

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



YEAR C
24th March 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.**

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: 28th March, 4th and 11th April.**

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES are available from the 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.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: The Children, their families and the Sacramental Team who are currently preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community: **Mindarie Colin Brandon Burraston** and **Ava-Rose Maree Daniel** who were Baptised last weekend.

PARISH PIETY STALL: Please come and have a look, there are plenty of Rosary Beads, Religious books, cards etc for sale.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Filled with many articles etc. **A bargain at \$2.00 each, please put monies in the red letterbox on the table.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED and the ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Gail Wylie (R.D.), Michael Martin (R.D.), Keith Gomes (Anniv), Balbino Gomes, Kim Rimkus (R.D.), 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), Maureen Hennessy, 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 BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

22nd: **Chantal Berbari**
23rd: **Betty Berthon**

PARISH LADIES GROUP EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets will go on sale (\$1.00 each) from the weekend of: 30th/31st March and 6th/7th April. Raffle will be drawn on Palm Sunday (14th April)

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.

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.

DIARY DATES TO NOTE:

Tuesday 26th March: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in the Parish Centre
Thursday 28th March: 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
Monday 1st April: 6.30pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Monday 1st April: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre
Thursday 4th April: Retiree's Social Group Gathering **after the 9.30am morning Mass**, in Chelsea House
Saturday 13th April: Parish Grounds working Bee in preparing our Church grounds etc for Easter. More details to follow

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

• USHERS

Saturday 30th March: Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne
Sunday 31st March: 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy
Saturday 6th April: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
Sunday 7th April: 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley

• READERS:

Saturday 30th March: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro and Marisel King
Sunday 31st March: 9.00am Mass: Daniel Quinlivan and Maureen Molland
Saturday 6th April: Vigil Mass: Cecile Marot and Julie McKenzie
Sunday 7th April: 9.00am Mass: Maureen Molland and Daniel Quinlivan

• EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 30th March: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie
Sunday 31st March: 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer and Annette Read
Saturday 6th April: Vigil Mass: Trish Newman
Sunday 7th March: 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan and Catherine Minogue

• POWERPOINT OPERATOR'S:

Saturday 30th March: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 31st March: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 6th March: Vigil Mass: Chantal Berbari
Sunday 7th March: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

• CHURCH CLEANERS:

Saturday 30th March: Group 6: Tongan Community
Saturday 6th April: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Eugene Wasko and Barry Daley

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.

"Before you speak, it is necessary for you to listen, for God speaks in the silence of the heart." Mother Teresa

MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE, VARROVILLE:

Praying with The Doctors: St John of the Cross, St Teresa of Avila and St Therese of Lisieux. Tuesday - Wednesday 26-27 March Presenters: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD and Mr Geoff Stumbles Cost: \$135. *Through gaining an understanding of these Carmelite mystics, can we relate to what they are teaching and locate our experience within their writings?*
Contemplating the Creative Process Friday-Sunday 29-31 March. Presenters: John Charadia and artist tutors Cost: \$300. *Through practical experience in creating artistic forms we will reflect on the spirituality of the creative process.*

Praying with St John of the Cross: April 6: 10:00 am - 4:00pm. Cost: \$30 (please remember to bring your lunch). Pick-ups from Minto train station at 930am and 1000am. Presenter: Barbara Stenning OCDS "For well I know the spring that flows and runs although all is night." **For further information please contact Carla: on (02) 8795 3400 or email: retreats@carelite.com**

OUR CHILDREN - ENGAGING AND GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Wednesday 27 March 2019, 7:30pm - 9:00pm, Phillip Room, Campbelltown Catholic Club, 20 Camden Rd Campbelltown. Our children are precious to us and to God - made in his image. As parents, grandparents, catechists and sacramental program leaders, how do we encourage and nurture our children as they grow in this awareness? Presented by Fr James McEvoy, theologian and priest from Adelaide, we will reflect on the process of growth in faith, how children are actively involved in their own social and spiritual development - sometimes for the good and sometimes through suffering and hardship. Please RSVP to Helen Bennet by Friday 22 March on 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG 2019 GATHERING:

An invitation is extended to the faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong to attend the 2019 Diocesan Gathering on Saturday 30 March 2019 from 11am-3pm to be held at St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Campbelltown. The Gathering is an opportunity for people from across the Diocese to reflect on the issues raised in the Plenary Process in our Diocese, hear the experiences of a selection of Local Animators and next steps in the process of listening and discernment. **RSVP:** helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 4222 2403 by Wednesday 27 March for catering purposes (light lunch provided)

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND 26 - 28

APRIL 2019 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville Relationship enrichment for married couples. Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

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

