

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



YEAR C
5th MAY 2019

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.**



FATHER MICHAEL'S EASTER MESSAGE:
What is Easter? Easter is a time of faith, a reminder of God's unending love. It's a feeling of hope and renewal as we watch the world around us coming to life again... A chance to remember special people in our lives who will always mean so much.

Wishing all our Parishioner's and Visitor's a very Blessed, joyful, safe and Happy Easter. Fr Michael



To the many Parishioners who prepared our Parish Church and grounds in readiness for the Easter Celebrations. Also, to the Reader's and Choirs. The gifts of your time and talents were 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 can be returned via: the collection baskets during Mass, handed to Fr Michael or handed in at 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:

Mary Byrne, Mary Writer, Carmel O'Hara, Fr Tony Daly, Gail Wylie, Maree Laming, Michael Martin, Keith Gomes, Balbino Gomes, Kim Rimkus, James Gibbons (Jim), 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:
5th: *Gwen Harris*
6th: *Joanne Griffin*
9th: *Feyise Writer*
Parishioner's Wedding Anniversary this coming week:
7th: *Margaret and Colin Davis (55 years)*

WE WELCOME Into our Christian Community:
Bodhi Thomas Morrison and Lachlan Victor Antoine Morrison who were Baptised last weekend.

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.

PARISH MINISTRIES: 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.

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Information and Enrolment Evening for parents/carers, **Monday 13th May at 7.00pm** in the Parish Church. (Candidates need to be Baptised Catholic, have made their Reconciliation and First Eucharist and be in Year 6 or above). Information Letters have been distributed via the schools early in Term Two.

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

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL TERM 2: Wishing all our Parish School Children the very best for their studies for Term 2.

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.

MACARTHUR SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK: Will hold a special meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall) on **Saturday 11th May 2019 @ 2.30pm**. The Meeting will commence with an election to fill the vacant position of President, Macarthur Social Justice Network. Regular discussion and planning concerning local social justice issues will follow. All welcome.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM - AIRS 12 May 2019: This week on the Journey, our Gospel is John 10:27-30. Mother Hilda from the Abbey encourages us to "Have a Nice Day", Fr Dave Callaghan reminds us to "Become Like a Child", and Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy, talks to us about "The call to Forgive". The music this week is woven through our program to create a peaceful flow of harmony that we know you enjoy. Go to WWW.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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. For bookings or questions please contact May Ataya 0416 157 294 or visit Facebook [dow.sh/eaglevalealpha](https://www.facebook.com/dow.sh/eaglevalealpha). Cheese, snacks and nibbles are on us, as we launch our 5th Alpha.

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**

DIARY DATES TO NOTE:

Monday 6th May: 6.30pm Baptism Preparation class in the Parish Centre
Monday 6th May: 7.30pm: Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 7th May: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in Chelsea House (Parish Hall)
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 11th May: Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
Sunday 12th May: 9.00am Mass: Gwen and Brian Harris
Saturday 18th May: Vigil Mass: Chantel Barbari
Sunday 19th May: 9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman

• READERS:

Saturday 11th May: Vigil Mass: Ian Star and Pauline Menzies
Sunday 12th May: 9.00am Mass: Samoan Community
Saturday 18th May: Vigil Mass: Pauline Menzies and Ian Star
Sunday 19th May: 9.00am Mass: Elisapeta Minisale and Bill George

• EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 11th May: Vigil Mass: Winnie Cameron and Maureen Molland
Sunday 12th May: 9.00am Mass: Loretta and Lafitaga Tuigamala
Saturday 18th May: Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Trish Newman
Sunday 19th May: 9.00am Mass: Faye Faamau and Catherine Minogue

• POWERPOINT OPERATOR'S:

Saturday 11th May: Vigil Mass: Joshua Star
Sunday 12th May: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris
Saturday 18th May: Vigil Mass: Chantel Barbari
Sunday 19th May: 9.00am Mass: Gwen Harris

• CHURCH CLEANERS:

Saturday 11th May: Group 6: Tongan Community
Saturday 18th May: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS: Sunday 19th May: Group 2: Carmel Munro, Christine Foreman, Annette Read, Sue Boyd and Shirley Smith

