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St. Thomas the Apostle
and St. Colman's Parishes
acknowledge and respect the
traditional custodians of this
land the Kirrae Wuurong 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:

23rd & 24th January 2021

1st read: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

2nd read: 1 Cor 7: 29-31

Gospel: Mk 1: 14-20



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

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and select either Terang or Mortlake Parish.

2nd Sunday of Ordinary

16th & 17th January 2021

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Pat Moloney, Jamie Yates,
Roy McGregor, Jim Gannon, Mary McGregor



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Nell O'Sullivan

(Names placed on the sick list will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise notified)

SUPPORTING OUR PARISHES:

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Parishes.

Weekend 9th & 10th January 2021

1st Collection

TERANG

\$ 743.90

MORTLAKE

\$ 160.15

Planned Giving Program Week 23

2nd Collection

\$ 1,621.00

\$ 275.00

Average given

\$ 1,981.46

\$ 297.71

Amount promised per week

\$ 1,696.46

\$ 300.81

Masses are allowed with a gathering up to 250(T)/125(M) people.
All attending must sign in, wear a mask, hand sanitise &
social distance

TERANG & MORTLAKE ROSTERS:

LINEN: January

Terang: Margaret Irving

Mortlake: Claire Adams

FLOWERS: 23rd/24th & 30th/31st January

Terang: Valerie Moloney & Clare Pearson

Mortlake: Fay Murray (24th Jan)

Mortlake Set Up: January - Carmel Orford

COUNTERS: Not required due to COVID

Liturgy Rosters: Weekend ~ 23rd & 24th January 2021

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

Terang Saturday 6.00 pm: Volunteer

Sunday 10.30 am: Christina Lee

Mortlake Sunday 9.00 am: Mona Timms

(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 Michael will do this

Music Mortlake Sun 9.00 am: Donna Baxter

Lap Top Terang: Sat 6.00 pm: Trish Bricknell

Sun 10.30 am: Des & Bernadette McKinnon

Weekday Masses

Fri 22nd January: 10.00am Terang
(Jim O'Sullivan)



*EVERY NEW BEGINNING
COMES FROM SOME OTHER
BEGINNING'S END*

Seneca

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the farewells at the three Masses last weekend (and a few others along the way). Also for the generous gifts, cards and best wishes.

I take with me many great memories from Terang and Mortlake Parishes.

I am sure Michael McKinnon will enjoy his time with you

Thanks again

Gerry Prunty

Reflection on the Gospel-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (John 1:35-42)

-Veronica M. Lawson RSM

A personal call to a particular a way of life is not always easy to explain, even to oneself. At my religious profession, I chose the challenging motto "To give without counting the cost". I have taken that motto seriously, even if I have been tempted to change it to something more manageable. Today's liturgy calls me back to what that commitment entails: I have come to realise that, in a very real sense, it encapsulates the gospel call to all the baptised.

The first reading describes a prophetic call, the "call" of the young Samuel who is to become a prophet of great stature within Israel. The story insists that it is God who takes the initiative while Samuel hears God's call. Initially Samuel hears the word of God, but needs an interpreter in order to understand the import of God's word to him. Eli acts as interpreter and guide, so that Samuel can respond with confidence and faith and grow up to speak God's word to the people.

The gospel focuses on the "call" to discipleship, a call that is addresses to every baptised Christian. The opening scene depicts John the Baptist with two of his disciples. John actually points the two disciples away from himself and towards Jesus whom he identifies as "the lamb of God". What does it mean to call Jesus "God's lamb"? Does the expression refer to the *Passover lamb* whose blood signifies deliverance? Is it a reference to the *Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53* who takes on the sins of the many? Is it an image of *the lamb that God provides for Abraham's sacrifice* (Genesis 22)? Is it *the apocalyptic lamb* of Jewish literature of the time, the powerful conquering lamb that destroys evil in the world? Is it intended to suggest vulnerability as in the prophecy of Jeremiah 11:19 ("I was like a *gentle lamb led to the slaughter*").

There is never a simple explanation for the symbolism in John's gospel. There can be many levels of meaning at the one time. The symbol of strength in vulnerability certainly has potential for understanding who Jesus is in this gospel. John 1:29 tells us that the Lamb of God "takes away" the sinful condition of the world.

Twenty-one centuries down the track there is still violence and hunger and exploitation of planetary resources on a massive scale. The work of the one strong enough to risk vulnerability so that others may have life, the work of God's Lamb, is also the work of disciples. It is the way of those who hear God's call and choose to walk the way of Jesus of Nazareth, in openness and love for God's people. The call to discipleship is a call to pour out one's life-blood for the sake of the gospel, "to give without counting the cost". Maybe I should not be too ready to relinquish my motto!

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