

3rd Sunday of Lent
Year B



4th March 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 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 Michael or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We currently have 2 Acolytes' who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.



MOST REV BRIAN MASCORD WAS ORDAINED AS THE FIFTH BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG: *Thursday (22nd Feb). Bishop Brian's has adopted the motto, "For all things give thanks," from 1 Thessalonians 5:18.*

If you were unable to attend the Ordination, or if you would like to relive the experience, the video is available to watch online at www.livestream.dow.org.au. There are also over 500 photos of the Ordination taken by the official photographers that can be viewed on Facebook at www.facebookphotos.dow.org.au or you can view them at www.photos.dow.org.au.

PROJECT COMPASSION (CARITAS AUSTRALIA): Is the annual awareness raising and fundraising campaign. It is the time where we can listen and respond to the voices of marginalised and vulnerable. Project Compassion 2018 is celebrating *A Just Future* for all in conjunction with the Year of the Youth. For more information visit: www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion. *In the baskets at the entrance to the Church there are either Project Compassion Boxes or envelopes to take home. The envelopes can be returned each week and placed in either of the collections at Mass. Please give generously.*

RECONCILIATION: Please keep in your prayers, the Teacher's, families and students who are in week 3 of their preparation for Reconciliation.

PARISHIONER'S BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:
9th: Robert (Bob) Rawson & Brian Wyer

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, 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: Fr Tony Daly (2nd Anniv), 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.*

PARISH PIETY STALL: Please come and see what is available for sale. There are still "Surrender" - Lenten books available at \$5.00 each and Sunday Missals available for \$40.00.

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 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 the School Term) 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.

MESSAGE TO THE PARISH READERS: Thank you to the Readers who were able to attend the **Readers Workshop** last Saturday. If you have any further enquiries regarding this Parish Ministry please phone May on: 0413 077 824

PARISH MINISTRY VACANCIES: Would you like to feel more included in the Parish life of our Parish and you have about an hour to spare. This could be weekly or what/whenever suits you the best. There are many Parish Ministries that are in need eg: Church cleaner's, Usher's, Children's Liturgy (Teacher's/helpers), Choir etc. There is a clipboard on the table at the main entrance to the Church. *Thank you to the many Parishioners who already give generously of your God given gifts of time, talent and financial treasure to grow our parish community.*

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE: Thank you to the gentlemen who has been coming and cleaning/tidying up the Church grounds. The gift of your time is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU TO THE MANY PARISHIONERS: who have purchased a chair/chairs for Chelsea House (Parish Hall). Please read the insert in the Bulletin with the final summary of Chelsea House restoration.

PARISH WORKING BEE: To prepare our Church grounds and surrounds, there will be a **working bee on Saturday 17th March from 8.30am.** Please bring lawn mowers, blowers etc. Morning tea will be provided. *We look forward to seeing as many helpers as possible. "Many hands make light work".*

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.*

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.*

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 Primary School.

"SURRENDER NOW" A Lenten Concert at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, Varroville. 2pm Sunday 11 March followed by afternoon tea. Entry by note donation. For bookings and information contact their Parish Office on 9603 7373 or Nella Luce Studio 0478 018918

FRENCH MASS: is celebrated at St John's Parish, Campbelltown, every second Sunday of the month. The next Mass is Sunday 11th of March, at 6:00 pm. The celebrant is Fr Jan Chrzczonowicz.

LENT TIMETABLE 2018

Stations of the Cross are every Tuesday evening during Lent at 7.00pm in the Parish Church.

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

7.00pm: Stations of the Cross

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*)

RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER:

Each Saturday evening 5.00pm - 5.30pm.

Holy Thursday: 29th March: 11.00am - 12 noon

Good Friday: 30th March: 11.00am - 12noon & 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Easter Saturday: 31st March: 10.00am - 11.am & 5.00pm - 5.30pm

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:

5th March: 6.30pm: Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre

5th March: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group Meeting in the Parish Centre

6th March: 7.00pm Stations of the Cross

6th March: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)

8th March: 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

13th March: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre

17th March: 8.30am Parish Grounds general clean-up for Easter (see notices for details etc)

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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

10th March: Saturday Vigil Mass: Trish Newman & Maureen Molland

11th March: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Loretta & Lafitaga Tuigamala

17th March: Saturday Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron & Bertha Barbari

18th March: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Faye & Junior Faamau

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

10th March: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maryse Parisi & Kerry Hennessy

11th March: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Samoan Community

17th March: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maryse Parisi & Kerry Hennessy

18th March: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Raquel Villareal & Elisapeta Dimsale

- **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

10th March: Saturday Vigil Mass: Help required

11th March: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy

17th March: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne

18th March: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

- **CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

Saturday 10th March: Group 5: Samoan Divine Mercy Group

Saturday 17th March: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

- **REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am Mass:**

Sunday 11th March: Julie Writer, Maryse Parisi, Catherine Minogue, Yvonne Reddy and Rosalie Vine

*I surrender myself to your mercy
I surrender myself to your healing touch
I surrender myself to your all loving eye
I surrender myself to your compassion
I surrender myself to your forgiveness
I surrender myself to you Amen*

