. There will be an **Information/Enrolment night** for all Parents/Guardians of Candidates for Confirmation on **Wednesday 17th May at 7.00pm in the Church.** Children at St Thomas More Primary school and those children who attend Catholic Scripture at our local State Primary Schools will be receiving a reminder notice about this meeting in the coming week.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING: If you would like to join the Parish Planned Giving Program please either contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967, email: ruse@dow.org.au or fill in the forms available on the tables at the Entrance to the Church and put in the collection baskets.

PARISH PIETY STALL: Come and have a browse through our Parish Piety Stall, we have many Religious items etc for sale. If you have any enquiries please see John and Bertha our Piety Stall Co-Ordinators.

PARISH MAINTENANCE: A reminder regarding the Parish Maintenance book on the main table at the entrance of the Church. You can either write in the book or phone/email the Parish Office, if you are aware or notice anything that is in need of repair.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for \$2.00, includes many interesting articles. Money to be placed in the “red letterbox”, on the table where the Catholic Weeklies are.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Save the date: Sunday 6th August - School Fete. More details to follow. Please take home the First school newsletter for Term 2 and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 30

APRIL 2017: This week on the Journey, Fr Ken Café shares a moving and powerful Gospel Reflection, one of which we can all relate. We are reminded by Trish McCarthy in her Milk and Honey section to renew our mind, and Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent talks about having a team around us (repeat). This is threaded together carefully with some amazing Christian music artists to help us create a show that is all about faith, hope, love and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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

LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE – INVITATION TO A CURSILLO WEEKEND EXPERIENCE Thursday evening 4 May – Sunday afternoon 7 May at Hartzler Park Conference Centre, 25 Eridge Park Rd Burradoo. Cursillo provides a fantastic opportunity for Catholics of all ages to get to know self, God and others. Cursillo has a method that shows how the Gospel can be lived in everyday life. It provides a means of support to enable Christianity to be lived. Through the weekend experience you will be given an opportunity to grow, a chance to experience the love and Grace of God and a way of continuing our life’s journey together as Christians. For registration or if you would like further information about this weekend, please contact Lester Smith 02 4628 8289 or 0415 562 808 or Margaret French 0417 041 721 margaretfrench55@hotmail.com

A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!

Weekend date: 19-21 May at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Bookings online at www.wvme.org.au or Bill and Ardell Sharpe on 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

PARISH ROSARY STATUE

If you would like to have the Parish Rosary Statue in your home, please phone Bev on: 4625 0659. *“When you prayer the Rosary, you have our Lady’s hand in your hand. When you pray the Holy rosary, you have the power of God in your hand”.*

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Monday 1st May: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Hall
Tuesday 2nd May: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall
Wednesday 3rd May: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre
Thursday 4th May: 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 8th May: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 9th May: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

6th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron & Bev McKenzie
7th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue & Helen Rawson
13th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bertha Barbari & Trish Newman
14th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Faye & Junior Faamau

READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

6th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie & Bev McKenzie
7th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Bill George & Feyise Writer
13th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie & Carmel Munro
14th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Feyise Writer & Bill George

USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

6th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
7th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley
13th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: HELP REQUIRED
14th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy & Helen Rawson

CHURCH CLEANERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 6th May: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group
Saturday 13th May: Tongan Youth Group

