



St. Thomas' Primary School

Community Newsletter

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Newsletter #3

Term 1 Week 4 2021

What's on this week?

Monday ~
Tuesday ~
Wednesday ~
Thursday ~
Friday -

Want to Know More?

View or download our Calendar
and Newsletters from Skoolbag or
our school Website.



Our School Vision

'Inspired by Christ, together we learn and grow'



Happy birthday to

From the Principal

Well I know last Friday's news wasn't what you wanted to hear. We are still guided by advice from our Catholic Education Office, which in turn, are in discussions with the Department of Education and the relevant Government bodies. There has been an update to what we are doing here at school which you will receive this afternoon via the skoolbag app. We hope that this lock down will be for a very short period and we can get back to the routine of school onsite very soon.

Enjoy the rest of the week.
Matt Uzkuraitis

Summer Davis
who celebrates her
birthday this week!

News

UPCOMING DATES

February

Tuesday 16th Feb - Shrove
Tuesday

Wednesday 17th - Ash
Wednesday

Big Breakfast - Tuesday 16th Feb

Unfortunately due to the snap 'lock down' our Big Breakfast is unable to take place. Planning and preparation for this event had been well under way however we also had the mindset that it could be cancelled at any time. I would like to thank Rachel Moloney who was leading the organisation of this event along with a number of other parent helpers. Next year we will be bigger and better.

Shrove Tuesday

Tomorrow is Shrove Tuesday. This is a day where we, as a community, celebrate our Big Breakfast. Shrove Tuesday marks the day before Lent starts. Lent is an ancient Christian tradition in which can be observed with fasting (a discipline of going without food at certain times), alms giving (the practice of giving money or goods to the poor), and prayer. This special occasion in the church's liturgical calendar leads us up to Easter.

Ash Wednesday

Please note that the Parish Ash Wednesday Mass set for 12pm will not go ahead due to the snap lockdown.

Sacramental and Liturgy Dates

Please see below for our Sacramental and Liturgy Dates for 2021.

Swimming Carnival - Friday 12th February

On Friday 12th we had our Swimming Carnival with St Colman's at the Mortlake Pool. All students did an amazing job competing in a number of events and our junior students showing their skills in the water with some across the pool races. Thank you to Brianna Barr and the St Colman's staff for organising the day and to Airlee Cole who led the way from our end. See below to see a picture of our age champions for the day.

Project Compassion

Through Caritas, the theme for this year's Project Compassion is 'Be More'. Caritas is an international aid and development agency of the Australian Catholic Church, they are driven by social justice and the dignity of every person. Caritas works with local communities in Australia and overseas, listening to concerns, assessing needs and working with partners on locally-led development programs. With hope, support and compassion at the core of what they do, Caritas works towards a world where all people may thrive.

When students come back to school we will be able to give each family their own Caritas box where we invite you to put your spare change in over the Lenten period. After the term 1 holidays we will collect the box back and forward the money onto Caritas Australia.

Finance Information for Parents

Family Assistance Scheme ~ are you eligible?

The Family Assistance Scheme, introduced by the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat offers a tuition fee concession to families who hold a current Health Care Card/Centrelink or Veteran Affairs concession card. Families who qualify for the scheme will pay \$520 per annum for primary school tuition fees. The discounted fee covers tuition and capital fees only. It does not cover additional charges such as camps, student fees and excursions.

To be eligible you must produce a Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pension Card to the office (which we are required to photocopy) and complete an application form. If during the year your circumstances change and you become eligible for a Health Care Card/Centrelink, please come and discuss this with Linda. Although a family may be eligible to receive a fee discount, families may choose not to apply for the fee discount and pay the full school fee.

Camp, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

Similarly, if you are eligible for the above assistance, then there is a strong chance you will also be eligible for the CSEF. This amount is aimed at offsetting the costs associated with any camps, excursions and sporting events that your child participates in.

Conveyance Allowance

There is funding available for families if you have to travel more than 4.8km to pick-up or drop off students at Bus pick-up points, (*provided St Thomas' is your closest catholic school*) parents should apply for the reimbursement applicable through the Private Car Conveyance Allowance Application. This form is available from the office. Questions regarding this can be directed to Linda in the office.



Sacramental and Liturgy Dates 2021

St. Thomas' Sacramental & Liturgy Dates 2021

Opening Mass:	Sunday 7 th February @ 10.30am
Ash Wednesday Mass	Wednesday 17 th February @ 12.00pm
Easter Liturgy	Thursday 31st March
Easter	Sunday 4 th April
Reconciliation Parent Night	Wednesday 10 th March @ 7.30pm
Reconciliation	Wednesday 24th March @ 7.30pm
Confirmation Parent Night	Wednesday 21st April @ 7.30pm
Confirmation	Sunday 23rd May (Pentecost) @ 10.30am
Eucharist Parent Night	Wednesday 6th October @ 7.30pm
First Communion	Sunday 24th October @ 10.30am
Feast of the Assumption	Thursday August 13 th
Reconciliation Year 6	Thursday 2nd December @ 11.30am
Mass of Thanksgiving	Sunday 12 th December @ 10.30am

Covid Update

COVID Safe Arrangements

In order to ensure the health and safety of all community members, we ask that all families adhere to the following guidelines. These guidelines are set with our Catholic Education Commission Victoria (CECV) School Operations guide:

Testing- Symptomatic (Feeling unwell) or Asymptomatic

If a member of a family is recommended by their doctor to have COVID 19 testing, this person is asked to self isolate until the results are known. **Any children/siblings of this family are requested not to attend school until the results of the testing are known.** This will restrict the spread of possible contact with the virus if the test is positive. This is a duty of care for all at school.

If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice. Any unwell children will be sent home. We will temperature check any child we feel is unwell.

Sick Children at School

Every student that presents to the sick bay with cold or flu like symptoms will have their temperature taken and the first aid staff member will assess the student. If necessary, we will send the student home.

Visitors to St. Thomas'

At this stage, there has been an ease on parents, volunteers and community groups entering the school - however it is recommended that parents enter for short periods of time only. We would ask, if parents do have to come in, that it is a valid reason and that the task is completed as quickly as possible. Any parents/visitors that are onsite for more than 15 minutes, will need to sign in at the office. We still advise parents and guardians to maximise the use of phone (5592 1925) and email communication with the school or directly to their child's teacher.

Drop Off & Pick Up Arrangements

Drop Off- Parents are welcome to drop off at the normal time from 8.30am onwards. All children will need to enter the school via the Bolivar Street doorway or the Playground doorway.

Pick Up- Children being picked up by parents or walking home will continue to do so. Parents collecting children by car, are asked to park in the church car park and wait for their child/children to cross the road. Children riding/ walking home will exit via the Bolivar Street doorway or the Playground doorway.

Face Masks

Face Masks are required indoors and outdoors. Obviously this changes regularly. Please visit

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19> to keep up to date with current restriction levels.

Swimming Photos



PASTORAL CARE WORKER- CLARE JEHU

Building a strong relationship with your school-age child: tips

Children of all ages need parents and caregivers who are warm and responsive, who pay them attention, and who make them feel safe. Here are some ideas to help you keep building this kind of relationship with your school-age child age five to eight.

- Give your child plenty of positive attention by showing warmth and being interested in what she's doing. One way to do this is by asking follow-up questions when your child starts talking –

for example, 'Really? That's funny! What did the teacher say then?' This keeps the conversation going.

- Make time to share things you both enjoy, like cooking or kicking a ball at the park. This can also give you a chance to find out more about your child's likes and dislikes, his worries and his frustrations.
- Avoid asking your child lots of questions about school when she gets home. She'll probably be tired and hungry. When you sense that she's in the mood to talk about school, simple, positive and specific questions can get her talking – for example, 'What projects are you working on at the moment?'
- If your child asks about tough topics, answer honestly, in language that he can understand – for example, 'To make a baby, a sperm from a man and an egg from a woman join together'. If you encourage open communication now, your child learns that he can always talk to you.
- Set some positive family rules to guide how your school-age child treats you and other family members. Rules that say exactly what behaviour you expect can help everyone in your family get along better – for example, 'We say "please" when we ask for something'.
- Share regular family meals. Family meals can strengthen your family relationships and your child's sense of belonging.
- Keep up family rituals like birthday celebrations, family movie nights or bike rides on the weekend. Rituals create shared memories and build family relationships and bonds.



TERANG & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB INC.



39th COMMUNITY FunRun & Walk

This is a Covid Safe Event
Friday 26th February, 2021
5.92 kilometres

Start: Walk 6.30pm – Run 6.45pm

Finish at the Terang RSL Hall – Strictly no bikes or dogs permitted

Entries: Adult Run \$10.00 – Child Run \$5.00, Adult Walk \$10.00 – Child Walk \$5.00

Many Trophies:

- First Male Runner Over 50 • First Female Runner Over 45 • First Veteran Male (40-49)
- First Veteran Female (35-44) • Open Male & Female • U/18 Male & Female
- U/15 Male & Female • U/13 Male & Female

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 **TERANG POST OFFICE**
Come in and visit us!
9am - 5pm Mon - Fri
9am - 12pm Sat
28 High St
Terang
55921575

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ON DAY OF EVENT

BUSES AVAILABLE (FREE) TO TRANSPORT RUNNERS TO START – Depart Terang 5:45, 6 & 6:15pm

PARISH PRIEST

Fr. Michael McKinnon

PARISH OFFICES

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Clare Neal

"We are a Child Safe Parish"

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Ms Sharon Gillett
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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:

20th & 21st February 2021

1st read: Gen 9: 8-15

2nd read: 1 Pet 3: 18-22

Gospel: Mk 1: 12-15

Lenten Program

Fr Michael is running
a Lenten Program.
It will be held in the
Parish Office every
Thursday during Lent
from 6pm - 7pm
Please bring a plate
to share



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

To access this bulletin online go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
and select either Terang or Mortlake Parish.

6th Sunday of Ordinary

13th & 14th February 2021

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick John Bourke, Pat Vaughan,
John O'Leary, Bob Grayland, Mary Green, Paul Murray



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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

SUPPORTING OUR PARISHES:

Thank you for ongoing support of our Parishes.

Weekend 6th & 7th February 2021

1st Collection

TERANG

\$ 797.20

MORTLAKE

\$ 118.25

Planned Giving Program Week 27

2nd Collection

\$ 436.00

\$ 140.00

Average given

\$ 1,885.93

\$ 293.93

Amount promised per week

\$ 1,696.46

\$ 300.81

**MASSES AT TERANG & MORTLAKE 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: February Terang: Denise Bond

Mortlake: Rita Pasque

FLOWERS: 17th February - 28th March ~ Lent

No flowers or cleaning required

Mortlake Set Up: February - Gertie MacDonald

COUNTERS: Not required due to COVID

Liturgy Rosters: Weekend ~ 20th & 21st February 2021

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

Terang Saturday 6.00 pm: Jenni Lenehan

Sunday 10.30 am: Annette Clifford

Mortlake Sunday 9.00 am: Wayne Knoll

Offertory: Terang Saturday 6.00 pm: Mick & Trish Lee

Sunday 10.30 am: Gavan & Liz Moloney

Mortlake Sunday 9.00 am: Leonie Quinn

Eucharistic Minister: Terang Saturday 6.00 pm: Maureen Kenna

Sunday 10.30 am: Therese Moloney

Music Mortlake

Sun 9.00 am: Volunteer

Lap Top Terang:

Sat 6.00 pm: Jenni Lenehan

Sun 10.30 am: Trish Bricknell

Weekday Masses

Tues 16th February: 9.30am Terang
(Bob Grayland & Mary Green)

Wed 17th February: 10.30am Mortlake
(Ash Wednesday)

Wed 17th February: 12.00pm Terang
(Ash Wednesday)

Thurs 18th February: 9.30am Terang



We welcome into God's Family
and our Parish Community

Mathew Jay-Hubbard Hoare

son of

Andrew & Olivia

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

World Day of Prayer Service 2021

Pray for Vanuatu

Friday 5th march @ 10.00am
Terang Uniting Church
Contact: Michelle 0458 345 303



Reflection on the Gospel-6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (Mark 1:40-45)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

We all seek to be part of family and community because we are social beings who need to engage with others and with our environment. Some are deprived of choice in this respect. Repeated name-calling and labelling is an age-old strategy of exclusion. "Illegals" is a label that excludes some of the most vulnerable people in today's world. "Leper" is a label that is used metaphorically of those who are not welcome, of those deemed to be "infectious". Today's gospel about a person with leprosy invites us to reflect on the pain of exclusion.

To be a leper in the world of early Judaism was to have some sort of skin disease that excluded a person from community and in particular from public worship. There were strict regulations regarding such lepers (see today's first reading from Leviticus, dating from several centuries before the time of Jesus). Their condition required ritual cleansing by a priest and an offering that cost money. That seems horrifying from our perspective, and it was.

In Mark's story, the man with leprosy approaches Jesus of Nazareth who is not one of the priests. This afflicted person thus cuts across the established procedures. Jesus is "moved with compassion", literally "moved in his gut, or in the depths of his being". In other words, Jesus empathises deeply with the suffering person. He has a physical reaction in the face of suffering. Some manuscripts have "moved with anger". A later scribe probably considered that expression too harsh as an emotion for Jesus and softened the text.

Jesus speaks and acts. He declares that he wills the cure of the man. He actually reaches out and touches him: a bodily encounter brings healing. He then sends the man back to tell the priests "as a proof to them". The verb used for "send back" suggests that the priests had already been approached without success. Jesus, the Galilean healer, succeeds in mediating the power of the God of Israel and so restores this outcast person to life in the community and the community itself to greater wholeness through this healing. The widespread report of Jesus' healing activity will incur the anger of some of the authorities.

For our part, as followers of Jesus, we might reflect on the fact that sickness and disability are not only physical phenomena. They also have social and emotional impacts on individuals and the communities to which they belong. Healing enables people to live again, to be with others and do the things they want to do. It brings new life and integrity to community. Jesus demonstrates that the combination of a compassionate word and a healing touch can work wonders. This was true in the ancient world. It is equally true for us today in the face of a virulent pandemic that has taken so many lives and disrupted family and social engagement. Healing must be all embracing if it is restore life.

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