

## SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Year B



1st 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 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 Paul ofm or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967. We currently have 2 Acolytes who take Communion to the ill/elderly and/or housebound.

*Thank You!*

*Our Parish would like to thank Fr Paul Smith ofm for looking after our Parish for weekend Masses for the past three weekends. May God Bless you and always keep you safe under his wings.*



Wishing all our Parishioner's and Visitor's a very Blessed, safe, joyful and happy Easter Season.

*Fr Paul Smith ofm, Fr Michael and the Parish Pastoral Council*

**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: the 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).

**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, Geoffrey 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)

**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 Berbari, 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. Playtime are having their Easter Egg Hunt this coming Tuesday (3<sup>rd</sup>), all are most welcome. 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 (5<sup>th</sup> April), then a fortnight later on the 19<sup>th</sup> April. 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.*

**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*

**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.

**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.

**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 6 – April 8: Living in the light of the resurrection. Day Retreat: April 7: Out of darkness, colour breaks, Weekend Retreat: April 13 – April 15: Journeying with the disciples of Emmaus. **For more information please contact the Retreat Centre.**

**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 call hem to rethink their approaches, just as we are being challenged to look at our approaches.

**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

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

**EASTER TIME:** The 50 days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'. These are the days above all others in which the *Alleluia* is sung. The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be Sunday of Easter... GNLYC 22 -24

**Sing ALLELUIA!** Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one who loves', and there is also an ancient proverb: 'Whoever sings well prays twice over'. **GIRM 39**

**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:

**5<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  
**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

### PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

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

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April: Saturday Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie & Winnie Cameron**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Loretta & Lafitaga Tuigamala**  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April: Saturday Vigil Mass:**  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April: Sunday 9.00am Mass:**

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

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April: Saturday Vigil Mass: Ian Star & May Michelluti**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Cecile Satchell & Jim Writer**  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April: Saturday Vigil Mass:**  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April: Sunday 9.00am Mass:**

#### • **USHERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April: Saturday Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Barry Daley**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April: Saturday Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland**  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April: Sunday 9.00am Mass: Brian & Gwen Harris**

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

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie**  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April: Group**

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

