

MORDIALLOC MOORINGS
*A weekly newsletter from St Nicholas Anglican Church,
Mordialloc*
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 5th JULY 2026

Please wear your name tags to help Fr Christo get to know us.

Dear Friends,

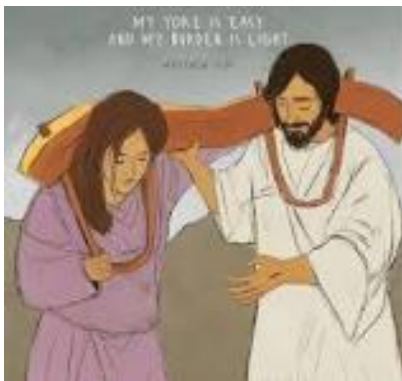
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In Today's Matthew's text, we find in the first part, Jesus was rebuking those who refuse to be pleased by either John the Baptist or Jesus' ministry. Then in the second part, Jesus praises those who do receive his message and thanks the Father saying 'I thank you Father, Lord of heaven and earth.' At the end, Jesus invites, saying "Come to me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Jesus urges people toward accepting a "yoke" from him that is easy. Jewish teachers in the Second Temple period spoke of yokes as metaphors for obedience to God, especially with regard to Torah observance. The relief Jesus brings is not freedom from all obligations and accountability. It is a promise of a way that brings freedom—a life of connection to God that leads to liberation of oneself and one's neighbours.

May the month of July be filled with God's peace, grace and blessings. May God guide and protect us each day and may God's love bring healing and hope to our broken world. May we experience peace in our homes, among nations and harmony among all people.

Shalom. Fr Christo.



Please pray for the people of Venezuela, where thousands have died, and hundreds of thousands are homeless.

Dear Lord, we pray that you will give them strength and hope in these most difficult of times.

We pray for:

The World: Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda

The Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of South America

The Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of Bathurst: Bishop Mark Calder; All Saints' Cathedral, Dean James Hodson; clergy, lay ministers and people

The Diocese of Melbourne: Jumbunna Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Box Hill, Deanery of Waverley: St Thomas' Burwood, Church of the Ascension East Burwood, St Barnabas' Glen Waverley, St Philip's Mount Waverley, St Stephen's and St Mary's Mount Waverley

Anglican Schools and Agencies: Caulfield Grammar School

Bishops' Visitation: Archbishop Ric Thorpe: Holy Trinity, Bacchus Marsh Bishop Genieve Blackwell: St Linus, Merlynston Coburg North – Confirmation Service Bishop Paul Barker: St Peter, Mornington – Pastoral Service Bishop Paul Barker: St Matthew, Endeavour Hills – Confirmation Service

This Week's Scheduled Happenings at St Nichs:

Thursday 9th July 7.30pm zoom Bible Study. Join with link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84953966902?pwd=SFJsRXV5ZlA3SHAocjhoODd1cjZKUT09>

OR: ID: 849 5396 6902 **Passcode:** 772237

Saturday 11th July St Nicholas 9am Bike Ride – destination to be decided – contact office

Sunday 12th July Trade Table after the 9.15am service in the Narthex

Do you have anything you would like to announce or advertise in Mordialloc Moorings?

Let the office know by email: office@stnicholasmordi.org.au

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, Amen.

MU Thought for the Week

Sharing our faith story

'In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do so with gentleness and respect.' (1 Peter 3:15)

As believers, we know our future – it is to be with Jesus. Who better? This is our hope. It is not mere optimism or a vague feeling. It is as real as Jesus is real. Someone may ask you about your hope and Peter tells us to be ready to share our faith in Jesus with gentleness and respect.

It is a wonderful thing when a Christian person is filled with assurance about their future, even when they are very ill. It is a great testimony, not to ourselves but to Jesus and a blessing to the person who can see Jesus in us and through us.

Question for thought:

Am I ready to share the reason for my hope?

Please Note: our complex is used by: (please avoid entering the Church at these times)

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)

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



Readings and Hymns for the next two weeks

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| 5TH July 6TH Sunday after Pentecost | Readings Genesis 24: 34 – 38, 42 – 49, 58 – 67; Psalm 45: 10 – 17; Romans 7: 14 – 25; Gospel Matthew 11: 15 – 19, 25 – 30. Hymns: TiS 203: Fairest Lord Jesus; TiS 465: Father in heaven; TiS 585 : I heard the voice of Jesus say (tune VOX DILECTI); TiS 665 : Jesus Christ is waiting. |
| 12th July 7th Sunday after Pentecost | Readings: Genesis 25;19-34, Psalm 119: 105-112, Romans 8:1-11, Gospel Matthew 13:1-9 &18-23 Hymns: TiS 134: Praise my soul; TiS 209: And can it be; TiS 412: God sends us his Spirit; TiS 531: Sent forth by God's blessing |

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