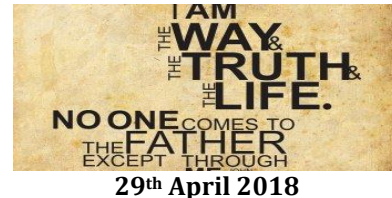


FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER

Year B



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 Andrew *ofm* before Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

THANKYOU to FATHER ANDREW GRANC ofm: The Parishioners and Visitors to our Parish, since Fr Andrew's arrival on Saturday 7th April, would like to sincerely thank Fr Andrew for celebrating Masses, Baptisms and a Funeral since his arrival. We wish you the very best for your upcoming time to be spent at Holy Cross Parish, Helensburgh. May God always keep you safe under his wings. *Thank you once again Fr Andrew.*



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 Andrew *ofm* or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We currently have 2 Acolytes who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr Michael, Fr David Catterall, Ellen Healy, 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: John Trimble (R.D), Fay Bourke, Joan Ward, Elizabeth Hooton, Keith Gomes, Balbino Xavier Gomes, Monica Gomes, John Baptist D'Sa, Fr Tony Daly, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, 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.*

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community: *Alice Rose Russell* who was Baptised last weekend.

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 for this Week:

30th: *Bill Molland*

2nd May: *Mike Young*

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Will be celebrated in the Parish by Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 17th June 2018. **The Parent/Carer Information and Enrolment Evening is Wednesday 9th May at 7.00pm in the Church.**

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.

THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEER GENTLEMEN: Who have been coming during the week and cleaning/tidying the Church grounds and garden beds and the garden in front of the toilet block. *Yours gifts are greatly appreciated.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2018: Will recommence next Sunday (6th May), at the beginning of the Sunday 9.00am Mass (during School Terms). 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: Will recommence this coming Tuesday (1st May). Is held every Tuesday (during School Terms) from 9.30am - 11.30am in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) 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.

THE RETIREES SOCIAL GROUP: Would like to invite retired parishioners (over 55) to join our group in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) after Thursday's (3rd May) 9.30am Communion Service. We meet twice a month. Please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat, share many laughs and form new friendships. We hope you will join us. *From your fellow Retired Parishioners*

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.*

PARISH PIETY STALL: Please come and peruse our Parish Piety Stall eg: Rosary Beads, religious books and cards etc.

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*

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/Acolyte's comes to the bottom of the Sanctuary.

St. Thomas More Primary School 40th Anniversary Quilt:

This year is the St. Thomas More Primary School's 40th Anniversary. To commemorate this occasion we are looking to create a St. Thomas More family quilt, made up of squares from each family in our school, both past and present.

Families, who would like to participate, will be given a fabric square to create an image to represent their family as part of the St. Thomas More family.

We are hoping you will include your family name and/or the names of each child in your family who has attended St. Thomas More. The square could also contain an image or symbol to represent your family and your journey at St. Thomas More. It is up to you.

You could use: embroidery, quilting, patchwork or whatever other medium you choose.

You can do it yourself or have someone do it for you.

The only request will be that the entire piece is created using school colours: gold, royal blue, white or grey. School uniform fabric can also be used. This will help keep the quilt uniform and tie it altogether.

If you would like to participate in the quilt, could you please contact the school on 46256561 to let us know what colour backing material (white, royal blue or grey) you would like and arrange to pick a piece up. These will be available from the school office from Monday 30th April. *We would like your square finished and returned by Friday 18th May.*

THOMAS MORE PARISH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: is currently enrolling children for Kindergarten 2019. The school offers Catholic education for boys and girls from Kindergarten to Year 6. *Please collect an enrolment application form from the School Office (phone: 4625 6561). Applications close during the month of June.*

THANKYOU FOR SUPPORTING PROJECT COMPASSION THIS YEAR: Project Compassion demonstrates how Caritas Australia empowers young people to become channels of love and positive change for their entire communities.

FRENCH MASS: Is celebrated at St John's Parish, Campbelltown, every second Sunday of the month; the next one will be on Mother's Day, the Sunday 13th of May, 6:00 pm. The celebrant is Fr Jan Chrzczonowicz (mob.: 0412 786 245)."

MEN'S WEEKEND: 5-6 May, Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour St, Wollongong. Experienced leaders from menALIVE will be running this weekend. Details and registration forms: www.menalive.org.au. Enquiries: Ian Boorman 0427 006 021 or email jude.hennessy@dow.org.au

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING EVENTS:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 10am - 1pm, Servers continue 10am - 3pm: Campbelltown Saturday 23rd June 2018.

Communion of the Sick & Homebound: 10am - 2.30pm: Campbelltown Saturday 28th July 2018.

More details to come

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:

1st May: *Parish Pastoral Council meeting 7.30pm* in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)

3rd May: *Retiree's Social Group Gathering* after the 9.30am Communion Service in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) (all Retiree's over 55 are most welcome), come for a chat, laugh and a cuppa

7th May: *Baptism Preparation Class at 6.30pm* in the Parish Centre

7th May: *Parish Ladies Group meeting 7.30pm* in the Parish Centre

8th May: *St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at 7.30pm* in the Parish Centre

9th May: *Parent/Carer Information & Enrolment Evening 7.00pm for Confirmation* in the Church

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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

Saturday 5th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Julie & Bev McKenzie

Sunday 6th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Mavon Vaughan & Catherine Minogue

Saturday 12th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Trish Newman & Bertha Berbari

Sunday 13th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Loretta & Lafitaga Tuigamala

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

Saturday 5th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Stephanie Roux & Julie McKenzie

Sunday 6th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Maryse Parisi & Maureen Molland

Saturday 12th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Marisel King & Stephanie Roux

Sunday 13th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Samoan Community

• **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 5th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne

Sunday 6th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley

Saturday 12th May: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland

Sunday 13th May: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Gwen & Brian Harris

• **CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

Saturday 5th May: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group

Saturday 12th May: Group 6: Elisapeta Misinale and group

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS: Sunday 13th May: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Maria Hill and Colleen Jablonskis.



Welcome back to our Parish School Children for Term 2 of the School Year and we wish them well in their studies.