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St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Colman's Parishes acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of this land the Kirrae Wuorong people.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

ST THOMAS' TERANG

Saturday 6.00 pm
Sunday 10.30 am

ST COLMAN'S MORTLAKE

Sunday 9.00 am

Next Weeks Readings:

21st & 22nd Nov 2020

1st read: Ezek 34: 11-12, 15-17

2nd read: 1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28

Gospel: Mt 25: 31-46



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE TERANG and ST. COLMAN'S MORTLAKE PARISH BULLETIN

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and select either Terang or Mortlake Parish.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th & 15th November 2020

RECENT DEATHS: Mardi Brown

ANNIVERSARIES: Tony Arundell, Dominic Bond, Rex Bond,
Jim Dignan



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Marie Glennen, Clare Ryan
(Names placed on the sick list will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise notified)

SUPPORTING OUR PARISHES: Thank you for your pledge payments & your ongoing support of our Parishes.

Weekend 7th & 8th November 2020	TERANG	MORTLAKE
1st Collection	\$ 300.00	\$ 60.00
Planned Giving Program Week 15		
2nd Collection	\$ 860.00	\$ 240.00
Average given	\$ 2,108.93	\$ 267.67
Amount promised per week	\$ 1,637.77	\$ 300.81

MASSES WILL RESUME AT TERANG & MORTLAKE ON SAT 28TH & SUN 29TH NOV
with a gathering up to 100 people
All attending must sign in, wear a mask, use hand sanitiser & social distance

TERANG & MORTLAKE ROSTERS:

LINEN: November Terang: Carmel Moloney
Mortlake: Anne Blacker

FLOWERS: 28th/29th November - 19th/20th December - ADVENT
No flowers or cleaning required - new roster will be sent soon

COUNTERS: Not required due to COVID

Liturgy Rosters: Weekend ~ 28th & 29th November 2020

READERS: 1st & 2nd Readings & Prayers of the Faithful

Terang Saturday 6.00 pm: Allison Lourey

Sunday 10.30 am: Bernadette Wurlod

Mortlake Sunday 9.00 am: Mick Murphy

(Copies of next weeks readings will be emailed to you)

Procession of Gifts & Eucharistic Ministers

Due to COVID19 we will not require anyone for the Offertory or to administer Communion ~ Fr Gerry will do this

Music Mortlake Sun 9.00 am: Volunteer

Lap Top Terang: Sat 6.00 pm: Ally/Tess Lourey

Sun 10.30 am: Grace Moloney

Weekday Masses

Thurs 19th November: 10.00am Terang
(Sue O'Sullivan)

Fri 20th November: 10.00am Terang
(Kerin O'Connor)



Mercy Regional College Annual Car Raffle ~ Tickets only \$10

All tickets are to be purchased online.
If you would like a ticket & do not have access to the internet, please contact Clare or Fr Gerry on 5592 1195 & we will happily purchase your ticket/s for you.
Drawn on 30th November

St Vincent de Paul



St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA
good works

Event Cancelled ~ St Vincent de Paul pre-Christmas afternoon for seniors
The Terang conference of the St Vincent de Paul society wish to advise that due to the Coronavirus, we regret that we will be unable to host our annual pre-Christmas afternoon for senior citizens. We sincerely hope to once again be able to hold this event in 2021. In the meantime, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy Christmas and to remind you that although we are unable to visit people in their homes at this time, we are still available to offer some assistance (in a covid-safe manner) to people in need.
Our phone number is 0459 047 620.

SVDP Garage Sale

1 Bolivar Street Terang (behind the Church) ~ Furniture and household goods
Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd November @ 9am to 2pm
All monies raised to go towards St Vincent de Paul "Good works"

Reflection on the Gospel- 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Matthew 25:14-30)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

In answer to my usual greeting, "G'day Muff, what are you up to?" my polymath brother-in-law, David (nicknamed Muff), would invariably reply, "Just contemplating the eternal verities!" The conversation that followed, usually over a glass of wine, would confirm the veracity of his response. Contemplating the eternal verities was a way of life for my brother-in-law until his all too early death 15 years ago.

As the end of the church year approaches, the liturgy presents us with texts that invite us all to consider the big questions of life and death, including the day of reckoning that will inevitably confront each one of us. Matthew's parable of the talents is part of a discourse about the final realities. It is sandwiched between the parable of the ten lamp-bearers, five of whom are unprepared for the bridegroom, and the end time judgement of the nations (next week's gospel reading). The previous story has concluded with the warning: "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." This is usually interpreted as a reference to the second coming of Christ. Today's story continues this motif. It opens: "For it is as if a man going abroad summons his slaves and entrusts his property to them..." Once more, we find slavery taken for granted. Once more, we might take this as a reminder to commit ourselves to the elimination of all power over others. The slaves are entrusted with phenomenal wealth: ten talents, five talents, and one talent respectively. A talent was a measure of weight rather than a coin and one silver talent was the equivalent of 1000 days wages for an ordinary labourer.

The slaves receive no instructions, but later events indicate that the man expects a good return on his wealth. The first two slaves deliver and are invited into the joy of the master, another possible reference to the end time when God will embrace those who are faithful to their mission. The third slave buries his talent and provides a reasonable rationale: the master is a hard man who inspires a fear-ridden response in the slave. The master does not resile from this description. The seemingly unproductive slave loses even what he has and is banished to a place "where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Is the master an image of God? There are some elements in the story that point in this direction. There are other features, such as the concentration of wealth in one person and the treatment of the fearful slave, that inhibit an unequivocally affirmative answer to this question. In face of present inequities even within the most affluent countries, we may find ourselves in sympathy with the third slave insofar as he challenges the violent and exploitative actions of the master. Parables are open to multiple interpretations and the eternal verities cannot be encapsulated in one story or one image. They bear ongoing reflection and call us to responsible action for the sake of planetary life.