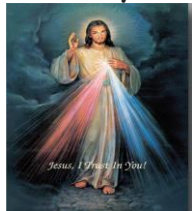


**SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER**  
**(Divine Mercy Sunday)**



**Year B**

**8th April 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 Andrew *ofm* 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 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.

**Welcome!**

The Parishioners and visitors to our Parish, would like to welcome (back) Fr Andrew Granc *ofm* who will be celebrating our Weekend Masses for the Month of April.

**THANKYOU:** To the many Parish Ministries in preparing our Parish Church and Grounds in readiness for the Easter Celebrations. *The gifts of your time and talents are greatly appreciated by the many Parishioners and Visitors to our Parish Church during this Easter Season.*

**PROJECT COMPASSION (CARITAS AUSTRALIA):** Please return your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes ASAP. They are to be returned via: Collection baskets during Mass, handed to Fr Paul or into the Parish Office during Office Hours. Please continue to donate by **1800 024 413** or by [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion).

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Will be celebrated in the Parish by Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 17th June 2018. We are seeking volunteers to teach four weekly lessons at 40 minutes each, commencing the week of Sunday 13th May. Days and time of lessons will reflect the availability of volunteers. If you are able to assist, please contact either Mike Young on 0414999606 or Annette Read on 0404112335.

**Thank you in anticipation.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Fr Michael, Fr David Catterall, Joan Ward, 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:** Richard Moreton, Keith Gomes, Balbino Xavier Gomes, Monica Gomes, John Baptist D'Sa, Geffrey Lamont, Nathan Berthaly, Fr Tony Daly, 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.*

**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](mailto:ruse@dow.org.au)  
**Belated Parishioner's Birthdays for last Week:**  
4<sup>th</sup> April: *Tess Writer*  
5<sup>th</sup> April: *Helen Rawson*

**PARISH LADIES GROUP EASTER RAFFLE:** *Thank you to the many parishioners and visitors to our Parish who supported this Parish Fundraiser.* Congratulations to the following winners: Annette Read, Elaine, Bertha Barbari, Beryl Purcell, Kerry Walker, Meli, Christine, Faye Faamau (2), Dexter Harris, Brian Harris and Munro Family.

**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 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 9.30am Mass. We meet twice a month, with the next meeting being this Thursday (19<sup>th</sup> April), then a fortnight later the 3<sup>rd</sup> May. 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](mailto: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. If you have any enquiries please ask John and Bertha.

**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**

**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.

**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.

**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 Parish Primary School.

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM 0 AIRS 8 APRIL:** This week on the Journey Catholic Radio, Sr Hilda Scott shares her wisdom from the Abbey with The Story of the Blame Game; Sam Clear with his Walking the Walk segment reminds us of Silence, and Fr Dave Callaghan helps us discover Who is My Family. Listen to Journey Catholic Radio where it's all about faith, hope, love and life. Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

**MASS IN FRENCH:** Will not be celebrated at St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April – as this is Divine Mercy Sunday

**MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE:** 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville ph no: 8795 3400, [retreats@carmeliteretreats.com.au](mailto:retreats@carmeliteretreats.com.au). Retreats for April are: Weekend Retreat: April 13 – April 15: Journeying with the disciples of Emmaus. **For more information please contact the Retreat Centre.**

**APPIN MASSACRE: Memorial Ceremony: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April:** Cataract Dam picnic area: 11am – 3.30pm. **Remembering : Healing : Reconciliation.** All are invited

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT AND PRAYER FROM BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD'S 2018 LENTEN MESSAGE:** "So what are we, as the Church, giving up for this period and beyond? I believe it should be that which no longer gives life to us as God's people, and that which no longer brings healing and comfort to others. We need to be about healing, for that is what Jesus was about. He called people back to the experience of life in God. He challenged the misguided approach of the authorities of this time and he called them to rethink their approaches, just as we are being challenged to look at our approaches.

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** *The Parish has a Parish Rosary Statue that Parishioners are able to have in their homes and pray 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:**

9<sup>th</sup> April: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre  
10<sup>th</sup> April: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)  
10<sup>th</sup> April: 7.30pm *St Vincent de Paul Conference* meeting in the Parish Centre  
11<sup>th</sup> April: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre  
19<sup>th</sup> April: *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

**PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

• **EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
*Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bertha Barbari & Trish Newman*  
*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Catherine Minogue & Mavon Vaughan*  
*Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland & Bertha Barbari*  
*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Julie Writer & Mavon Vaughan*

• **READERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
*Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April: Saturday Vigil Mass: May Michelutti & Ian Star*  
*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Jim Writer & Cecile Stchell*  
*Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April: Saturday Vigil Mass: Raquel Villareal & Bev McKenzie*  
*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Alison Hourigan & Tess Writer*

• **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
*Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland*  
*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Brian & Gwen Harris*  
*Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April: Saturday Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro*  
*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman*

• **CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
*Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Fay Faaman, Rosa & Manuel Herrera and Colleen Jablonskis*  
*Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community*

• **REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS**  
*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April: Group 4: Tongan Community*

