

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



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 (6th March) and Trinity Sunday (16th 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: 11th April.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES are on 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.

READERS FOR EASTER: Palm Sunday: Saturday Vigil: Carmel Munro, May Michelutti, Kerry Hennessy, Ian Star and Pauline Menzies. Sunday: 9.00am Mass: Feyise Writer, Alison Hourigan, Tess Writer, Julie Writer and Marian Cross. HOLY THURSDAY: Cecile Marot, Maureen Molland and Christine Foreman. GOOD FRIDAY: The Passion of the Lord: David Minogue, Chris, O'Brien, Julie Writer, John Greene, Kerry Hennessy and Brian O'Brien. Easter Sunday: Vigil Mass: May Michelutti, Ian Star, Pauline Menzies and Marian Cross. Easter Sunday: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley and Christine Foreman

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), 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

RECONCILIATION PROGRAM: Thank you to Fr Michael, Parents, Program Teachers and Admin Staff on a successful completion of this program. The children are to be commended for their reverence and attentiveness both during the lessons and the actual Sacrament.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community: Sienna Grace Allen, Jacob Barry Allen, Valentina Vida Carneiro Gomes, Nixon Furness, Quinn Morgan Williams and Eleena Peta Yacoub who were Baptised last weekend.

PARISH LADIES GROUP EASTER RAFFLE: 8 wonderful baskets to be won. Tickets are on sale (\$1.00 each) this weekend and will be drawn next Sunday (Palm Sunday). 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.

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 GROUNDS WORKING BEE FOR EASTER: Next Saturday (13th April) from 8.30am - 11.00am. All parishioners and visitor's to the Parish Grounds working bee. Some of the jobs that need doing are: mowing, edges, carpark tidying up, tree removal, table in courtyard repairs etc. Please bring your lawnmowers, brooms, whipper snippers etc. Morning tea will be provided. Thank you all in anticipation. Many hands make light work. The gifts of your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Enrolment Evening for parents/carers, Monday 13th May at 7.00pm in the Parish Church. (Candidates need to be Baptised Catholic, made Reconciliation and First Eucharist and be in Year 6 or above). Information Letters will be distributed via the schools early in Term Two.

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 12th April 2019. Please contact the School Office for details: 4625 6561. SAVE THE DATE: SCHOOL FETE: Sunday 4th August 2019. More details to follow.

MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE, VARROVILLE: 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

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 for more information and register today. Contact 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 or www.harvestjourneys.com

DIARY DATES TO NOTE: Tuesday 9th April: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in Chelsea House Thursday 11th April: 7.30pm Stations of the Cross Saturday 13th April: 8.30am - 11am Parish Grounds working Bee in preparing our Church grounds etc for Easter. Morning tea to follow. See main notices for details Thursday 18th April: Retiree's Social Group Gathering 10.00am in Chelsea House

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

USHERS Saturday 13th April: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland Sunday 14th April: 9.00am Mass: Brian and Gwen Harris Saturday 20th April: Vigil Mass: All Ushers required Sunday 21st April: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

READERS: Saturday 13th April: Vigil Mass: Cecile Marot and May Michelutti Sunday 14th April: 9.00am Mass: Maryse Parisi and David Minogue Thursday 18th April: 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper: Please see main notices Friday 19th April: 3.00pm: Passion of the Lord: Please See main notices Saturday 20th April: Vigil Mass: Please see main notices Sunday 21st April: 9.00am Mass: Please see main notices

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION Saturday 13th April: Vigil Mass: John Greene and Winnie Cameron Sunday 14th April: 9.00am Mass: Loretta and Lafitaga Tuigamala Thursday 18th April: Mass of the Lord's Supper: Julie Writer and Annette Read Saturday 20th April: Vigil Mass: Julie and Bev McKenzie Sunday 21st April: 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau and Annette Read

POWERPOINT OPERATOR'S: Saturday 13th April: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star Sunday 14th March: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris Saturday 20th April: Vigil Mass: Chantal Barbari Sunday 21st April: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

CHURCH CLEANERS: Saturday 13th April: Group 3: Christine Foreman, Christine Charlton, James and Carmel Munro Saturday 20th April: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS: Sunday 14th April: Group 1: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Maria Hill, Colleen Jablonskis and Emma Rizk

We don't change the message. The message changes us.