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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:

2nd & 3rd May 2020

1st read: Acts 2: 14, 36-41

2nd read: 1 Pet 2: 20-25

Gospel: Jn 10: 1-10

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 Easter

25th & 26th April 2020

RECENT DEATHS: Patricia Moloney, Ian McKenzie,
Andrew Flisher (Jacinta Harris' Father)

ANNIVERSARIES: Justin Phillips, Harry Phillips

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Chris Delaney

(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.



Sunday Mass

There are opportunities to participate in Sunday Mass online through youtube and facebook eg: St Joseph's Warrnambool, along with Mass for you at home on Channel 10 ~ Sunday at 10am, and repeated on Foxtel Ch 17 AURURA through the day and week.

THE EASTER SEASON CONTINUES

This Sunday (3rd of Easter) we hear the story of Jesus joining two disciples on the road to Emmaus, not recognising him at first, but they did in the breaking of the bread. It reminds us that God walks with us always, but sometimes we don't know that God is there. But God is there in all circumstances, even those of the present time and promises to be with us to the end of time. Let us give thanks for that.

With Anzac Day this weekend, we remember those who have sacrificed so much for all of us.

Just letting you know that I have found a "novel" way to fill in time. On Thursday (23rd April), I will have had surgery in St John of God Hospital Geelong and then will be recovering at my sister's place. If you need a Priest, please contact Fr Neville at Camperdown on 5593 1284.

See you soon

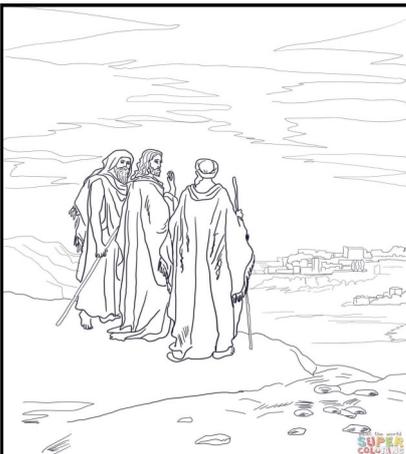
Fr Gerry

PS: Fr Gerry's surgery went well & he will leave hospital tomorrow.

**The art of life is a constant readjustment
to our surroundings.**

Kakuzo Okakura

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



Reflection on the Gospel - Easter 3A (Luke 24:13-35)

-Veronica Lawson, RSM

Extraordinary things can happen if we open ourselves to the presence of a stranger on life's journey. That seems to be a key element in today's gospel passage from the well-known and well-loved Emmaus story. Imagine two dejected disciples (Cleopas and possibly his wife) on Easter Day, on the road back from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus, a few kilometres away. On their journey, they encounter Jesus who has been raised. At first, they fail to recognise him. Their sadness at his violent death has blinded them to the significance of the women's account of the empty tomb. It has blinded them to what is happening before their very eyes.

Jesus engages them in conversation and holds up a metaphorical mirror to their experience of loss and grief. Their hearts "burn" within them as he reveals to them the meaning of his death and resurrection in the light of their sacred scriptures. Yet still they fail to recognise the one whom they have described as "a prophet mighty in deed and word." They invite him to share a meal with them and their eyes are opened: they recognise him in the blessing and breaking of the bread they share with him. He disappears from their midst. They cannot contain the joy they have experienced in realising that Jesus is alive and once more present to them, though in a new and transforming way.

Cleopas and partner go straight back to Jerusalem to share this good news with the other disciples. Now all the assembled disciples experience powerfully the presence of the risen Jesus in their midst. They too pass over the women's story. It is the appearance to Peter of the resurrected Jesus that is the ground of their new faith. As the story continues beyond today's reading, we learn that the male disciples will also share a meal with him and he will open their minds to understand the scriptures. Everything will fall into place. The fear that has paralysed them will fall away. They will not only understand Jesus' death and resurrection in the light of the scriptures. They will be "clothed with power from on high" to exercise their role as witnesses to this great mystery.

Extraordinary things can happen to those hospitable enough to "break bread" with "strangers" in whom they do not immediately recognise God's presence. If we open our hearts to those who have sought a welcome on our shores and are now awaiting permanency, we might come to participate more deeply in the joy of the resurrection. Opening our hearts is always a possibility while opening our homes is not in these days of restricted physical contact. My experience at this time is of reverse ministry: a young refugee couple is presently doing my essential shopping and leaving it on the front doorstep. Though "strangers" in our land, they are demonstrating what it means to be "of God".