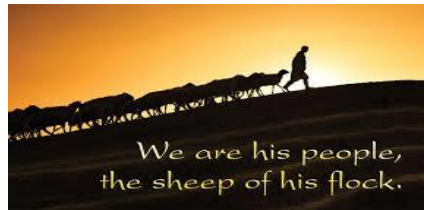


FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year C



12th MAY 2019

*Good Shephard Sunday
(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)*

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.**

A VOCATION VIEW: This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs worthy leaders, Good Shepherds of the 21st Century, caring unselfishly for the needs of God’s people. Please, pray for Vocations. **Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au**

POPE FRANCIS’S MESSAGE FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: “Dear friends, it is not always easy to discern our vocation and to steer our life in the right direction. For this reason, there needs to be a renewed commitment on the part of the whole Church – priests, religious, pastoral workers and educators – to provide young people in particular with opportunities for listening and discernment. There is a need for a youth ministry and a vocational promotion that can open the way to discovering God’s plan, above all through prayer, meditation on God’s word, eucharistic adoration and spiritual accompaniment.” (Full message of Pope Francis available at http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/papa-francesco_20190131_56-messaggio-giornata-mondiale-vocazioni.html)

PROJECT COMPASSION (CARITAS AUSTRALIA): Please Return your Project compassion boxes and envelopes ASAP. via: the collection baskets during Mass, to Fr Michael or the Parish Office during Office hours. Please continue to donate by 1800 024 413 or by www.caritas.org.au/project compassion.

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

Marguerite (Marg) Davis (R.D.), David Peters (R.D.), Len Hayes (R.D.), Mary Byrne, Mary Writer, Carmel O’Hara, Fr Tony Daly, Gail Wylie, Maree Laming, Keith Gomes, Balbino Gomes, Kim Rimkus, Kyle Miller, Beryl Ford, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, Deborah Rix, John Read, Alice Harris, Ladislav Feher, Bobby Cameron, Bernard Hoffmann and Maria Cabonara.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including Steve Foreman, Jasper Alison (baby), Fr John Whitty, Roge Beshoy(baby), 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 Birthday this coming week:
13th: Bertha Berbari
Parishioner’s Wedding Anniversary this coming week:
12th: Freda and Wilfred Miranda (56 years)
13th: Christina and Junior Faamau (12 years)

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Information and Enrolment Evening for parents/carers, this **Monday 13th May at 7.00pm** in the Parish Church. (Candidates must be Baptised Catholic, have made their Reconciliation and First Eucharist and be in Year 6 or above).

CHILDREN’S LITURGY 2019: is held during the Sunday 9.00am Mass during School Terms. For children from Kindergarten to Year 6 (inclusive). For more details and/or if you 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/Carers/Grandparents come along with your pre-school child/children. A gold coin donation.

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH LADIES GROUP HIGH TEA: Sunday 7th July. To be held in Chelsea House 12noon to 2.30pm. A fun afternoon is promised to all ladies over 18. More details to follow.

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/Credit Card, 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 our Parish Planned Giving program, please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or email: ruse@dow.org.au. There are also forms on the tables at the entrance to the Church.

PARISH MINSTRIES: 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.

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

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:
SAVE THE DATE: SCHOOL FETE: Sunday 4th August 2019.
More details to follow.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS’ FEDERAL ELECTION STATEMENT. The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. “Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election” can be found at www.catholic.org.au.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE MAY RETREATS: 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, Ph: 8795 3400
retreats@carmelite.com.au, www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
Mary MacKillop, Woman of faith and Vision: May 17 – May 19 Presenter: Sr Ann Morrison, RSJ. Cost: \$300 (concessions apply) “Believe the whisperings of God to your own heart.”
A week with the Carmelite Saints: May 27 – June 2 Presenter: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD. Cost: \$800 (concessions apply)
How can the Carmelite Saints guide us in our journey to intimacy with God?
Directed retreat: May 27 – June 2 Cost: \$800 (concessions apply) A time of reflection and prayer on your own spiritual journey with the help of a director.

ALPHA LAUNCH NIGHT Macarthur – Highlands: Mary Immaculate Parish Hall, 61 Emerald Drive, Eagle Vale Monday, 20 May 2019 at 7pm. Cheese, snacks and nibbles are on us, as we launch our 5th Alpha. For bookings or questions please contact May 0416 157 294 or visit Facebook [dow.sh/eaglevalealpha](https://www.facebook.com/dow.sh/eaglevalealpha).

HOLY HOUR FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-30): You are invited to Holy Hour in 2019 at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rosemeadow. Each night will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, praise and worship (various styles), Reconciliation, Liturgy of the Word, short teachings, silence and Benediction. This will be followed by fellowship and a meal. **When?** Wednesday evenings 6:30pm–7:30pm (followed by a meal). **22 May/ 24 July / 28 August/ 23 October**

PILGRIMAGE WALK FOR LIFE FRIDAY 24 MAY - SATURDAY 25 MAY 2019: A walk to raise PRAYERS for Australia for all life issues. You are warmly welcome to join us on either day or both days. BENEFITS: Mass. Prayer. Hymns. Exercise. Spectacular scenery. Joyful fellowship. Blessings in abundance. **Friday: 9:30am Mass** at Kiama Catholic Church, walk to Gerringong Catholic Church for **Benediction at 3pm**. Shuttlebus back to Kiama church or sleep overnight. **Saturday: 8:00am Mass** Gerringong Catholic Church, walk to **Shoalhaven Heads** for lunch at **1pm**, Shuttlebus back to Gerringong or walk to **Culburra Church for 6pm Mass**. BYO Lunch and water. Friday dinner at local restaurant. Cereal breakfast provided Saturday. Further information: Sue Hill: 0435 336 195 or Gabriella DeBattista: (02) 4261 2500

DIARY DATES TO NOTE:

Monday 13th May: 7.00pm Parent/Carer Information and Enrolment Evening for Confirmation (please read notices for details)
Tuesday 14th May: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting in Chelsea House
Wednesday 15th May: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre
Thursday 16th May: Retiree’s Social Group Gathering after the 9.30am morning Mass in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

• **USHERS**

Saturday 18th May: Vigil Mass: Chantel Berbari
Sunday 19th May: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman
Saturday 25th May: Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne
Sunday 26th May: 9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy

• **READERS:**

Saturday 18th May: Vigil Mass: Pauline Menzies and Ian Star
Sunday 19th May: 9.00am Mass: Elisapeta Minisale and Bill George
Saturday 25th May: Vigil Mass: Annette Read and Kerry Hennessy
Sunday 26th May: 9.00am Mass: Bill George and Barry Daley

• **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

Saturday 18th May: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Trish Newman
Sunday 19th May: 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau and Catherine Minogue
Saturday 25th May: Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
Sunday 26th May: 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer and Bev McKenzie

• **POWERPOINT OPERATOR’S:**

Saturday 18th May: Vigil Mass: Chantel Berbari
Sunday 19th May: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 25th May: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 26th May: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

• **CHURCH CLEANERS:**

Saturday 18th May: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community
Saturday 25th May: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS: Sunday 19th May: Group2: Carmel Munro, Christine Foreman, Annette Read, Sue Boyd and Shirley Smith

Mother’s Day Blessing

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

We pray also for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

