



MORDIALLOC MOORINGS

*A weekly newsletter from St Nicholas Anglican Church,
Mordialloc*

Fifth Sunday in Lent 22nd March 2026

Dear Friends,

Next Wednesday is the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is nine months before Christmas day when we keep the birth of Jesus. While sometimes the 25th of March is called "Lady's Day" to honour Mary, it is in fact a feast of our Lord. It is when He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit in the womb of Mary.

The day has been a special day for the Mothers' Union or MU as it is now called. The feast is kept in many places. St Matthew's, Cheltenham has a regular mid-week service on a Wednesday 10.00 am. Fr. Gerald has advised the local parishes and MU that this feast of our Lord will be kept using the set readings.

If you are able to share in this Eucharist, I'll see you there.

REFLECTION

The last of the signs in John, the raising of Lazarus from the dead. John 11:1 - 45
Following one scholar, we have four parts.

1 The death of Lazarus (vv 1-16) He becomes ill and his sisters at Bethany send for Jesus. Jesus stays where he is although he knew Lazarus would die. Jesus prayed.

2. The Resurrection and the Life (vv 17 - 27) Martha tells Jesus he could have healed Lazarus. Jesus reminds Martha that Lazarus will rise again. She thinks he means the general resurrection at the last day. Jesus makes it clear, "I am the resurrection and the life." This leads Martha to declare Jesus is the Messiah the Son of God. The last day has come in Jesus.

3. Jesus goes to the tomb. (vv 28 - 37) Mary comes to Jesus and chastises him: If he had arrived earlier Lazarus would not have died. Jesus, troubled with the expressions of grief, burst into tears. This shows Jesus is a real flesh-and-blood human being, with emotions, like you and me. He asks where Lazarus is laid. In the words he said to the early disciples, "Come and see" he is told. It is the invitation to all to come to Jesus and know him.

4. The raising of Lazarus (vv 38 - 45) Jesus went to the tomb. He told the people to take away the stone. "But it is four days now" since Lazarus died. If it was only three days there might be life, but four! ??!
The people take away the stone. Jesus shouted for Lazarus to come out. "Unbind him" of the embalming cloths.



We may think not only on the power of God but the faith and prayer of Jesus.

Sunday's Homily/Address:
The King in Holy Week. Guilty or Not Guilty?

Fr Roger

A big THANK YOU from MU for donations totaling \$200 received for our Overseas Target Project introduced in Karen's Mothering Sunday talk.

For your prayers for and with the wider Church

The Anglican Church in Korea
The diocese of Sydney
Archbishop Ric Pastoral service at Merri-Bek
Bishop Paul Confirmation at St Luke's, Frankston
The Parish of St Columb's, Hawthorn
Fr. Ron on Long Service Leave
Fr Christo Roberts our next Acting Vicar
The Parish Nominators and Church Wardens

This Week's Happenings in St Nichs"

Wednesday 25th Feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary – Lady Day **10am** Service at St Matthews Cheltenham and **5.10pm** Service at St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne.

2 p.m. Lenten Study in Person, in the Church

Thursday 26th 7.30 p.m. Lenten Study **on Zoom** Join Zoom Meeting with **link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84953966902?pwd=SFJsRXV5ZlA3SHAocjhoODd1cjZKUTo9>

or Meeting ID: 849 5396 6902 Passcode: 772237

Friday 27th **10.30am** Morning Prayer in the Church

Saturday 28th **8am** Walk Pray Eat at the Church, progressing to The Bridge Hotel for Breakfast/Coffee/Catchup

Next Sunday 29th **Palm Sunday begins in the Garden of Remembrance.**

Messy Church within the Sunday Service – leaving for activities and rejoining for presentation

WORKING BEE AT ST NICHOLAS

Saturday 4th April from 10am

Help beautify our Church for Easter!

Thought for the week from Mothers Union Australia 22nd March Continually Learning

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your soul' (*Matthew 11:28-29*)

Jesus 'followers are called 'disciples 'a word which has the sense of a student. Jesus is the master teacher, and just as he promises us rest when we come to him by faith, he also makes us disciples. As believers, then, we have a life-long task of learning from the Master, studying the word of God and trusting its promises as we also obey its commands. And this is not burdensome. Yoked to Jesus as our teacher, we have true rest.

Question for thought:

Am I learning every day by listening to the word of God?

Prayer for the Vacancy of the Parish

Please Lord, call to this your church and ours
a true shepherd, a minister of Christ;
and make us, with the priest,
a church joyful in worship
and united in witness,
working, caring, praising, loving,
to the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please Note: our complex is used by:

(please avoid entering the Church at these times)

Monday: Peaceful Living Yoga, 6.00pm - 7.15pm & 7.30 - 8.30pm

Tuesday: Peaceful Living Yoga, 10.00am - 11.15am

Thursday: Peaceful Living Yoga 10.30 – 11.15am

Body Harmony Moves – Tai Chi 6.30-8.30pm

Parkinson's Support Group 1 - 3pm (2nd Thursday of the month)

Saturday: Peaceful Living Yoga 'Restorative' class
10.00am – 12.00 noon (Dates for 2026 to be advised)

Would you like to contribute
to the works of St Nicholas?
Please use our QR code.



Readings and Hymns for the next two weeks

22nd March	Readings: : Ezekiel 37:1 – 14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6 – 11, John 11:1 - 45
Lent 5	Hymns TIS 409 O Breath of God, 582 Lead Kindly Light, 344 Glory be to Jesus, 209 And can it be that I have gained vv1, 3, 5
29th March	Readings: Isaiah 50:4 - 9a, Psalm 31:9 – 18, Philippians 2: 5 – 11, The Passion According to Matthew
Palm Sunday	Hymns TIS 333 All glory, praise and honour, 353 The glory of our God was seen, 595 O Jesus I have promised, 348 Ride on ride on in majesty.

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