

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER
(Good Shepherd Sunday)
Year B



22nd 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.

POPE FRANCIS - MESSAGE FOR 2018 WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS: "It will not fill our hearts if we keep standing by the window with the excuse of waiting for the right time, without accepting this very day the risk of making a decision. Vocation is today. The Christian mission is now! Each one of us is called to become a witness of the Lord, here and now. "We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous "yes", nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord."

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr Michael, Fr David Catterall, Ellen Healy, 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: Fay Bourke (R.D.), Joan Ward (R.D.), Elizabeth Hooton, Keith Gomes, Balbino Xavier Gomes, Monica Gomes, John Baptist D'Sa, Fr Tony Daly, 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.*

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community: *Lincoln William Bye* and *Gabrielle Ines Duyker* who were Baptised last weekend.

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:
21st: *Eddy Radzieta and Olga Saulig (85)*
23rd: *Christine Charlton*
24th: *Richard Martin*
27th: *Kristine George*

Parishioner's Wedding Anniversaries for this Week:
20th: *Malanie & Kevin Webb (27 years)*
24th: *Maria & Frank Byron (32 years)*

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.

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.

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

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 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 Thursday's (3rd May) 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.*

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*

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 PARISH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: 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.*

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 I STAND camp of the year at The Venue Conference Centre in Bellambi this week! It is for high school students in years 9-12. For more information please go to www.ymt.com.au/rego-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:

24th April: 7.30pm *St Vincent de Paul Conference* meeting in the Parish Centre
3rd May: *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
7th May: *Parish Ladies Group meeting 7.30pm* in the Parish Centre
8th May: *Parish Pastoral Council meeting 7.30pm* in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)
9th May: *Parent/Carer Information & Enrolment Evening 7.00pm* for Confirmation in the church

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

• **EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 28th April: Saturday Vigil Mass: James Munro & Trish Newman
Sunday 29th April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue & Julie Writer
Saturday 5th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie & Bev McKenzie
Sunday 6th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan & Catherine Minogue

• **READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

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
Saturday 5th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Stephanie Roux & Julie McKenzie
Sunday 6th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Maryse Parisi & Maureen Molland

• **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 28th April: Saturday Vigil Mass: Help required
Sunday 29th April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy
Saturday 5th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne
Sunday 6th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley

• **CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR THE WEEKEND:**

Saturday 5th May: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group

Think about it....

Have you thought about how much work goes into to celebrating our Sunday liturgies? How much our musicians prepare and practice? Our sacristans (including the 2 Parishioners who wash/iron the Church Linen and look after the Priests Vestments), florists, Our liturgical ministers eg: Prayers of Intercessions, Powerpoint creator, Readers etc prepare and participate in our service, to name a few people who give generously of their time and talents. Our priests spend many hours preparing homilies and other things for the liturgies and sacraments they celebrate for us. *Perhaps today we might pause and give a prayer of thanks for all those who serve us in our parish.*

If you would like to join any of the above Parish Ministries or the many other Parish Ministries not mentioned above, please contact the Parish Office and you will be guided in the right direction. The gifts of your time and talents are greatly appreciated.