



MORDIALLOC MOORINGS
*A weekly newsletter from St Nicholas Anglican Church,
Mordialloc*
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Do you hate it when life is unfair? When someone works hard for years and then their dreams are shattered just as they are in a position to see them come to fruition life can seem unfair.

In the gospel we have a picture of an upside-down world. Where the first shall be last and the last shall be first. In our world, those who have money, power, position and influence are seen to be at the top of their respective trees. They are the first!!

Those who are poor, have no status, have no power over their situations are often said to be on the bottom of the heap. They are the last.

But in the kingdom of God things are different. Jesus values character not cash. The spirit cares for the person not the pretence. The Father values the substance of a person, not just what is on show. It's more important to God who we are than what we have got. So often in life people put their faith and trust in things and people that don't last.

If we trust in God, the father, the Son and Holy Spirit and put our faith in the triune God, then we can live this upside down kingdom value - The first will be last and the last will be first.



Shalom

Fr Christopher

We Pray for:

The World: Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay

The Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Australia; Primate Mark Short

The Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of Rockhampton: Bishop Peter Grice; St Paul's Cathedral, Dean Bishop Ross Nicholson; clergy, lay ministers and people

The Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop Ric Thorpe; Episcopal Area of Nunawading - Bishop Ben Wong; Episcopal Area of Dandenong - Bishop Paul Barker; Episcopal Area of Geelong - Bishop Nigel Pope; Episcopal Area of Merri - Bishop Megan Curlis-Gibson. Pray for the archdeacons, deanery leaders, clergy, lay ministers and people as the new structure begins.

Diocesan ministries, schools and agencies: Shelford Girls' Grammar School

Bishops' Visitation: Archbishop Ric Thorpe - City on a Hill; Bishop Paul Barker - Patronal Festival, St Matthew's Cheltenham; Bishop Megan Curlis-Gibson - Confirmation Service, St James Old Cathedral; Bishop Ben Wong - Pastoral Service, Holy Name Vermont South

This Week's Scheduled Happenings at St Nicks:

Sunday 20th *A dedication of Altar Linen and Vessel refurbishment in Mrs Claire Shaws name will be held, with her daughters Josie and Meaghan, within the Service.*

Thursday 24th 7.30pm zoom Bible Study I.D. 849 5396 6902 Passcode 772237
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84953966902?pwd=SFJsRXV5ZlA3SHAocjhoODd1cjZKUT09>

Friday 25th No Morning Prayer this month due to Grand Final Public Holiday.

Saturday 26th Walk Pray Eat 8am at Nest Waterways Carpark finishing at Nest Café around 8.30

"In This Season"

Miss the TMA?

A new and regular newsletter sharing stories, reflections, prayer and encouragement from across the Diocese is now available online.

You can sign up <<[here](#)>>

Please Note: our complex is used by:

Monday: Peaceful Living Yoga, 6.00pm - 7.00pm & 7.15 - 8.15pm

Tuesday: Peaceful Living Yoga, 10.00am-11.00am

Thursday: Peaceful Living Yoga 10.00 – 11.00am
 Parkinson's Support Group 1 - 3pm (*2nd Thursday of the month*)

(Please avoid entering the Church at these times)

Mothers Union Worldwide Gathering will be held in Durban South Africa, celebrating 150 years of MU. The event will be held from 30th September to 3rd October.

15 MU delegates from around Australia (4 from Victoria, including Karen Hayden) will be attending)

Lord, we pray for the work of MU's mission within the Church and beyond. We ask your blessing on all who are travelling from around the world to this place, to worship and rejoice in the Legacy Mary Sumner bestowed us.

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stnicholasmordi.org.au



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The Nepal Disaster Appeal will be the main appeal at our forthcoming Synod, which commences Wednesday October 7th with an opening Service at St Paul's Cathedral 7pm. All are welcome to this Service.

Archbishop Ric encourages us to consider supporting it and to join with him in praying for the people of Nepal, those responding to the disaster and the communities facing recovery. Find out more and donate through the Nepal disaster appeal via Anglican Overseas Aid <<[here](#)>>

Readings and Hymns for the next two weeks

20th September Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Readings: Exodus 16:2-15 Ps 105:1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1:21-30 Gospel according to Matthew 20:1-16 Hymns: TiS 423 Christ is made the sure foundation; TiS 584i Just as I am (vv1,5,6) TiS 137 For the beauty of the earth; TiS 596 Fill my whole life, O Lord my God.
27th September Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Readings: Exodus 17:1-7 Ps 78:1-4, 11-16 Philippians 2:1-13 Gospel according to Matthew 21:23-32 Hymns: TiS 231 At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow; TiS 430 Your words to me are life and health; TiS 256 The Servant King; TiS 787 Longing for light.

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