

PARISH PRIEST

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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:

20th & 21st February 2021

1st read: Gen 9: 8-15

2nd read: 1 Pet 3: 18-22

Gospel: Mk 1: 12-15

Lenten Program

Fr Michael is running
a Lenten Program.
It will be held in the
Parish Office every
Thursday during Lent
from 6pm - 7pm
Please bring a plate
to share



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.

6th Sunday of Ordinary

13th & 14th February 2021

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick John Bourke, Pat Vaughan,
John O'Leary, Bob Grayland, Mary Green, Paul Murray



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

(Names placed on the sick list will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise notified)

SUPPORTING OUR PARISHES:

Thank you for ongoing support of our Parishes.

Weekend 6th & 7th February 2021

1st Collection

TERANG

\$ 797.20

MORTLAKE

\$ 118.25

Planned Giving Program Week 27

2nd Collection

\$ 436.00

\$ 140.00

Average given

\$ 1,885.93

\$ 293.93

Amount promised per week

\$ 1,696.46

\$ 300.81

**MASSES AT TERANG & MORTLAKE with a gathering
up to 250(T)/125(M) people. All attending must sign in,
WEAR A MASK, hand sanitise & social distance**

TERANG & MORTLAKE ROSTERS

LINEN: February Terang: Denise Bond
Mortlake: Rita Pasque

FLOWERS: 17th February - 28th March ~ Lent
No flowers or cleaning required

Mortlake Set Up: February - Gertie MacDonald

COUNTERS: Not required due to COVID

Liturgy Rosters: Weekend ~ 20th & 21st February 2021

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

Terang Saturday 6.00 pm: Jenni Lenehan

Sunday 10.30 am: Annette Clifford

Mortlake Sunday 9.00 am: Wayne Knoll

Offertory: Terang Saturday 6.00 pm: Mick & Trish Lee

Sunday 10.30 am: Gavan & Liz Moloney

Mortlake Sunday 9.00 am: Leonie Quinn

Eucharistic Minister: Terang Saturday 6.00 pm: Maureen Kenna

Sunday 10.30 am: Therese Moloney

Music Mortlake Sun 9.00 am: Volunteer

Lap Top Terang: Sat 6.00 pm: Jenni Lenehan

Sun 10.30 am: Trish Bricknell

Weekday Masses

Tues 16th February: 9.30am Terang
(Bob Grayland & Mary Green)

Wed 17th February: 10.30am Mortlake
(Ash Wednesday)

Wed 17th February: 12.00pm Terang
(Ash Wednesday)

Thurs 18th February: 9.30am Terang



We welcome into God's Family
and our Parish Community

Mathew Jay-Hubbard Hoare

son of

Andrew & Olivia

who will be baptised at St. Thomas'
Church this weekend.



World Day of Prayer Service 2021

Pray for Vanuatu

Friday 5th march @ 10.00am
Terang Uniting Church
Contact: Michelle 0458 345 303



Reflection on the Gospel—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (Mark 1:40-45)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

We all seek to be part of family and community because we are social beings who need to engage with others and with our environment. Some are deprived of choice in this respect. Repeated name-calling and labelling is an age-old strategy of exclusion. "Illegals" is a label that excludes some of the most vulnerable people in today's world. "Leper" is a label that is used metaphorically of those who are not welcome, of those deemed to be "infectious". Today's gospel about a person with leprosy invites us to reflect on the pain of exclusion.

To be a leper in the world of early Judaism was to have some sort of skin disease that excluded a person from community and in particular from public worship. There were strict regulations regarding such lepers (see today's first reading from Leviticus, dating from several centuries before the time of Jesus). Their condition required ritual cleansing by a priest and an offering that cost money. That seems horrifying from our perspective, and it was.

In Mark's story, the man with leprosy approaches Jesus of Nazareth who is not one of the priests. This afflicted person thus cuts across the established procedures. Jesus is "moved with compassion", literally "moved in his gut, or in the depths of his being". In other words, Jesus empathises deeply with the suffering person. He has a physical reaction in the face of suffering. Some manuscripts have "moved with anger". A later scribe probably considered that expression too harsh as an emotion for Jesus and softened the text.

Jesus speaks and acts. He declares that he wills the cure of the man. He actually reaches out and touches him: a bodily encounter brings healing. He then sends the man back to tell the priests "as a proof to them". The verb used for "send back" suggests that the priests had already been approached without success. Jesus, the Galilean healer, succeeds in mediating the power of the God of Israel and so restores this outcast person to life in the community and the community itself to greater wholeness through this healing. The widespread report of Jesus' healing activity will incur the anger of some of the authorities.

For our part, as followers of Jesus, we might reflect on the fact that sickness and disability are not only physical phenomena. They also have social and emotional impacts on individuals and the communities to which they belong. Healing enables people to live again, to be with others and do the things they want to do. It brings new life and integrity to community. Jesus demonstrates that the combination of a compassionate word and a healing touch can work wonders. This was true in the ancient world. It is equally true for us today in the face of a virulent pandemic that has taken so many lives and disrupted family and social engagement. Healing must be all embracing if it is restore life.

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