

4th Sunday of Lent



26th March 2017

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.

LENT TIMETABLE 2017

Stations of the Cross are every Thursday evening during Lent in the Parish Church at 7.30pm.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday 13th April: 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, then Altar of Repose till 10.00pm

Friday 14th April: GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am: Stations of the Cross

3.00pm: The Passion of the Lord

7.00pm: Stations of the Cross

Saturday 15th April: HOLY SATURDAY

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

Sunday 16th April: SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

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

RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER:

Each Saturday evening 5.00pm - 5.30pm

After the morning (9.30am) Masses of Holy Week

Holy Thursday (13th April) 11.00am - 12noon

Good Friday (14th April) after the Stations of the Cross

(10.00am) and then after the evening Stations of the Cross (7.00pm)

Easter Saturday (15th April) 10.00am - 11.00am

WE WELCOME:

Into our Parish Community:

Isla Tracey Kierans who was Baptised last weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Keith Gomes (Anniv), 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. *May 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.

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 either inform Fr Michael or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We have 2 Acolyte's who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.

Parishioner's Birthday for this week:

26th: *Jamie Vossen*

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

PROJECT COMPASSION 2017: Please donate to Project Compassion 2017. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes and/or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Congratulations to the 56 children who will be making their First Reconciliation this coming week. *May you always know the love and peace found in Christ.* Thank you to the Parents and Sacramental Team in preparing these Children.

PARISH LADIES GROUP EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets will go on sale at all the Parish Masses over the next 2 weekends. There are 8 prizes and tickets are \$1.00 each. Please support this Parish Fundraiser as all monies received will go towards upgrading the Parish Hall. The raffle will be drawn after the 9.00am Mass on Palm Sunday. *Thanking you in anticipation.*

MESSAGE FOR READERS: As Easter is fast approaching, I am calling for Readers who will be available to cover our special roster from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday. Please check the clipboard at the back, choose which Reading you are able to do and put your name in the appropriate spot. I really appreciate if you can do this ASAP so we can finalise the official special roster and publish this in our parish bulletin. Many thanks, *May*

POWERPOINT OPERATOR: If you attend the Saturday Vigil Mass, we are asking for help with working the powerpoint for the Vigil Mass. Please see Fr Michael, you will be shown how to work the powerpoint and written instructions are available.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING: *If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 46282967 or e-mail: ruse@parish.woll.catholic.org.au. Thank you.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Is held during the 9.00am Sunday morning Mass during School Terms. This 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.

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

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 6th of April, then a fortnight later on April 20th. 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*

PARISH WORKING BEES: To prepare our Church and surrounds for Easter we will be holding the next working bee: **Saturday 8th April.** Commencing from 8.30am. Morning tea will be provided. We have many jobs that need to be completed. This is also a great way to meet other Parishioners. *Looking forward to seeing you all.*

PARISH MAINTENANCE: A reminder regarding the Parish Maintenance book on the main table at the entrance of the Church. You can either write in the book or phone/email the Parish Office, if you are aware or notice anything that is in need of repair.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for only \$2.00 each, many interesting articles for your perusal eg: Bishop Peter Ingham at the Diocesan Education Mass, meet the cooking Priest etc. We have plenty of copies available for sale.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

2018 Kindergarten Enrolments are due by Friday 7 April 2017.

Please take home a copy of the school newsletter and see what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 28th March 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre

Monday 3rd April: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 4th April: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 5th April: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre

Thursday 6th April: 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 notices)

Monday 10th April: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE APRIL RETREATS: 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville. 8795 3400

retreats@carmelite.com.au www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

April 1: Getting comfortable with helplessness. 10:30 am - 4:00 pm Presenter: Cathy Kennedy Cost: \$25.00

Registrations from 930am. Pick-ups from Minto train station at 945am and 1000am. Please remember to bring your own lunch.

With St Paul can we boast of our weaknesses and see them as materials for God's work? April 12 - 16 Holy Week and Easter Retreat Presenters: Carmelite Team

Cost: \$440 (10% discount for shared accommodation and for students/pensioners and unemployed)

We invite you to accompany the Carmelite Community as we enter the Most Holy Triduum of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

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. This Monday (27th March) the Parish Rosary Statue will be prayed in the home of Wilfred and Freda (address is on the main noticeboard) at 11.00am. *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 ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR

Vigil Mass: Saturday 1st April: Bertha Berbari &

James Munro

9.00am Mass: Sunday 2nd April: Catherine Minogue &

Jim Writer

Vigil Mass: Saturday 8th April: Bev McKenzie &

Winnie Cameron

9.00am Mass: Sunday 9th April: Helen Rawson &

Julie Writer

READERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 1st April: David Minogue &

Kerry Hennessy

9.00am Mass: Sunday 2nd April: Barry Daley &

Andrew Truong

Vigil Mass: Saturday 8th April: Kerry Hennessy &

David Minogue

9.00am Mass: Sunday 9th April: Maureen Molland &

Barry Daley

USHERS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 1st April: Vicky Horne

9.00am Mass: Sunday 2nd April: Gwen & Brian Harris

Vigil Mass: Saturday 8th April: Carmel Munro

9.00am Mass: Sunday 9th April: Barry Daley

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 1st April: Group 6: Tongan Youth Group

Saturday 8th April: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie,

Eugene Wasko and Barry Daley

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00AM Mass: Group 2:

Carmel Munro, Christine Foreman, Helen Rawson and Annette Read

Prayer

Divine Master,

We ask for faith like that of the man healed of his blindness. As we trust in your words, May we also have faith in ourselves as your children of light.

Amen

