

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD



YEAR C
14th April 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.*



ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO OUR PARISH ARE INVITED:

To Chelsea House (Parish Hall) to share in Refreshments after the Sunday 9.00am morning Mass. This is a great opportunity to catch up with friends, meet new people and to purchase that last minute "winning" raffle ticket. Looking forward to seeing as

many of you as possible. *Enjoy*

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.*

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES: Need to be returned ASAP. They can be put on any of the Collection baskets or handed to Fr Michael or the Parish Office during Office Hours.

WISHING ALL FAMILIES AND THEIR CHILDREN: A very happy and Blessed holiday.

CONGRATULATIONS: To *Jacinta Elise Addison* and *Christopher James Peppernell* who were Married last weekend. Wishing them God's Blessings on their Marriage.

READERS FOR EASTER:

HOLY THURSDAY: Cecile Marot and Maureen Molland
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 Karen Baffour

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 Steve Foreman, Jasper Alison (baby), 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
Parishioner's Birthday this coming week:
16th: *Michael Bye*
Parishioner's Wedding Anniversaries this coming week:
14th: *Helen & Robert Rawson (46 years) and Elaine & John Nakasenh (12 years)*

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community: *Ivy Jane Race* and who was Baptised last weekend.

RECONCILIATION PROGRAM: Thank you to Fr Michael, Parents, Program Teachers and Admin Staff on a successful completion of this program.

PARISH LADIES GROUP EASTER RAFFLE: Will be drawn in Chelsea House during the Refreshments. Good luck and thank you to all who supported 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. This will return on Tuesday 30th April.

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

REMEMBERING • HEALING • RECONCILIATION APPIN MASSACRE MEMORIAL CEREMONY: Today, 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.

MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE, VARROVILLE: 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**

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.

HOLY HOUR FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) Wednesday 24 April 2019 at Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow at 6.30pm. It will bring young people from around the Diocese together for a night of worship and fellowship. Come join Bishop Mascord for adoration, worship, teaching and benediction. Afterwards, those gathered will be invited to share time together over a meal and refreshments.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND 26 - 28 April 2019 Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville Relationship enrichment for married couples. Bookings online at www.wvme.org.au Contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

DIARY DATES TO NOTE:

Thursday 18th April: Retiree's Social Group Gathering 10.00am in Chelsea House
Tuesday 23rd April: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in Chelsea House
Wednesday 24th April: 2.30pm Sacramental Team meeting in the Parish Centre

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

• **USHERS**

Saturday 20th April: Vigil Mass: All Ushers required
Sunday 21st April: 9.00am Mass: Help required
Saturday 27th April: Vigil Mass: Vici Horne
Sunday 28th April: 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy

• **READERS:**

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
Saturday 27th April: Vigil Mass: John Greene and Bev McKenzie
Sunday 28th April: 9.00am Mass: Andrew O'Halloran and Julie Writer

• **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

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
Saturday 27th April: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland and Bertha Berbari
Sunday 28th April: 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue and Julie Writer

• **POWERPOINT OPERATOR'S:**

Saturday 20th April: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Sunday 21st April: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 27th April: Joshua Star
Sunday 28th April: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

• **CHURCH CLEANERS:**

Saturday 20th April: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community
Saturday 27th April: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Colleen Jablonskis, Rosa and Manuel Herrera and Fay Faamau



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.

