



**Alleluia!**

**He is Risen  
Indeed**

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# **MORDIALLOC MOORINGS**

*A weekly newsletter from St Nicholas Anglican Church, Mordialloc  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024*

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL – John 15. 1-8 – “I am the true vine”**

Many years ago now, I used to know a priest whose first language wasn't English who used say 'I am the wine' in reading the gospel today. Myself and other clergy would try and tell him the difference between 'vine' and 'wine'. It's an interesting difference because when you think about it, the vine does in fact become wine and in turn becomes the blood of eternal life in the Eucharist.

Jesus uses the image of wine for the new covenant and for the New Testament. The water of the Old Testament was changed into the wine of the new. The cup of wine 'he took and shared' was his blood, his, if you like – life's energy given for us.

The whole biblical imagery of wine as used by Jesus is so powerful, and yet so simple. Wine, comes from the simple grape on a vine. So again we are confronted with the ordinary and the extraordinary, the human and the divine, which are intimately linked in Jesus himself and in the way he speaks for us. The Incarnation (Christmas) leads to the resurrection (Easter), and is all linked to the body.

Everything human is a way to God for us.

Love mingles earth and heaven, for all love is of God. Our moods and feelings, desires and joys, sorrows and griefs, hurts and shame, all lead us to God.

In celebrating the Eucharist, we mingle water and wine, so that we know 'we share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity'.

As vine and branches draw life from each other, we draw life from the body of Christ in the Eucharist so we can share his love among others and so bear much fruit.

You know, maybe that priest so many years ago knew more than we gave him credit for!

Yours in the Risen Christ. *Fr Ron.*



### **~~ MANY THANKS - ANZAC DAY ~~**



Many thanks to all who contribute to our annual ceremony of remembrance on Thursday last.

Your efforts were appreciated.

Despite the wintry conditions, numbers were higher than last year. Some, it was noted, were following the service from their cars parked on the street.



Love is our true destiny.

We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone ...

We find it with another.

~ Thomas Merton

Stillness Speaks



**THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON  
28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
4.00 – 6.00PM**

**Theme: "Peter's Discipleship"**

Activities will include "Feed my Sheep", "Who Does What", and "Stormy Seas", and will begin at 4pm, running for about an hour.

A provided shared meal will follow.

Join us for all, or part of the time, whatever works in for you.

We look forward to welcoming you to Messy Church.



**ZOOM MORNING PRAYER – NEXT SATURDAY (4<sup>th</sup> May) @ 8AM....**

If you would like to join us each 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays for morning prayer then please use the following zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6686923451?pwd=dkQ2bUtRYmN2Q1pxVIQwTTN6TIZCdz09>  
Meeting ID: 668 692 3451 - Passcode: 571081

**READINGS & HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY AND THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
28<sup>th</sup> April**

Acts of the Apostles 8.26-40  
Psalms 22.26-32  
1 John 4.7-21 - John 15.1-8  
TIS 94 Glory to God above  
MP 792 I am the Vine  
TIS 259 Among us and before us  
Lord you stand (vv 1,3,4,5)  
TIS 685 Lord I come to you

**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
5<sup>th</sup> May**

Acts of the Apostles 10. 44-48  
Psalms 98  
1 John 5. 1-12 - John 15.9-17  
TIS 473 Community of Christ  
MP 1 A New Commandment  
MP 48 Be still and know  
MP 549 Our eyes have seen the glory (vv1,2,3)

**WEEKLY USE OF ST NICHOLAS' NARTHEX & CHURCH.....**

**MONDAY:** Peaceful Living Yoga, 6-7.15pm & 7.30-8.30pm

**THURSDAY:** Peaceful Living Yoga 9-10.15am & 10.30 – 11.45am  
Parkinson's Support Group 1 - 3pm  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month)

**SATURDAY:** 'Restorative' class  
10.00am – 12 noon 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.

(Please Note: Yoga sessions use silence as part of their exercise. To assist this, please do not access any part of the church or narthex areas while yoga sessions are taking place.)

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