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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:

24th & 25th October 2020

1st read: Ex 22: 20-26

2nd read: 1 Thes 1: 5-10

Gospel: Mt 22: 34-40

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

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.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th & 18th October 2020

RECENT DEATHS: Clare McCormick (Glennen)

ANNIVERSARIES: Kerin O'Connor, Kevin Walsh, Jim McKinnon, Vincent Finn, Em Delaney, Basil Riordon

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 your ongoing support



Mission Sunday Appeal - The joy of the Lord is our Strength! Nehemiah 8:10

Today is 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 support and generosity.

Pastoral Care Education

The South West Victoria CPE Centre is offering the opportunity for education and formation in Pastoral Care, with the option to have a CPE unit recognised as 30 points should you wish to enrol in theological studies with the University of Divinity. The Centre is registered through the Association for Supervised and Clinical Pastoral Education Victoria (ASACPEV Inc.). CPE is offered online presently and will be this way for at least the first semester in 2021, after which it will be reassessed. For further information ph. 0455 033 321 or email bernadette@bernadettewurlod.com.au.

Information is also available at

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pastoral-care-education-3/>

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.

**Reflection on the Gospel-29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
(Matthew 22:15-21)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The emergence of a common enemy is often the catalyst for sworn enemies to unite. In first century Palestine, Pharisees were the respected religious teachers of the law and Herodians represented secular Jewish power and wealth. They despised each other on both religious and political grounds. When faced with a perceived threat to their authority, however, they united in opposition. Jesus of Nazareth becomes the threat that unites them. His teaching and healing draw the crowds and threaten their authority. They come together and try to set a trap for him. In attempting to set him up, they ironically pay him the greatest of tributes: addressing him as “teacher”, they acknowledge his sincerity and admit that he teaches the way of God in accordance with the truth. They witness to his lack of concern with status and hierarchical division.

The question of these traditional enemies is intended to put Jesus in a “no win” position: “Is it lawful to pay tribute to the emperor or not?” Jesus turns the question back upon them. He lets them know that he is aware of their malicious intent and asks them to produce the coin used for the tax. He thus makes the issue one of images, a sensitive issue for all Jews, rather than of tribute. The Roman denarius that they produce bears the bust of the Roman emperor and the Latin inscription, “Tiberius Caesar, son of the divine Augustus, High Priest”.

Jesus’ response, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God”, can be interpreted in several ways. Is Jesus simply exposing their hypocrisy as bearers of images? From a Jewish perspective, everything belongs to God, the earth and all its riches. The disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians are Jews, even if the sympathies of the latter lean towards the Roman occupiers. Is he telling them to pay the tax while still recognising God’s prior claim? Is he telling them not to pay the tax precisely because the emperor has no claim on what belongs to God? Is he critiquing the Roman occupation or legitimizing it? Or is he saying something else? They are left to interpret his response as they wish. One thing is clear: Jesus’ words have nothing to do with the modern distinction between Church and secular state. There are good reasons for paying taxes in a secular state and for contributing financially to the life of the Church, something we may need to revisit in the light of pandemic and the closing of our places of worship. It is quite anachronistic, however, to invoke this text in support of paying state taxes or of supporting the Church financially. The story is more about sincerity and truth in our relationships with each other and with the God of all truth. That is the key criterion for any personal or global alliance.