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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:

31st Oct & 1st Nov 2020

1st read: Apoc 7: 2-4, 9-14

2nd read: 1 Jn 3: 1-3

Gospel: Mt 5: 1-12



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

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and select either Terang or Mortlake Parish.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th & 25th October 2020

RECENT DEATHS: Margaret Carey (Margaret Sumner's Sister),
Adrian Blacker (Perth)

ANNIVERSARIES: Betty Bulger, Jim Kelly, Helen Kelly,
Eileen Corbett



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.



Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers. Your generosity makes it possible for people, through programs such as the Arrupe Centre, to continue reaching out and empowering people like Chen and his family. Thank you also to so many parishioners who have become monthly giving partners through our Cambodia Mission Partners program. For more information about the work of Catholic Mission in Cambodia and around the world, please contact our friendly team at the freecall number: 1800 257 296, or at catholicmission.org.au/contact

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

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

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-30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
(Matthew 22:34-40)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Until fairly recently, the Jewishness of Jesus was often downplayed, even ignored. Today's gospel passage has Jesus affirming the most central of Jewish traditions, namely the command of Deuteronomy 6 known as the *Shema* (so called from the first word in the statement meaning "hear"). The words of the *Shema* are recited repeatedly every day by every faithful Jew. Although not a prayer in itself, the *Shema* is an integral part of Jewish liturgy and prayer. It is a creedal statement that continues to function like an overture to Jewish life and practice. The doorpost at the entrance to a Jewish home generally features a tiny rectangular box known as a *mezuzah*. It contains a scroll bearing the text of the *Shema*. Those who enter touch the *mezuzah* with the greatest reverence. When I first encountered this practice, I was deeply affected by the power of the symbol to link one with the deep story of a people, in this case with that of the Jewish people.

In Matthew's story, Jesus the Jew provides an honest response to the less than honest questioning of an expert in Jewish law. He overlooks the hostility of the lawyer and the Sadducees with whom the lawyer has aligned himself. He evokes the text of the *Shema*. Jesus thus invites the lawyer to return to the heart of their shared tradition. He links the teaching of the *Shema* on wholehearted love of God with a second commandment taken from Leviticus 19: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself". The lawyer's unfair "testing" of Jesus is evidence that this is precisely what he fails to do: he addresses Jesus as teacher, a term of respect, and yet fails to show him the respect due to him as neighbour.

For Jesus, the whole of the Torah and the teaching of the prophets can be summed up in the commandments to love God with all of one's being heart, soul and mind, and to love one's neighbour as oneself. Not just love, but *intensity of love* is the issue here. One is to love with the whole of one's being. One is to care for others as one cares for oneself. We see such intensity of love in those who are giving their lives to save those infected with Covid-19. Front-line health workers are three times more likely to contract the infection than others and yet few hesitate to turn up day after day to be there for their patients. Amnesty International estimates that some seven thousand health professionals have already lost their lives to the virus. The witness of their commitment functions like the *mezuzah* in our lives: it draws us back into the heart of the gospel tradition and calls us to a deeper, more intense love. It also helps us to deal with the insincerity of those who seek to score points and undermine the dignity of others.