

MORDIALLOC MOORINGS

A weekly newsletter from St Nicholas Anglican Church, Mordialloc

29th November 2026 First Day of Advent

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Words from Fr Chris

This week is the start of the Christian season of Advent. It is the time before Christmas where Christians prepare to celebrate the birth of the promised Christ child coming into the world in human form. It is Emmanuel - God is with us.

Like many churches around the world we light Advent candles to help us to focus on the main ideas in advent.

These are:
***Week 1 (Hope / Prophecy)** begins November 29, 2026. It focuses on hope and Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah. It is traditionally marked with a purple candle.*

***Week 2 (Peace / Faith / Preparation)** begins December 6, 2026. It focuses on peace, faith, and preparing the way for Christ. It is traditionally marked with a purple candle.*

***Week 3 (Joy / Gaudete Sunday)** begins December 13, 2026. Known as Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday, it shifts focus to joy. It is traditionally marked with a pink (rose) candle.*

***Week 4 (Love / Peace):** begins December 20, 2026. It focuses on love (and/or peace) and the events leading to the Nativity. It is traditionally marked with a purple candle.*

*Many Advent wreaths also include a central white **Christ candle** lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.*

As we begin this season of preparation and expectation, let us focus on Jesus.

Jesus is God's gift to us all at Christmas.
In him the four weeks come together and only in him do they make complete sense.

This Advent, may you know Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

*In short, may you know Emmanuel -**God is with us,** Jesus*

Shalom
Fr Christopher

Nicholas' Happenings this week Sunday 22nd November

Sunday 29th 9.15am Service, Beginning of Advent, including Messy Church; **Theme: Waiting for the coming of Jesus**

Tuesday 1st December 'Holding the Light' Service 5.10pm St Paul's Cathedral Part of 16 Days of Activism.

Friday 4th December 6.30PM St Nicholas Patronal Festival Christmas Dinner

Our St Nicholas Christmas Dinner is around Athe Corner!

Friday 4th December 6.30pm

Bring your Laughter and Good Tidings

(and BYO Drinks)

From Nixon House:

We are currently collecting **non-perishable food items, new toys and gift vouchers** to create Christmas hampers that will be distributed to local families.

This Sunday 29th is cut-off date for donations of gifts.

Every donation, no matter how big or small, can make a meaningful difference.

Please see the attached flyer for suggested donation items.

Like to donated to St Nichs?

Scan the QR code open Chrome and be directed to our Donation page

DAY 2: SIXTEEN DAYS OF ACTIVISM: 26 NOVEMBER

LUKE 4:18-19: HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM THAT CAPTIVES WILL BE RELEASED, THE BLIND WILL SEE, THE OPPRESSED WILL BE SET FREE, AND THE TIME OF THE LORD'S FAVOUR HAS COME.

COMPASSIONATE GOD, MAY THOSE EXPERIENCING ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE BE GIVEN COURAGE, HOPE AND PRACTICAL HELP TO BREAK FREE FROM THEIR ABUSE.
AMEN

Please note: Our complex is used by:

Peaceful Living Yoga
www.peacefullivingyoga.com.au
Monday 6.00 - 7.00pm & 7.15 - 8.15pm
Tuesday 10.00 - 11.00am
Thursday 10.00-11.00am

Parkinson's Support Group 2nd Thursday of the month: 1.00-3.00pm

Please avoid entering the Church at these times.

Messy will be joining the 9.15am Service this Sunday,

29th November for opening prayers, then leaveing for activities based around our Theme:

"Advent: Waiting for the coming of Jesus"

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	Readings for the next two weeks
29th November First Sunday of Advent	**Readings:** Isaiah 64: 1-9; Psalm 80: 1-7,17-19; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; Gospel according to Mark 13:24-37 **Hymns: TiS 265** O come o come o Emmanuel (vs1,2,3,5); **TiS 286** Light one candle (vs 1 twice) **MP 613** Spirit of the living God; **TiS 497** Let all mortal flesh keep silent; **TiS 272** Come Thou long Expected Jesus.
6th December Second Sunday of Advent	**Readings**: Isaiah 40.1-11 Ps 85.1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3.8-15a Gospel, Mark 1.1-8 **Hymns**: MP 266 Each year we celebrate with joy; TiS 286 Light one candle (vs 1,2); MP 921 Purify my heart; TiS 275 Hail to the Lord's anointed; MP 122 Eternal Father strong to save.

This Newsletter comes from the parish of St Nicholas Mordialloc

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