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

5th & 6th December 2020

1st read: Is 40: 1-5, 9-11

2nd read: 2 Pet 3: 8-14

Gospel: Mk 1: 1-8



Columban Calendars

\$9.00

are now available

from the

St. Vincent de Paul

stall in Terang

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

To access this bulletin online go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
and select either Terang or Mortlake Parish.

1st Sunday of Advent

28th & 29th November 2020

RECENT DEATHS: Margaret Anderson (Dignan)

ANNIVERSARIES: Joan Rodda, Basil O'Sullivan, James Fahey,
Annie Nolan



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Nell O'Sullivan, Marie Glennen
(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 22nd & 23rd November 2020

	<u>TERANG</u>	<u>MORTLAKE</u>
1st Collection	\$ 10.00	\$ 100.00

Planned Giving Program Week 17

2nd Collection	\$ 5,470.00	\$ 255.00
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Average given	\$ 2,182.59	\$ 251.18
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Amount promised per week	\$ 1,637.77	\$ 300.81
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MASSES HAVE RESUMED AT TERANG & MORTLAKE

with a gathering up to 100 people

All attending must sign in, wear a mask, use hand
sanitiser & social distance

TERANG & MORTLAKE ROSTERS:

LINEN: December Terang: Coral Bell
Mortlake: Gertie MacDonald

FLOWERS: 28th/29th November - 19th/20th December - ADVENT

No flowers or cleaning required - new roster will be sent soon

Mortlake Set Up: December - Fay Murray

COUNTERS: Not required due to COVID

Liturgy Rosters: Weekend ~ 5th & 6th December 2020

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

Terang Saturday 6.00 pm: Jenni Lenehan

Sunday 10.30 am: Bernadette McKinnon

Mortlake Sunday 9.00 am: Mona Timms

(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: Pam & Noel

Lap Top Terang: Sat 6.00 pm: Jenni Lenehan

Sun 10.30 am: Dickson Family

Weekday Masses

Wed 2nd December: 10.00am Terang
(Basil O'Sullivan & James Fahey)

Fri 4th December: 10.00am Terang
(Clare Ryan (RIP)
& Margaret Anderson (RIP))



Save The Date

Noorat Christmas Carols

Sunday 13th December @ 7.30pm

More details to follow



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

Reflection on the Gospel: 1st Sunday of Advent Year B -Veronica Lawson RSM

As I write, I am watching the magpies in the yard, ever alert, rarely asleep, ready to protect their territory and their young. "Eyes wide open" is the proper stance, not just for the magpies, but for gospel people too. The little parable that is the gospel reading for this first Sunday of the new liturgical year forms the conclusion to Mark's so-called apocalyptic discourse. Apocalyptic literature emerged within Judaism in the context of crisis or persecution. It was intended to provide hope in the midst of disaster. Its message was that God's coming can reverse the sufferings of the present, a hopeful message for our contemporary world if we envisage multiple "comings" and not simply an end-time return. The Markan discourse is delivered as a farewell teaching to the inner circle of Jesus' disciples. The concluding verse indicates that it is intended for a wider audience, however: "what I say to you, I say to all..." Like Peter, James, and John, Christian disciples through the ages are invited to stay awake, to be on the lookout, to be alert.

This cycle of the liturgical year begins and ends with Mark 13 and a focus on the end of the present order of things. It may seem strange to begin the year with such a reflection. Is Advent not a time of preparation for Christmas, for the coming of the Christ child into the world? Mark has no account of the birth of Jesus. His gospel begins with the immediate preparation for the adult ministry of Jesus. From the very outset, his interest is in the coming of God's reign of justice and compassion. That is, in fact, what Advent is about: living in hopeful expectation that God's dream for a transformed world might be realised. The parable of the watchful gatekeeper forms the conclusion to a farewell discourse that the Markan Jesus addresses to his disciples. The disciples are told to be alert and watchful through the four watches of the Roman night: in the evening, at midnight, at cockcrow, and at dawn. The parable thus foreshadows aspects of Jesus' suffering that was to be compounded by the abandonment of his closest friends. Peter, James, and John will fall asleep in Gethsemane. The disciples will all disperse and Peter will deny him. We find our own experience mirrored in that of the disciples. It is easy to lose hope in the face of overwhelming violence and even to lose focus.

Advent is about recognising our own tendency to be less than vigilant and even to turn away when our presence is most needed. It is about allowing the grace of God to take hold in our hearts, keeping us watchful for the sake of those on the edge and for the sake of a regenerated Earth. Most of us would agree that our Earth communities are in crisis. We need to be alert to causes as well as to consequences so that the cycles of violence might eventually be broken. Our gospel asks no less of us.

Notices need to be at St. Thomas' Parish Office by 10.00 am next Friday