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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.

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

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and select either Terang or Mortlake Parish.

All Saints

31st October & 1st November 2020

RECENT DEATHS: Eileen Pardy, Ollie Matherson

ANNIVERSARIES: Edward Glennen, Peg Green, Denise Williams, Molly Lourey, Gertie Pearson, Nancye McRae, Jean Quinn

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.



Weekday Masses Terang & Mortlake

We are allowed **20 people** to attend services. We will have two weekday Masses this week in Terang & one in Mortlake

Wednesday in Mortlake at 10am

Thursday in Terang at 10am ~ (Peg Green)

Friday in Terang at 10am ~ (Dawn & Edward Glennen)

Please be guided by the usual on-going hygiene requirements. Social distancing of at least 1.5 metres & hand sanitising. Sanitiser will be available with the sign in book on the table in the foyer.

MASKS MUST BE WORN

Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions

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:

7th & 8th Nov 2020

1st read: Wis 6: 12-16

2nd read: 1 Thess 4: 13-18

Gospel: Mt 25: 1-13



Parish Appointments

Bishop Paul Bird has made the following appointments:

Fr Gerry Prunty will become the Parish Priest of East Wimmera

Fr Eugene McKinnon (who has been in East Wimmera) will become Parish Priest of Linton, Redan & Sebastopol. These changes will take place from January 15th 2021.

From that date, Fr Michael McKinnon will look after Terang & Mortlake until an appointment is made next year.

Plenary Council Discernment papers now available in audio format:

The Diocese of Bathurst has taken the discernment papers to another format, recording audio versions to help with the reception of the documents. All six discernment papers have now been recorded and can be accessed on the Plenary Council website

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

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

Reflection on the Gospel: Feast of All Saints
Matthew 5:1-12 -Veronica Lawson RSM

We have become so familiar with the beatitudes that there is a danger of our listening only to the mellifluous flow of language and of failing to attend to the extraordinary present and future reversal that they offer to those who suffer injustice and to those who choose non-violent ways of addressing it. With pandemic sweeping the globe and affecting the dispossessed quite disproportionately, it is time to listen anew to these opening words of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Jesus of Nazareth knew in his body the experience of displacement: from Bethlehem to Egypt; from Judaea to Galilee. He shared the experience of Galilean peasant farmers and artisans. His words are grounded in the stories, the music, the poetry, the law and the history of his people. They foreground the qualities of those whom we honour as saints, those who are remembered by name and those who are not.

The mountain setting establishes Jesus as wisdom teacher like Moses of old. God's favour rests on the poor/the humble/the "grounded", on the gentle, on those who grieve for the pain of the world, on serious justice seekers, on those who know how to mercy, on the pure or single-minded of heart, on peacemakers, and on those who suffer in the cause of right. The repetition of 'blessed are...' (a better translation of the Greek *makarioi* than 'happy') provides multiple links with Israel's collection of sacred songs, the Psalms. For Israel's lyricists, God's favour or blessing is on those whose hope is in God, on those whose delight is in God's way, on those who take refuge in God, on the guileless in spirit and on those whom God forgives. The content of the beatitudes echoes the voice of Israel's prophets, especially Isaiah 61. God's spirit is upon Jesus. He brings the good news of God's present and future favour or blessing to the destitute and to those who mourn. The distinguishing mark of God's favoured ones is righteousness or right relationship.

God's favour or blessing comes in diverse forms: the *basileia* or empire of the heavens; comfort in the face of grief; the earth as a heritage to be protected; the joy of being mercied; face to face encounter with God; a great reward "in heaven". If heaven is only a place to be enjoyed in the afterlife, it is little consolation for the desperately poor or for those who are persecuted or misrepresented to know that "the empire of the heavens is theirs" or that their "reward is great in heaven". "Heaven" is better understood as a way of talking about God or God's empire of justice and compassion in contrast with the heartless empire of Rome and its modern equivalents. Maybe the most urgent invitation in our present context is to mourn strategically the displacement of so many of earth's inhabitants who, in these liminal times, long for the blessing of God's kin-dom in the form of comfort and mercy and a just share in the earth's resources.