

PALM SUNDAY
of the **PASSION** of the **LORD**
Year B



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 Michael *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 Paul ofm or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We currently have 2 Acolytes who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.



The Parishioners and Visitors of our Parish would like to welcome Fr Paul Smith *ofm* to our Parish for the celebration of our weekend Masses for the next 2 weekends.

HEALTH UPDATE OF FATHER MICHAEL: Fr Michael is currently resting away from the Parish. Please continue to keep Fr Michael in your prayers.

WE WELCOME: The many Parishioners and Visitor's to our Parish this weekend.

RECONCILIATION: Congratulations to the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday evening. Thank you to all the parent/grandparents/carers who helped prepare these children for the Sacrament, and to the program teachers who generously gave their time to assist with the preparation. A very big thank you also to the Sacramental Team for the hours spent in ensuring the program ran smoothly.

WE WELCOME: Into our Parish Community: **Louie James Flegg, Macie Rose Towers, Lukas Godoy** and **Lola Lindy Hennessy** who were recently Baptised.

PARISH PIETY STALL: Please come and see what is available for sale.

LENT TIMETABLE 2018
Monday 26th March: 7.00pm 1st Rite of Reconciliation

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday 29th March: 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, then Altar of Repose till 10.00pm

Friday 30th March: GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am: Stations of the Cross

3.00pm: The Passion of the Lord

Saturday 31st March: HOLY SATURDAY

7.00pm: Easter Vigil Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

Sunday 1st April: Sunday of the Resurrection

9.00am: Easter Sunday Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

READER'S FOR THE EASTER Triduum:

29th March: Thursday of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm:

Commentator for Procession of the Oils: Bev McKenzie

1st Reading: Maureen Molland

2nd Reading: Cecile Satchell

Prayers of Intercession: Carmel Munro

30th March: Friday of the Passion of the Lord 10.00am:

1st Reading: Elisapeta Minisale

2nd Reading: Ian Star

Gospel/Passion Narrator: Julie Writer

Gospel/Passion Other: John Greene

General Intercessions: May Michelutti

31st March: Vigil for Sunday of the Resurrection 7.00pm:

1st Reading: Pauline Menzies

2nd Reading: Marian Cross

3rd Reading: May Michelutti

Epistle & Prayers of Intercession: Stephanie Roux

1st April: Sunday of the Resurrection 9.00am

1st Reading: Christine Foreman

2nd Reading & Prayers of Intercession: Jim Writer

PARISH LADIES GROUP EASTER RAFFLE: The raffle will be drawn after the 9.00am Mass today (Sunday). **All monies will go towards the landscaping in front of Chelsea House (Parish Hall).** The winners will be notified and included in next weekend's Parish Bulletin. **Thank you to the many parishioners and visitors to our Parish who supported this Parish Fundraiser. Good luck to all.**

PROJECT COMPASSION (CARITAS AUSTRALIA): Please return your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes ASAP. They are to be returned either via: the Collection baskets during Mass, handed to Fr Paul or into the Parish Office. Thank you for donations for supporting Project Compassion (Caritas Australia) 2018. Please continue to donate by **1800 024 413** or by **www.caritas.org.au/project compassion.**

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr Michael, Fr David Catterall, Joan Ward, 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: Richard Moreton(R.D.), Keith Gomes (Anniv), Balbino Xavier Gomes (Anniv), Monica Gomes, John Baptist D'Sa, Geoffrey Lamont, Nathan Berthaly, Fr Tony Daly, Fr Hugh Dowdell, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Ralph Carmona, 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.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2018: Is held at the beginning of the Sunday 9.00am Mass. This is for **School aged children from 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 0421 802 132.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME: Is held every Tuesday from 9.30am - 11.30am in Chelsea House (Parish Hall). This is held during School Terms 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.

THANK YOU TO THE MANY PARISHIONERS: who have purchased a chair/chairs for Chelsea House (Parish Hall). You are still able to purchase chairs or donate to the landscaping that will be in front of Chelsea House. Please either give to Noel Laming, Barry Daley, Jim Writer or hand into the Parish Office during Office Hours. **Thank you all once again for your support in the renovations to Chelsea House.**

PARISH WORKING BEE: Thank you to the Parishioners who gave of their time and talents with last Saturday's Church grounds clean up in preparation for Easter.
The gifts of your time and talents were/are greatly appreciated.

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**

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.**

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take home a copy of the latest School Newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Primary School.

INVITATION TO THE CHRISM MASS – Wednesday 28th March 7.30pm: Each year during Holy Week the Chrism Mass is celebrated at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. If you have never participated, you are missing one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our Church. During the Mass, the Priests of the Diocese renew their commitment to priestly service; Bishop Brian blesses the Holy Oils. Everyone is warmly invited to join Bishop Brian and our clergy to celebrate this significant event in the life of the Church.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE: 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville ph no: 8795 3400, retreats@carmeliteretreats.com.au. Retreats for April are: Weekend Retreat: April 6 – April 8: Living in the light of the resurrection. Day Retreat: April 7: Out of darkness, colour breaks, Weekend Retreat: April 13 – April 15: Journeying with the disciples of Emmaus. **For more information please contact the Retreat Centre.**

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:

27th March: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre
5th April: 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
9th April: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre
10th April: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)
11th April: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre

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

29th March: 7.30pm Thursday of the Lord's Supper: Catherine Minogue and Julie Writer
31st March: Saturday: Easter Vigil of the RESURRECTION of the LORD: Julie McKenzie and James Munro
1st April: SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION: Catherine Minogue and Mavon Vaughan

Saturday 7th April: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie & Winnie Cameron
Sunday 8th April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Loretta & Lafitaga Tuigamala

• **READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**
Please see main notices for Easter
Saturday 7th April: Saturday Vigil Mass: Ian Star & May Michelluti
Sunday 8th April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Cecile Satchell & Jim Writer

• **CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**
Saturday 31st March: Group 3: Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro
Saturday 7th April: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie

HOLY WEEK embraces the last days of Lent (until Thursday) and the Easter Triduum. The Sacrament of Penance is an excellent way to conclude the penitential season of Lent. It is best celebrated before Holy Thursday evening so that, with heart and mind renewed, all may focus on the celebration of the Paschal Mystery.