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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

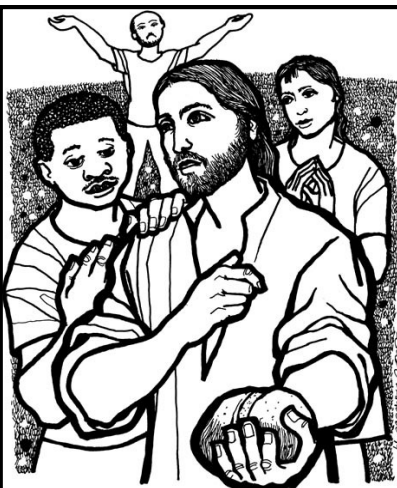
Next Weeks Readings:

7th & 8th August 2021

1st read: 1 Kg 17: 8-16

2nd read: Col 3: 12-17

Gospel: Mt 6: 25-34



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

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

31st July & 1st August 2021

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Vin O'Connor, Jayne McMeel,
Frank McAloon, Vera McAloon, Peter Murray, Alison Smith



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Bridgie Conheady

(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 24th/25th July 2021

1st Collection

TERANG

\$ 0.00

MORTLAKE

\$ 0.00

Planned Giving Program Week 52

2nd Collection

\$ 100.00

\$ 0.00

Average given

\$ 1,668.36

\$ 281.26

Amount promised per week

\$ 1,687.42

\$ 300.81

MASSES WILL RESUME AT TERANG & MORTLAKE

THIS WEEKEND with a gathering up to 100 people

**All attending must sign in, wear a mask, use hand
sanitiser & social distance**

TERANG & MORTLAKE ROSTERS:

LINEN: August

Terang: Margaret Irving

Mortlake: Carmel Orford

FLOWERS: 7th/8th & 14th/15th August

Terang: Denise Bond & Carmel Moloney

Mortlake: Anne Blacker

Mortlake Set Up: August - Claire Adams

Liturgy Rosters: Weekend ~ 7th & 8th Aug 2021

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

Terang Saturday 6.00 pm: Christine Moloney

Sunday 10.30 am: Bernadette McKinnon

Mortlake Sunday 9.00 am: Wayne Knoll

Offertory: Terang Sat 6.00 pm: Edward & Geraldine Conheady

Sun 10.30 am: Gavan & Liz Moloney

Mortlake Sunday 9.00 am: Volunteer

Eucharistic Minister: Terang Sat 6.00 pm: Samantha Meade

Sun 10.30 am: Bernadette Wurlod

Music Mortlake Sun 9.00 am: Volunteer

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

Sun 10.30 am: Dickson Family

Weekday Masses

Tues 3rd August: 9.30am Terang

Wed 4th August: 10.00am Mortlake

Thurs 5th August: 9.30am Terang
(Vera & Frank McAloon)

Fri 6th August: 10.00am Terang
(Terry Moloney (RIP))



MEETINGS

Mortlake - Rosary at Rita Madsen's home at 114 Boorook St Mortlake every Tuesday at 1.30pm.
All Welcome

St Vincent De Paul Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th August at 7.00pm in the Church Crying Room

St Vincent de Paul

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind parishioners that if you or people you know require assistance from St Vincent de Paul, we can be contacted on 0459 047 620. All enquires for assistance are treated with strict confidentiality.

Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.

Mother Theresa

Reflection on the Gospel-18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (John 6:24-35)

-Veronica M. Lawson RSM

The question of the crowds "Rabbi, *when* did you come *here*?" has to do with time and place. They address Jesus as teacher, as one who can lead his questioners from one physical and metaphorical place to another. His response to their question introduces a discussion about bread. This opens up for readers through the ages a whole world of earth activity, of sun and soil and seed and plant, a world of planting and harvesting, of processing and cooking.

We have become so familiar with many of the sayings of Jesus that we can easily fail to notice the earth elements or the constructed environment in the text and treat them simply as backdrop for human activity rather than as having value in themselves. Jesus' claim "I am the bread of life" invites us to consider bread as matter essential to life as well as a metaphor for God's incarnate Word. It invites us to consider what both material and symbolic dimensions of the statement might mean for living a gospel way of life.

We might note the close attention in this passage to the material and social context of Jesus' words. Boats, a town (Capernaum), the sea (of Galilee), the land on the "other side" all feature in this text. For those who have visited Galilee and seen the first century boat preserved in Kibbutz Ginnosar, reference to boats might evoke the diversity of wooden materials used in boat construction, in this case mostly oak and cedar. It might also alert us to the human communities that interacted with the material world to build the boats so integral to the life of the lake communities.

Those who have seen images of Capernaum will be aware of the basalt building materials used in the construction of the houses and might be led to wonder at the extraordinary processes of rock formation. The Sea of Galilee has agency in so many gospel stories. Here it is mentioned in passing, but must not be ignored, especially as we become aware of how perilously endangered it has become since its waters have been exploited for irrigation over several decades. The "other side" evokes the rich agricultural land generally referred to as the "bread-basket" of the region. Mention of the crowd introduces children as well as women and men searching for Jesus. In other words, the text invites us into the whole Galilean world encoded in the text.

Ironically, the words of the Johannine Jesus with their focus on the symbolic meaning of the bread turn his questioners away from the physical, material Earth elements that constitute both bread and flesh. Pope Francis invites us again and again to value and respect the material world. In these troubled times of pandemic, those hungering for life sustaining bread can rightly expect to find their hunger satisfied by the disciples of the one who claims to be the "bread of life".

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