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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:

28th & 29th August 2021

1st read: Deut 4: 1-2, 6-8

2nd read: James 1:17-18,21-22,27

Gospel: Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15,21-23

St Vincent de Paul

Terang Mortlake St
Vincent de Paul
Conference.

All enquiries for
assistance are treated in
strict confidence.

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

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and select either Terang or Mortlake Parish.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st & 22nd August 2021

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Alice McKinnon, Sue O'Sullivan,
Greg O'Sullivan, Cath Crawley, Bernie Crawley,
Carmen Cassar, Dorothy Mahony, Patrick Finn, Jim Corbett



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

(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.

NO MASSES THIS WEEKEND DUE TO COVID LOCKDOWN

Weekend 14th/15th August 2021 TERANG MORTLAKE

1st Collection	\$ 565.15	\$ 103.10
Planned Giving Program Week 55		
2nd Collection	\$ 8,736.00	\$ 455.00
Average given	\$ 1,799.96	\$ 286.02
Amount promised per week	\$ 1,687.42	\$ 300.81

TERANG & MORTLAKE ROSTERS:

LINEN: August Terang: Margaret Irving
Mortlake: Carmel Orford

FLOWERS: 28th/29th August
Terang: Faye Phillips & Helen Cole
Mortlake: Pam Smith

Mortlake Set Up: August - Claire Adams

Liturgy Rosters: Weekend ~ 28th & 29th Aug 2021

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

Terang Saturday 6.00 pm: Jenni Lenehan
Sunday 10.30 am: Justin Staunton

Mortlake Sunday 9.00 am: Mick Murphy

Offertory: Terang Sat 6.00 pm: David & Helen Lourey
Sun 10.30 am: Kevin & Therese Moloney
Mortlake Sunday 9.00 am: Patsy & Rita

Eucharistic Minister: Terang Sat 6.00 pm: Clare Banks
Sun 10.30 am: Therese Moloney

Music Mortlake Sun 9.00 am: Volunteer

Lap Top Terang: Sat 6.00 pm: Ally/Tess Lourey
Sun 10.30 am: Dickson Family

Weekday Masses

No Masses due to lockdown

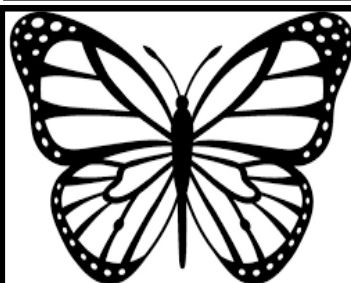
BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

**Special Collection after
Communion on weekend
of 4th/5th September at
all Masses**

Every
moment
is a fresh
beginning.

T S Eliot



We welcome into God's Family
and our Parish Community

Florence Rose Wynd

daughter of

Martin & Amy

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



Mercy Regional College ~ Alumni Night ~ All-Year Reunion

Saturday 9th October 2021 @ 6.30pm @ Noorat Recreational Reserve

All past students of CRC and MRC and their partners are welcome to attend
Update your contact details on our website to receive updates about this event

Reflection on the Gospel-21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

(John 6:60-69)

-Veronica M. Lawson RSM

If we have trouble understanding and coming to terms with the teachings of Jesus in the gospel, then we can take some comfort from the reaction of the disciples in John's community some decades after the death of Jesus. It seems that it was not only the members of the Jewish synagogue who were offended by his teaching, but also those Jews who had accepted Jesus as Messiah or Christ and had joined the community of believers. "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" they complain. They are referring to his teaching on the "bread" that he will give them. Once again, Jesus' response introduces new teaching, teaching that can only raise more questions in their minds. He links "spirit" with "life". Having used the term "flesh" of his body and of the life that he offers to those who eat of his flesh, he now introduces an element of doubt: flesh is now "useless"! We must be careful not to interpret this literally. It is typical of John to use the same word in a variety of ways. Here "flesh" is used negatively and metaphorically to refer to human weakness and sinfulness in contrast with "spirit" which evokes the creative spirit of God that moved over the waters at creation and the spirit of God that informed the word of the prophets. The Johannine Jesus lays the ground for offering progressively deeper insights into his identity and destiny and into the meaning of a gospel way of life. The reference to his "ascending" recalls the earlier part of the gospel where he is presented as the pre-existent one, the one who comes from God and has already ascended to God (John 3:13). Once again, we are confronted with an ancient cosmology that places God in the heavens above. After his death, Jesus will tell Mary Magdalene that he has not yet ascended and instructs her to tell the disciples that he is ascending to God (20:17). It seems that John wants to keep emphasising the origins of Jesus as the eternal Word and the Wisdom of God.

There are many who refuse to grapple with the complexities and implications of his teaching and they turn away. Jesus asks his closest followers if they too will desert. Peter speaks for himself and his companions when he declares their undying allegiance: "To whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life." Eternal life is the Johannine equivalent of the "kin-dom of God" or "of the heavens" of the other gospels. Most of us have wanted to abandon our commitment at some time or another. There are times when it seems to be all too hard. Peter's declaration is a sobering one for us in times of doubt and an encouragement for those of us who seek to understand more deeply and to keep believing despite the challenges.