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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:

17th & 18th October 2020

1st read: Is 45: 1, 4-6

2nd read: 1 Thes 1: 1-5

Gospel: Mt 22: 15-21



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

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and select either Terang or Mortlake Parish.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th & 11th October 2020

RECENT DEATHS: Rosemary Roache, Mary Lawlor

ANNIVERSARIES: Anne Kelly, Pat Glennen, Merv Suhan

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Marie Glennen

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

SUPPORTING OUR PARISHES: Thank you for your pledge payments &
your ongoing support of our Parishes.



Mercy Regional College Annual Car Raffle ~ Tickets only \$10



Due to COVID-19, there will be no paper tickets available
this year. All tickets are to be purchased online.

If you would like a ticket & do not have access to the
internet, please contact Clare or Fr Gerry or phone the
Parish Office on 5592 1195 & we will happily purchase
your ticket/s for you

Drawn on 30th November

Catholic Mission Appeal

The joy of the Lord is our Strength! Nehemiah 8:10

On 18 October we will celebrate World Mission Sunday - a special day,
called by Pope Francis, when we are called to pray and offer material
support to the work of mission around the world. This year we are invited
to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who
have been affected by disability and giving them hope through the Gospel of
Jesus Christ, and practical support to live a fulfilling life.

*Chen was just 16 years old when he lost both his legs in a landmine accident.
Knowing that his life would never be the same, he felt hopeless, until he and his
family were approached by the Arrupe Centre. Led by Bishop Enrique Figaredo
Alvargonzalez, the Arrupe Centre provides children like Chen with support and
opportunities they may not access otherwise. You are warmly invited to partner
with the Church in Cambodia through this year's Church Appeal.*

WAYS TO GIVE: Due to COVID restrictions here are some ways to
support the Appeal - 1. Envelope 2. visit Website - give online at www/catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia; 3. Text GIVE to 0488 854 436 and then
follow instructions. Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.

Churches Open for Prayer

With the lifting of some restrictions, St Thomas' and St Colman's
Churches will be open for private prayer from 9.00am to 5pm daily.

Unfortunately we are unable to have weekend/weekday masses
There are opportunities to participate in Sunday Mass online through
YouTube www.tiny.cc/joe3280 and facebook eg: St Joseph's
Warrnambool, along with Mass for you at home on Channel 10 ~
Sunday at 6am, and repeated on
Foxtel Ch 17 AURURA through the day and week.

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

Reflection on the Gospel-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Matthew 22:1-14)

Veronica Lawson RSM

The increasing wealth of the few and the growing divide between rich and poor, particularly in the developing world, are challenging us all to consider our attitudes to the planet's resources and to the economic system that maintains that imbalance. The economic divide is highlighted by the vulnerability to pandemic of those rendered poor and homeless in our world. Today's gospel brings a warning. Like the invited guests in Matthew's parable of the wedding banquet, we are in danger of turning our backs on a gracious invitation or "call" not only to share in but also to ensure that all God's creatures share in the fruits of the earth. The king's invitation to successive and diverse groups recalls Israel's prophetic tradition where God's ultimate reign is imaged as a feast of the best food and wine, not just for a privileged few, but for all.

Many other aspects of the parable are quite troubling. Its focus is on the human community. Privileged humans are the first to be invited: the invitation to the less privileged comes only after those on the initial guest list have refused to come. This aspect of the story hardly reflects the values of God's empire or reign. Furthermore, the violent retaliation of the spurned host is hard to reconcile with an image of God's reign. This is also true of the treatment of the guest without a wedding robe in a situation where none of the guests has had the opportunity to procure the right attire. It becomes clear that this is not a story to be taken literally. Rather, it invites the reader to critique interpretations that see the king's behaviour as a reflection of how God deals with God's creation.

So, what might this story be telling us? If we look again at the despotic aspects of the king's character, we might find there a reflection of our own capacity to look after ourselves at the expense of the poor and vulnerable of our world and of the other-than-human. We might find an image of our nation's long-term redirecting of the foreign aid budget towards keeping refugees from settling in our land. On the other hand, if we put ourselves in the place of the original audience, we might find ourselves quite amazed at the inclusiveness of the king in a world where the people on the street would never have been invited to such a wedding banquet. If we think about the wedding garment as symbolic of a "right" disposition or attitude in relation to the host, the company, and the riches to be shared, we might be drawn to handle Earth's precious resources with a little more care for the common good of all the inhabitants of our planet. Our gospel tradition tells us that God's empire will only be realised when all have the opportunity to share in the feast of life and when other-than-human Earth inhabitants have the resources that enable them to flourish.