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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:

2nd & 3rd January 2021

1st read: Is 60: 1-6

2nd read: Eph 32: 2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Mt 2: 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.

The Holy Family

26th & 27th December 2020

RECENT DEATHS: Brenda Salt, Sr Rose Marie Glennen

ANNIVERSARIES: Bernie Moloney, Mary Carroll, James Finn

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Chris Sheedy, Nell O'Sullivan,
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.



Weekend 19th & 20th Dec 2020

1st Collection

TERANG

\$ 713.30

MORTLAKE

\$ 195.20

Caramut

\$ 75.75

Christmas Collection

\$ 1,732.00

\$ 320.00

Bishop's Collection

\$ 1,463.00

\$ 365.00

Christmas Offerings

\$ 960.00

\$ 145.00

Planned Giving Program Week 21

2nd Collection

\$ 2,438.00

\$ 510.00

Average given

\$ 2,142.29

\$ 320.71

Amount promised per week

\$ 1,696.46

\$ 300.81

MASSES HAVE RESUMED AT TERANG & MORTLAKE
with a gathering up to 250(T) /125(M) people
All attending must sign in, hand sanitise & social distance

TERANG & MORTLAKE ROSTERS:

LINEN: January

Terang: Margaret Irving

Mortlake: Claire Adams

FLOWERS: Terang: Faye Phillips & Helen Cole

Mortlake: Pam Smith (& 9th/10th January)

Mortlake Set Up: January - Carmel Orford

COUNTERS: Not required due to COVID

Liturgy Rosters: Weekend ~ 2nd & 3rd January 2021

READERS: 1st & 2nd reading & Prayers of the Faithful

Terang Saturday 6.00 pm: Cate Watt

Sunday 10.30 am: Justin Staunton

Mortlake Sunday 9.00 am: Ian Murray

(Copies of next weeks readings will be emailed to you)

Procession of Gifts & Eucharistic Ministers

Due to COVID19 we will not require anyone for the Offertory
or to administer Communion ~ Fr Gerry will do this

Music Mortlake Sun 9.00 am: Donna Baxter

Lap Top Terang: Sat 6.00 pm: Noel & Adele Richards

Sun 10.30 am: Des & Bernadette McKinnon

Weekday Masses

**Fri 1st January:
10.00am Terang**



We welcome into God's Family
and our Parish Community

Hannah Mary Abbott

&

Ned William Abbott

Daughter & son of

Dean & Melissa

who will be baptised at
St. Thomas' Church this week.



We welcome into God's Family
and our Parish Community

Poppy Elizabeth Moloney

Daughter of

Brian & Cindy

who will be baptised at
St. Thomas' Church this week.



Fr Gerry's Farewell ~ Terang & Mortlake

A cup of tea will be held after all Masses on the weekend of Saturday 9th/Sunday 10th January

Please bring a plate of slice or cake

Donation gift collectors - **Terang** - Elizabeth Clarke, Justin Staunton, Brian Gleeson or Clare
Mortlake - Don Murray or Terry McDonald

Or you can put an envelope on the collection plate with Fr Gerry's name on it
RSVP to Clare or Fr Gerry - Terang ~ For catering

Reflection on the Gospel-Feast of the Holy Family Year B (Luke 2:22-40) -Veronica Lawson RSM

The time between Christmas and New Year is usually family time, a good time to think about what family means. We try to connect with and enjoy the company of those with whom we have family ties, especially those who are alone or struggling in some way. Many parents value the extra time they are able to spend with their children over this period.

This year, we are particularly grateful for any reunion after so many months of pandemic restrictions.

The first two readings for today narrate and reflect on the family story of Sarah and

Abraham, of God's promise to give them a child, and of the fulfilment of that promise in the most unlikely of

circumstances. The wonder of God's ways and the need to trust in God are at the heart of their story. At the

same time, there is humour reflected in Abraham's choice of name for their son: "Isaac" means "he laughed".

Does Abraham detect God's humour in providing a son for an elderly couple? Does he laugh for sheer joy at

the birth of the child who will hold the traditions of the past and the hopes of the future? Whatever about this,

the family story of Sarah, Abraham and Isaac foreshadows the even more extraordinary family story to be

found in today's gospel.

Luke depicts Mary and Joseph as observant Jews bringing their child to the Jerusalem Temple in accordance with the ritual requirements of the Law, even if the Law actually

applied only to the woman who had given birth and not to the man. Two prophetic figures, Anna and Simeon,

recognise God's saving and redemptive purpose at work in the presence of this child who is presented in the

Temple. Luke insists that Mary and Joseph have

fulfilled the demands of the Law before they return to their home in Nazareth.

Growing up in Nazareth in the care of Mary and Joseph, the child Jesus grows to maturity, is filled with wis-

dom and God's favour is with him. Luke's summary statement introduces us to the wonderful world of a grace-

-filled family home. It invites us to ponder the wisdom that both Mary and Joseph had to share with their

child. They taught him to pray and told him the stories of his people. They filled him with wonder at the good-

ness of God and of God's creation. They mediated the grace and favour of God and watched him grow and gain

the strength he needed for life. They allowed him the freedom he needed to develop his own personality and to

find his own Spirit-filled way on the earth. Finally, they had to let him go so that he might follow a path that

was beyond their imagining when they brought him to the Temple in fulfilment of the Law. In other words,

they did what so many parents would want to do for their children.