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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:

30th & 31st January 2021

1st read: Deut 18: 15-20

2nd read: 1 Cor 7: 32-35

Gospel: Mk 1: 21-28



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

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and select either Terang or Mortlake Parish.

3rd Sunday of Ordinary

23rd & 24th January 2021

RECENT DEATHS: Anne Van Duynhoven

ANNIVERSARIES: John Glennen, Ellen Glennen,
Jamie Beasley, Margaret Glennen, Betty Collins



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Nell O'Sullivan, Wendy Lewis
(Names placed on the sick list will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise notified)

SUPPORTING OUR PARISHES:

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Parishes.

Weekend 16th & 17th Jan 2021

1st Collection

TERANG

MORTLAKE

\$ 500.90

\$ 165.00

Planned Giving Program Week 24

2nd Collection

\$ 2,561.00

\$ 299.00

Average given

\$ 2,052.64

\$ 297.76

Amount promised per week

\$ 1,696.46

\$ 300.81

Masses are allowed with a gathering up to 250(T)/125(M) people.

All attending must sign in, hand sanitise & social distance

TERANG & MORTLAKE ROSTERS:

LINEN: January

Terang: Margaret Irving

Mortlake: Claire Adams

FLOWERS: 30th/31st January

Terang: Valerie Moloney & Clare Pearson

Mortlake: Judy McDonald (& 7th Feb)

Mortlake Set Up: January - Carmel Orford

COUNTERS: Not required due to COVID

Liturgy Rosters: Weekend ~ 30th & 31st January 2021

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

Terang Saturday 6.00 pm: Loraine Jansen

Sunday 10.30 am: Bernadette Wurlod

Mortlake Sunday 9.00 am: Claire Adams

(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 Mick will do this**

Music Mortlake Sun 9.00 am: Volunteer

Lap Top Terang: Sat 6.00 pm: Khloe Meade

Sun 10.30 am: Dickson Family

Weekday Masses

Tues 26th January: **9.00am** Terang
(Australia Day)

Fri 29th January: 10.00am Terang



Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Virtual Learning Program

Our partners, Dayton University offer low-cost online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parish and other ministries.

Study subjects over 3 & 5 week cycles.

Study Cycle 2 begins 21st February.

Registrations for this cycle are now open for new and returning participants.

For more information go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
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Reflection on the Gospel-3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (Mark 1:14-20)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Most of the gospel readings for this year are from Mark's story of Jesus. As with any story, it is best to read it from beginning to end, attending to the story line, to indications of habitat and of time, to all the actors or characters in the story, human and other than human. While the main character or actor is Jesus, there are other characters and character groups that claim our attention. The "worlds" we encounter include the celestial world, the world of spirits and demons, the human, the animal and the plant worlds. In many ways, we can resonate with the worlds that Mark creates. In other ways, they are alien to 21st century scientific sensibilities and experience. We bring our consciousness of these differences to our reading of the text. As we embark on this reading we might also become aware of what we bring to the text, "the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties" (GS 1) of our world today, a world still grappling with pandemic and with growing economic inequality. What we bring to the text informs our understanding of the text. As we read, we might think of this gospel as a two-act drama. The first act in the drama (Mark 1:1-8:26) raises the question, "Who is this?" The central scene (Mark 8:27-30) provides a partial answer: Jesus is the Messiah or God's Anointed One, the Christos. The second act of the drama (Mark 8:31-16:8) is full of surprises for its earliest audiences: Jesus is not a militaristic messiah, but one who is prepared to suffer death for the sake of God's empire; God finally triumphs over suffering and death.

The invitation to us as readers is to enter into the drama, to identify with the characters and character groups, and to hear the teachings of Jesus. In the passage selected for today, Jesus announces his program and invites others to reorient their lives, to expand their horizons and to join him on a mission of proclaiming God's kin-dom, God's way of being in the world. Jesus proclaims the advent of God's "time" or *kairos*, as opposed to ordinary clock time (*chronos*). It is crisis time, time to attend to the cries of the earth and the cries of those rendered poor in every age.

One might get the impression in the opening chapters of the gospel that the disciples are all men. We have to go to the end of the gospel to find that there are also women "who came up with him to Jerusalem" from Galilee. The central section of the gospel (Mark 9-10) makes it clear that there are children on the journey as well. So let us imagine a much more extended group around Jesus than today's little gospel reading suggests. Women, men, and children, all are invited to leave behind whatever gets in the way of bringing God's kingdom into our world.

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