

## PARISH PRIEST

Fr. Gerard Prunty

### PARISH OFFICES

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"We are a Child Safe Parish"

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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:

14th & 15th Nov 2020

1st rd: Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

2nd read: 1 Thess 5: 1-6

Gospel: Mt 25: 14-30



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

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and select either Terang or Mortlake Parish.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th & 8th November 2020

**RECENT DEATHS:** Anne Finn

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Peter Conheady, Kevin Conheady,  
Denis Conheady, Betty Sargeant, Jim Sargeant, Charlie Avery



**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.

<u>Week up to Thursday 5th Nov 2020</u>	<u>TERANG</u>	<u>MORTLAKE</u>
1st Collection	\$ 390.00	\$ 110.00
<b>Planned Giving Program Week 14</b>		
2nd Collection	\$ 225.00	\$ 890.00
Average given	\$ 2,187.43	\$ 269.64
Amount promised per week	\$ 1,637.77	\$ 300.81

## Weekday Masses Terang & Mortlake

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

**Tuesday 10th November - Terang at 5.30pm ~ (Basil Lee)**

**Wednesday 11th November - Mortlake at 10am**

**Thursday 12th November - Terang at 10am ~ (Tony Arundell)**

**Friday 13th Nov - Terang at 10am ~ (Anne Finn (RIP))**

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

## 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

## Parish Appointments

Bishop Paul Bird has made the following appointments:

**Fr Gerry Prunty will become the Parish Priest of East Wimmera**

Fr Eugene McKinnon (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.

**Reflection on the Gospel-32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A  
(Matthew 25:1-13)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

How many times were you told as a child to be ready for an outing or for the arrival of visitors or for dinner or for something else when you simply wanted to stay as you were? There are times when it matters little whether we are ready or not. COVID-19 is teaching us that sometimes it really matters and today's gospel parable depicts a situation where it is of crucial importance to be prepared. Wisdom resides in readiness, foolishness in failure to prepare.

The imminent event in today's parable is a wedding celebration. The betrothal period is over and the bridegroom has left to bring the bride from the home of her parents to his family home. Ten young women of his household will watch for the arrival of the couple and will light their way into the wedding feast. These young women can expect to be welcome at the feast. Five are well prepared for the arrival and five are not. The five who bring (olive) oil for their lamps are designated "wise" while the other five who bring no oil are said to be "foolish". Negotiating the terms of the marriage contract takes longer than expected so that the bridegroom is delayed. The young women wait and wait, then fall asleep. At midnight, the bridegroom's arrival is signalled and the young women rise to trim their lamps in readiness for their role of lighting his way.

The bride is invisible in the telling of the story, presumably because the focus must be on the bridegroom alone. Earlier in Matthew's gospel (9:15), Jesus is depicted as "the bridegroom". The attentive reader of the gospel is aware that the parable is about Jesus and that it forms part of Matthew's end-time discourse (24:1-25:46). The delay of the bridegroom evokes the community's expectation that Jesus who has died and been raised will return at an undisclosed time. In the interim, the members are to be actively watchful and ready, living in the spirit of Matthew's first discourse (5:1-7:29) with its emphasis on right relationship. Matthew 7 concludes with reference to wise and foolish decisions: the foolish build on sand while the wise build on rock.

The behaviour of the "wise" in today's parable is as puzzling as that of the "foolish". The "foolish" fail to prepare: they have no oil and cannot expect to light the way without it. The "wise" have prepared and they receive their reward. Is there any wisdom, however, in sending their "foolish" companions to buy olive oil at midnight? There are more unanswered questions than we can address in this little reflection. We can identify with both the wise and the foolish. We can identify with the foolish in our inattention to the plight of our planet. We can identify with the wise insofar as we have the wisdom to ensure that the produce of God's Earth, represented by the olive oil, is received as gift and used in right measure and in right relationship.