

## PARISH PRIEST

Fr. Michael McKinnon

### PARISH OFFICES

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"We are a Child Safe Parish"

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### SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

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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:

1st & 2nd May 2021

1st read: Acts 9: 26-31

2nd read: 1 Jn 3: 18-24

Gospel: Jn 15: 1-8

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

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## 4th Sunday of Easter

24th & 25th April 2021

### RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Patricia Moloney, Jim Kenna,  
Frank Sargeant, John Sargeant, Justin Phillips, Harry Phillips



### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

*(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 17th & 18th April

### TERANG

### MORTLAKE

#### 1st Collection

\$ 850.50

\$ 128.75

### Planned Giving Program Week 37

#### 2nd Collection

\$ 3,595.00

\$ 321.00

#### Average given

\$ 1,848.29

\$ 322.92

#### Amount promised per week

\$ 1,696.46

\$ 300.81

### TERANG & MORTLAKE ROSTERS:

#### LINEN: May

Terang: Bernadette McKinnon

Mortlake: Rita MacDonald

#### FLOWERS: 1st/2nd & 8th/9th May

Terang: Faye Phillips & Helen Cole

Mortlake: Anne Blacker

Mortlake Set Up: May - Fay Murray

### Liturgy Rosters: Weekend ~ 1st & 2nd May 2021

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

Terang Saturday 6.00 pm: Loraine Jansen

Sunday 10.30 am: Annette Clifford

Mortlake Sunday 9.00 am: Anne Blacker

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

Offertory: Terang Sat 6.00 pm: Edward & Geraldine Conheady

Sun 10.30 am: Clare Neal & Family

Mortlake Sunday 9.00 am: Leonie Quinn

Eucharistic Minister: Terang Sat 6.00 pm: Samantha Meade

Sun 10.30 am: Therese Moloney

Music Mortlake Sun 9.00 am: Pam & Noel

Lap Top Terang: Sat 6.00 pm: Pam O'Keeffe

Sun 10.30 am: Max & Greta Neal



## Weekday Masses

**Thurs 29th April: 9.30am Terang**

**Fri 30th April: 10.00am Terang**  
(*Frank & John Sargeant*)



### **Reflection on the Gospel-4th Sunday of Easter Year B (John 10:11-18)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The liturgy for Good Shepherd Sunday invites us to reflect on Jesus as the noble or good shepherd of the believing community. “Shepherd” in its literal sense is not really part of our 21<sup>st</sup> century vocabulary, and yet we use it metaphorically, as a verb or as a noun. Its verbal form connotes care and compassion, protection, guidance and tender relationship. In John’s gospel, Jesus rightly claims for himself the title “good shepherd”. He contrasts the good shepherd or leader with the leader that fails to care for the flock. Knowing one’s sheep, staying with them in the face of mortal danger and being prepared to die for them are marks of the good shepherd.

There are echoes here of the Hebrew Scriptures, particularly of Ezekiel 34 where the “shepherd/sheep” metaphor describes the leaders of Israel in their relationships with the people. There are likewise echoes of an early second century description of the Emperor Tiberius in whose reign Jesus of Nazareth was executed, precisely because he did not abandon his “flock”. The Roman historian Suetonius has this to say of Tiberius: “To the governors who recommended burdensome taxes for his provinces, he wrote in answer that it was the part of a good shepherd to shear his flock, not skin it”(Suetonius,Life of Tiberius).

In the pre-industrial biblical world and early centuries of the Common Era, the “shepherd/sheep” metaphor was heard by an audience that enjoyed a much closer relationship with sheep and their human carers than do most people today. In my country, for instance, there are 63.7 million sheep and some 25 million people. In other words, the ovine inhabitants of Australia significantly outnumber the human. Yet most of our highly urbanised human population knows its sheep only in their disembodied forms. The human-ovine relationship is, for the most part, reduced to that of consumer and consumed. Sheep are valued, not for their intrinsic goodness as creations of a loving God, but rather as commodities that provide food and clothing for the human population. We now know that modern domesticated sheep evolved from creatures that pre-date modern humans. We might take time to consider the implications of this for our relationship with the other-than-human inhabitants of our planetary home. Our reflections might include some consideration of the wisdom or otherwise of continuing to breed these creatures for human consumption, often at the expense of environment.

Good Shepherd Sunday provides us with an opportunity to move beyond our human centred views of the world and our human-centred interpretations of our sacred texts. We might hear a call to value the realities that underpin gospel images such as the Good Shepherd/sheep metaphor. We might also hear a call to expand our appreciation of all the inhabitants of our planet. To be good shepherds in our time is to embrace the whole Earth Community with reverence and compassion.

***Notices need to be at St. Thomas’ Parish Office by 10.00 am next Wednesday***