

PARISH PRIEST

Fr. Michael McKinnon

PARISH OFFICES

St. Thomas' Terang

P.O. Box 25 Terang. 3264
Ph: 5592 1195 Fax: 5592 2308
terang@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Clare Neal

"We are a Child Safe Parish"

St. Colman's Mortlake

St Joseph's Caramut

P.O. Box 25 Terang 3264
Ph: 5592 1195
terang@ballarat.catholic.org.au

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

St. Thomas' Terang

Mr. Matthew Uzkuraitis

Ph 5592 1925

St. Colman's Mortlake

Mr. Tim Bourke

Ph 5599 2285

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 6.00 pm

Sunday 10.30 am

ST COLMAN'S MORTLAKE

Sunday 9.00 am

Next Weeks Readings:

21st & 22nd August 2021

1st read: Josh 24: 1-2, 15-18

2nd read: Eph 5: 21-32

Gospel: Jn 6: 60-69

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.

The Assumption of Mary

14th & 15th August 2021

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Lily Hester, Sianne Hester, Bill Hirst



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.

MASSES HAVE RESUMED AT TERANG & MORTLAKE with a gathering up to 100 people

All attending must sign in, wear a mask, use hand sanitiser & social distance

<u>Weekend 7th/8th August 2021</u>	<u>TERANG</u>	<u>MORTLAKE</u>
1st Collection	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<u>Planned Giving Program Week 54</u>		
2nd Collection	\$ 1,652.00	\$ 0.00
Average given	\$ 1,671.53	\$ 282.89
Amount promised per week	\$ 1,687.42	\$ 300.81

TERANG & MORTLAKE ROSTERS:

LINEN: August Terang: Margaret Irving
Mortlake: Carmel Orford

FLOWERS: 21st/22nd & 28th/29th August

Terang: Faye Phillips & Helen Cole

Mortlake: Pam Smith

Mortlake Set Up: August - Claire Adams

Liturgy Rosters: Weekend ~ 21st & 22nd Aug 2021

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

Terang Saturday 6.00 pm: Cate Watt

Sunday 10.30 am: Annette Clifford

Mortlake Sunday 9.00 am: Anne Blacker

Offertory: Terang Sat 6.00 pm: Mick & Lorraine Meade

Sun 10.30 am: Clare Neal & Family

Mortlake Sunday 9.00 am: Leonie Quinn

Eucharistic Minister: Terang Sat 6.00 pm: Lorraine Meade

Sun 10.30 am: Kathleen O'Sullivan

Music Mortlake Sun 9.00 am: Donna Baxter

Lap Top Terang: Sat 6.00 pm: Khloe Meade

Sun 10.30 am: Max & Greta Neal



Mary's Assumption ©2021 Anne Hester

Weekday Masses

**There will be no week day Masses,
as Fr Michael is in Mildura**

**We welcome Fr Shaiju for our
Masses this weekend.**

**Fr Matthew Thomas will be
celebrating Masses next weekend
21st & 22nd August**

Thank you

**Thanks to all for your support
& gifts on the occasion of my
40th Anniversary.**

**It was great to be home to
celebrate**

Fr Michael

St Vincent de Paul

Terang Mortlake St Vincent de Paul Conference.
All enquiries for assistance are treated in strict
confidence. Ph: 0459 047 620.

Mercy Regional College

Alumni Night ~ All-Year Reunion

Saturday 9th October 2021 @ 6.30pm

Theatre Royal Camperdown

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-The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Luke 1:39-44)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

A visit to the Dormition Abbey in Jerusalem in 1973 was a moment of enlightenment for me, a moment to reflect on Mary's life, her death and her "assumption" to the fulness of life in God. Just over five years ago, the Greek Orthodox Church of the Dormition in Aleppo, Syria, was badly damaged by an underground explosion, yet another victim of a cruel war. The news report of that tragedy reminded me that Orthodox Christians and Eastern Catholics have long celebrated the "Holy Sleep" or "Dormition" of the Virgin Mary. Mary's "sleep", the reunion of her whole being with God, is celebrated as the feast of the "Assumption" in the Latin Rite. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined Mary's assumption as a dogma of the Catholic faith, a dogma grounded in tradition.

Today's gospel offers the story of the young pregnant Mary travelling "in haste" from her home town of Nazareth to a town in the hill country of Judaea, some 130 kilometres to the south, to be with her cousin Elizabeth who is also pregnant. The details of that long and demanding journey are left to our imagination. In the loving embrace of the two women, the Spirit-filled life gestating within Mary encounters and physically affects the life that is coming to birth in Elizabeth. Elizabeth's words resound throughout the ages in the prayer we know as the Hail Mary: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb...." These words are addressed by one prophetic woman to another prophetic woman. Elizabeth recognises that Mary is blessed by God because she believed that God's promise to her would be fulfilled. Elizabeth gives expression to the faith that is to be embraced by all those who accept that Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Mary of Nazareth, is the Holy One of God (Luke 1:35). The lives of both women have been transformed through the power of God's Spirit. The birth of their children will usher in an unprecedented event in human history.

Elizabeth's proclamation of the blessing of God on Mary is found daily on the lips of countless faith-filled Christians across the globe. In our times, God's blessing on the Earth community can only become a reality when, like Mary, we open our hearts to a world in need, when we learn to read the signs of the times and work together to address the underlying causes of global distress. This gospel story invites us to ponder the various ways that God calls us to sustain life. We might turn for inspiration to Mary who, as theologian Elizabeth Johnson reminds us, is "truly our sister". Though pregnant, Mary was prepared to do "the hard yards", the whole 130 kilometres, to be with an older cousin in need. Celebrating this feast might mean doing the hard yards by "being there" for someone in need despite the personal cost.

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