

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



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31st March 2019

**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*

**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.**

**PASCHAL PRECEPT:** Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. Between Ash Wednesday (6<sup>th</sup> March) and Trinity Sunday (16<sup>th</sup> 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 once a year.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:** Is celebrated on Thursdays during Lent *commencing at 7.30pm: 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April.*

**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES** are available from the all the tables at the Entrance to the Church. Project Compassion, through Caritas Australia, is the Catholic Church’s annual appeal to fund projects in developing countries and when natural disasters strike overseas.

**EASTER RECONCILIATION AND MASS TIMETABLE:**

**Reconciliation:**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April:** after the 9.30am Weekday Mass  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April:** After the Stations of the Cross and the Passion of the Lord  
**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April:** 1.00am – 12noon

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April: 7.30pm: Mass of the Lord’s Supper and Altar of Repose (until 10.00pm)**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April: 10.00am: Stations of the Cross**  
**3.00pm: The Passion of the Lord**  
**7.00pm: Stations of the Cross**  
**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April: 7.00pm: Easter Vigil**  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April: 9.00am: Sunday of the Resurrection**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED and the ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AT THIS TIME:**

Gail Wylie, Michael Martin, Keith Gomes, Balbino Gomes, Kim Rimkus, James Gibbons (Jim), Kyle Miller, Beryl Ford, Fr Tony Daly, Maree Laming, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Alice Harris, Ladislav Feher, Bobby Cameron, Bernard Hoffmann and Maria Cabonara.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr John Whitty, Roge Beshoy(baby), Maureen Hennessy, Elaine Hoffmann, Ellen Healy, Patricia McInerney, Helen Rawson, Betty Berthon, Brenda Baker, Moria Harris, Jessica Cartwright, Betty Byrne, Rosa Santos, Aimiti Seufatu, John Hill, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

**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)  
**PARISHIONER’S BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**  
**4<sup>th</sup>: Therese Writer**  
**5<sup>th</sup>: Helen Rawson**

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** The Children, their families and the Sacramental Team who will making the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this coming week.

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community:  
**Mia Kellie Brown** who was Baptised last weekend.

**PARISH LADIES GROUP EASTER RAFFLE:** 7 wonderful baskets to be won. Tickets are on sale (\$1.00 each) for the next 2 weekends and will be drawn on Palm Sunday (14<sup>th</sup> April). **Please support this Parish Fundraiser, all monies raised goes back into beautifying our Church and Chelsea House.**

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY 2019** is held during the Sunday 9.00am Mass during School Terms. This is for School Aged Children (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 042 180 2132.

**ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME 2019** is held in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) on Tuesdays during School Terms 9.30am – 11.30am. Mums, Dads or Carers come along with the children. Come for cuppa and a chat while the children play, do craft, read stories, and many more activities. Gold coin donation. **All are most welcome**

**PARISH MINISTRIES:** If you would like to become involved in any of our Parish Ministries please see Fr Michael or contact the Parish Office. **We have many Parish Ministries that are looking for more Volunteers. Eg: Church Cleaner’s, Ushers, etc. Thanking you in anticipation.**

**PARISH BULLETIN ADVERTISING:** If you would like to advertise your Business on the back cover of our Parish Bulletin, either single or double business card size please either speak with Barry Daley or contact the Parish Office for more information.

**PARISH PIETY STALL:** Please come and have a look, there are plenty of Rosary Beads, Religious books, cards etc for sale.

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Filled with many articles etc. **A bargain at \$2.00 each, please put monies in the red letterbox on the table.**

**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.

**PARISH MAINTENANCE:** Like anywhere, from time to time little things need ‘doing’ in the Church, Parish Hall, toilets etc. It’s good to keep on top of things. If you happen to notice kneelers need mending, or anything that is need of repair, please write in the Maintenance book on the main table at the entrance of the Church or phone/email the Parish Office.

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

To keep up to date with the happenings in our Parish Primary School, please take home the latest copy of their School Newsletter.

**ENROLING FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020:** Enrolments Close Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Please contact the School Office for details: 4625 6561

**SAVE THE DATE: SCHOOL FETE: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019.** More details to follow.

**MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE, VARROVILLE:**

**Praying with St John of the Cross:** April 6: 10:00 am – 4:00pm. Cost: \$30 (please remember to bring your lunch). Pick-ups from Minto train station at 930am and 1000am.

Presenter: Barbara Stenning OCDS “For well I know the spring that flows and runs although all is night.”

**Finding life and joy in today’s world: A retreat using worship from Taize.** April 12 – April 14. Cost: \$300 (concessions apply) Facilitated by Annemarie Nichol “The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it”

**Holy week and Easter:** April 17 – April 21 Cost: \$500 (concessions apply) Presenters: Carmelite Team  
**For further information please phone (02) 8795 3400 or email: [retreats@carelite.com](mailto:retreats@carelite.com)**

**REMEMBERING • HEALING • RECONCILIATION APPIN MASSACRE MEMORIAL CEREMONY Sunday 14 April 2019** Cataract Dam Picnic Area 11am-3.30pm Hosted by The Winga Myamly Reconciliation Group and the Aboriginal Communities of Macarthur. For further information, contact Uncle Ivan Wellington 0447 581 306 or Sr Kerry 9605 1838.

**LIGHT TO THE NATIONS (LTTN) 2019:** LTTN is an Easter Pilgrimage event held biannually for Catholics (singles and families) aged 16+. Camp under the open skies with 1,000 other young people as we celebrate the Easter Triduum. Held in the grounds of Chevalier College, Bowral NSW - 18-21 April 2019. Visit [www.lttn.org.au](http://www.lttn.org.au) for more information and register today. Contact [info@ltnn.org.au](mailto:info@ltnn.org.au) or ring 0432 228 250.

**PILGRIMAGE: LANDS OF ST PAUL:** Fr Christopher Sarkis will be leading a 10-night pilgrimage as Chaplain to the Lands of St Paul, following the path of his missionary journey. It departs 15 July 2019. For further information contact Harvest Journeys Freecall 1800 819 156 or email: [info@harvestjourneys.com](mailto:info@harvestjourneys.com) or [www.harvestjourneys.com](http://www.harvestjourneys.com)

**DIARY DATES TO NOTE:**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April: 6.30pm** Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April: 7.30pm** Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: 7.30pm** Parish Pastoral Council meeting in Chelsea House  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April:** Retiree’s Social Group Gathering **after the 9.30am morning Mass**, in Chelsea House  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April: 7.30pm** Stations of the Cross  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in Chelsea House  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April: 8.30am – 11am** **Parish Grounds working Bee** in preparing our Church grounds etc for Easter. Morning tea to follow. More details to follow

**PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

• **USHERS**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro**  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley**  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland**  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April: 9.00am Mass: Brian and Gwen Harris**

• **READERS:**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April: Vigil Mass: Cecile Marot and Julie McKenzie**  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April: 9.00am Mass: Maureen Molland and Daniel Quinlivan**  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April: Vigil Mass: Cecile Marot and May Michelutti**  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April: 9.00am Mass: Maryse Parisi and David Minogue**

• **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April: Vigil Mass: Trish Newman**  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April: 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan and Catherine Minogue**  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April: Vigil Mass: John Greene and Winnie Cameron**  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April: 9.00am Mass: Loretta and Lafitaga Tuigamala**

• **POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S:**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April: Vigil Mass: Chantal Barbari**  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris**  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star**  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris**

• **CHURCH CLEANERS:**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Eugene Wasko and Barry Daley**  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April: Group 3: Christine Foreman, Christine Charlton, James and Carmel Munro**

• **REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS:**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April: Group 1: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Maria Hill, Colleen Jablonskis and Emma Rizk**

*We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace.*  
*Pope Francis*