### PARISH PRIEST

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**Mercy Regional College** Ms Sharon Gillett Ph 5593 2011

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 Sunday

6.00 pm 10.30 am ST COLMAN'S MORTLAKE

9.00 am

Sunday

**Next Weeks Readings:** 

6th & 7th February 2021

1st read: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7 2nd read: 1 Cor 9: 16-19,22-23 Gospel: Mk 1: 29-39



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

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#### 4th Sunday of Ordinary

**RECENT DEATHS:** Wendy Lewis

ANNIVERSARIES: Jack Ewing



30th & 31st January 2021

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.

Weekend 23rd & 24th Jan 2021	<b>TERANG</b>		<b>MORTLAKE</b>	
1st Collection	\$	570.20	\$	146.70
Planned Giving Program Week 2	<u>25</u>			
2nd Collection	\$	443.00	\$	126.00
Average given Amount promised per week	\$	1,990.73	\$	291.15
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:** February

Terang: Denise Bond Mortlake: Rita Pasque

FLOWERS: 6th/7th & 13th/14th February Terang: Annette Heffernan & Josie Vaughan Mortlake: Judy McDonald (7th Feb)

Mortlake Set Up: February - Gertie MacDonald

COUNTERS: Not required due to COVID

Liturgy Rosters: Weekend ~ 6th & 7th February 2021

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

Terang Saturday 6.00 pm: Kevin Lee Sunday 10.30 am: Bernadette McKinnon <u>Mortlake</u> Sundav 9.00 am: Pam Smith (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: Pam & Noel

Lap Top Terang: Sat 6.00 pm: Kellie Lee Sun 10.30 am: Trish Bricknell

#### Weekday Masses

**Tues 2nd February: 10.00am Terang** (John Glennen & Ellen Glennen)

Thurs 4th February: 10.00am Terang



Sr Aileen Moloney, R.S.M. has recently celebrated her 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Religious Profession 24/1/2021 whilst residing now: Rice Village, Marshall (Geelong).

Sr Aileen is able to accept our invitation to join us at the 5pm Mass: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 to allow family and friends to join in this celebration. A light supper will follow. All Welcome If intending to attend: Ph. St Mary's Parish :5231 2177 (Mon- Fri: 8.30 – 12.30pm).

# **Pastoral Care Education Program 2020-21**

Another successful pastoral care education program was completed in December 2020 supported by our Parish.

Stephen Hishon (Catholic Communities of Apollo Bay, Lorne and Aireys Inlet) Rev Frank Tuppin (Camperdown, Derrinallum, Apollo Bay Uniting Church Communities) Fr Nay Htoo Khin (St Matthews Anglican parish Wendouree)

Peter Sherman (Catholic Chaplain and Spiritual Care Coordinator University Hospital Geelong) were all successful and we enjoyed celebrating the Graduation in Lorne.

Anyone interested in applying for the 2021 program and securing pastoral placement please contact Bernadette Wurlod coordinator and supervisor.

News about the 2021 program will advertised in the near future.

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#### Reflection on the Gospel-4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (Mark 1:21-28) -Veronica Lawson RSM

Today's gospel reading recounts the first episode in a section of Mark's gospel that focusses on a typical day in the ministry of Jesus as authoritative teacher and prophetic healer (1:21-38). Jesus comes with his disciples to Capernaum. On the Sabbath day, Judaism's holy day, he goes into the synagogue, Judaism's local gathering place, and preaches. The verbal forms in the first sentence indicate that teaching in the synagogue was part of his customary activity. Jesus is thus located firmly within Israel's prophetic tradition of proclaiming God's word to God's people. In today's first reading from Deuteronomy (18:15-20), the term "prophet" appears eight times. Moses tells the people that God will respond to their request at Sinai (Horeb) and raise up from among them a prophet like himself, a mediator between God and God's people, one who will speak God's word. Prophets do not appoint or authorise themselves: God calls and authorises the prophets to speak God's word. Failure to heed the prophets carries its own consequences as does the attempt to assume a prophetic role without God's authorisation. Just as the prophets of old speak the authentic word of God only when they are authorised by the God of Israel, so Jesus of Nazareth, later to identify himself in this gospel as God's prophet (6:4), speaks and acts "with authority". In other words, he speaks with the authority of the God of Israel.

In this first Markan story of his divinely authorised activity, Jesus is approached by a man "with an unclean spirit". The man's loud scream sets up a confrontation between the power of God, mediated through Jesus, and the forces of destruction that often take hold of human lives. Jesus silences and expels these destructive forces and thus renders a seriously troubled person whole. Confounding the "unclean spirit(s)" brings social and communal benefits to the troubled person as well as physical and emotional healing.

God's reign or empire is made real through a healing action that is perceived as "a new teaching". No word of Jesus' teaching is reported, only his actions and those actions are presented as "teaching". While words have their place, we teach primarily by who we are and what we do. For Jesus and his disciples, as for us, congruence between words and actions is integral to authentic gospel proclamation. Jesus is demonstrating to his newly formed group of followers that the gospel they are to proclaim is grounded in the ordinary struggles of ordinary people. This gospel carries the power to lift the burdens and restore the troubled to wholeness and health. We may wish to acknowledge the "unclean spirits" that take hold of us from time to time so that we can open ourselves to the power of God mediated through God's healer-teachers in our time.