

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)



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."

*"Anyone 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.

THANKYOU: To the many Parish Ministries in preparing our Parish Church and Grounds in readiness for the Easter Celebrations. *The gift of your time and talents were greatly appreciative of the many Parishioners and Visitors to our Parish Church during this Special Time.*

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 comes to the bottom of the Sanctuary.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL TERM 2: For our Parish School Children and wish them well in their studies.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Hugo Osorio, Keith Gomes, Balbino & Xavier Gomes, Monica Gomes, Michael Seufatu, Lina Cookson, Ladislav Feher, Falmata Lilian Wako, Marie (Betty) White, Fr Tony Daly, Mathew Cherian, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, Mary Writer, John Read, Josephine and Frank McKay, Genie Lynch, Alice Harris and Maria Cabonara. *Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Betty Byrne, Frank Byron, Chris Reddy, Rosa Santos, Pio Byron, Elaine Hoffmann, Natalie Dwyer, Aimiti Seufatu, Robert Berthaly, Ken Flemming, John Hill, Liban (Wako) Family, Maree and Noel Laming, Rita Jowsey, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Beryl Purcell, Ellen Healy, Jeannie and George Nicholson and Mary Fredericks.

Parishioner's Birthday's for this week:

23rd: *Christine Charlton*

27th: *Kristine George*

Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary for this week:

24th: *Frank & Maria Byron (31 years)*

If any Parishioner/s would like to have their Birthdays and or Wedding Anniversaries included in the bulletin, please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or ruse@dow.org.au

ST VINCENT de PAUL FLOOD APPEAL: To make a donation to the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW flood appeal please visit www.vinnies.org.au, call 13 18 12 or send your donation to PO Box 5, Petersham NSW 2049. Donations can also be made at any Vinnies Shop in NSW. If you are returning your envelopes, please put them in the collection baskets. *Thank you to all who have donated to this Appeal so far.*

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for \$2.00, includes many interesting articles. Money to be placed in the "red letterbox", on the table where the Catholic Weeklies are.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ENVELOPES:

Please return Project Compassion Boxes/Envelopes as soon as possible. Either being placed in the Collection baskets or to the Parish Office during Office Hours. Please continue to Donate by ☎ 1800 024 413 or by www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Can you please supervise your children in the Church courtyard and Parish Hall. They are not permitted to climb the brick walls, the hand rails both leading into the Church and the 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.

THE RETIREES SOCIAL GROUP: Would like to invite senior parishioners (over 55) to join our group in the hall after 9.30am Mass (Thursday's). We meet twice a month, with the next meeting on Thursday 4th May, then a fortnight later on 18th May. Please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat, share many laughs and form new friendships. We hope you will join us. Hope to see you there.

From your fellow Retired Parishioners.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Will be celebrated by Bishop Peter here on Saturday 1st July. We are seeking volunteers to teach four classes, beginning towards the middle of May. Day and times of lessons will be based on availability of volunteers. If you are able to assist, or would like further information, please ring either Mike Young on 0414333606 Or Annette Read on 0404112335. Many thanks in anticipation.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING: If you would like to join the Parish Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or email: ruse@dow.org.au

PARISH LADIES MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE: The Parish Ladies Group have organised a raffle for Mothers Day, tickets will be sold over the next two weekends, and the winners will be drawn following the 9am Mass on Mothers Day. Tickets will be \$1 each, and all proceeds will be used towards refurbishment of the Parish Hall. We thank you for your generous and continuous support of our fund raising efforts.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH PLAYTIME: Returns Tuesday 2nd May from 9.30am - 11.30am in our Parish Hall. **Gold coin donation.** Parents/Guardians/Grandparents, if you have children including School aged and bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the children enjoy playtime activities. If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine on 4627 1842.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Returns next Sunday (30th April). This is held during the 9.00am Sunday morning Mass and is for school aged children - Kindergarten to Year 6 (inclusive). If you would like more information on this Parish Ministry please contact Joanne on 0421 802 132.

APPIN MASSACRE MEMORIAL CEREMONY: Today, Sunday 23rd April: Cataract Dam picnic area, Appin 11.00am - 3.30pm. Hosted by Winga Myamly Reconciliation Group and the Aboriginal Communities of Macarthur.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM - AIRS 23 April 2017 Sunday. This week on the Journey, Peter Gilmore talks about Living the Gospel (repeat). We hear from Sam Clear in his segment walking the Walk about Pain and Suffering in God's Plan. We have put together some amazing Christian music artists in our line-up this week to help us create a show that is all about faith, hope, love and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Save the date: Sunday 6th August - School Fete. More details to follow.

6 DAY RETREAT 21-27 APRIL 2017 "THE ISAIAH SCROLL: TWO AND A HALF CENTURIES OF INSPIRED INSIGHTS" Presented by Michael Fallon msc. You will experience rich material for reflection along with daily Eucharist and the Sacraments of Anointing and Reconciliation. Come and enjoy the tranquility of St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park Telephone 4630 0233|e: towersretreat@bigpond.com |Web: <http://towersretreat.abundance.org.au>

A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples - set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset... your Marriage!
Weekend date: 19-21 May at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Bookings online at www.wvme.org.au or Bill and Ardell Sharpe on 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE APRIL RETREATS: 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville. 8795 3400. For more details please contact the Retreat Centre. retreats@carmelite.com.au www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

EASTER TIME: The 50 days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday (4th June) are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'. These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung. The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be Sundays in of Easter ... *GNLYC 22-24*
PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish has a Parish Rosary Statue that Parishioners are able to have in their Home and pray the Rosary as a family. *If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry in 2017 and would like to find out more information please phone Bev on: 4625 0659*

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 25th April: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre
Monday 1st May: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Hall
Tuesday 2nd May: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall
Thursday 4th May: Retiree's Social Group gathering is after the 9.30am Mass. *(Any Retirees over the age of 55 are warmly welcome to join this group)*. Gathering is held in the Parish Hall. (see notice)

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

29th April: Saturday Vigil Mass: James Munro & Trish Newman
30th April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Annette Read & Julie Writer
6th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron & Bev McKenzie
7th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue & Helen Rawson

READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

29th April: Saturday Vigil Mass: Marisel King & James Munro
30th April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Brian & Chris O'Brien
6th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie & Bev McKenzie
7th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Bill George & Feyise Writer

USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

29th April: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicky Horne
30th April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Gwen & Brian Harris
6th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
7th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:

Saturday 29th April: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faye Faamau, Rosa & Manuel Herrera and Amber (Colleen) Jablonskis
Saturday 6th May: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group

Prayer

Lord our God, boundless provider, source of peace that the world cannot give, kindly hear our constant prayer for those who bore witness to your own fidelity by giving their lives for those they loved. Resurrect them in our true homeland and perfect that peace for which they longed and died. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

