



# **MORDIALLOC MOORINGS**

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

**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**8th March 2026**



*Dear Friends,*

*The gospel readings in the Year of Mark are added to with readings from the gospel of John. This week we have the story of Jesus meeting a Samaritan woman. We learn four truths.*

- 1) Jesus gives living water. Later in the gospel the living water is the Holy Spirit.*
- 2) We cannot confine God to one place. He is not only Mount Gerizim (in Samaria) nor on Mount Zion, Jerusalem. We might name many other places. "God is spirit and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."*
- 3) A hint who Jesus is. The Messiah is coming. "I am He," said Jesus.*
- 4) The woman tells the village about Jesus. Many Samaritans come to see for themselves. They declare he "is truly the Saviour of the world."*

### **These are Solemn Days.**

*On Thursday a friend forwarded to me what he called a 'positive biblical prayer.' The space in "Moorings" prevents the introduction about the "conflict involving Iran (Persia) and the wider Middle East". There are followers of Jesus within Iran. The writer reminds people, "Scripture does not instruct us to speculate in times of unrest. It instructs us to intercede. The writer concludes:*

### ***A Prayer for This Hour***

*Sovereign Lord over Persia and over every nation, you who raises up rulers and brings down empires, we lift before you Iran, Israel and all lands touched by this conflict.*

*Restrain violence. Protect the innocent. Grant wisdom to leaders. Comfort the fearful and grieving.*

*Strengthen your church in Iran - those who worship quietly, those who feel vulnerable, those who look to you as their only sure foundation.*

*Let the light of Christ shine brightly in dark places. And make us faithful, quick to pray, bold to proclaim, steady in hope.*

*Through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and Lord of all. Amen.*

*"The King in Holy Week" The King betrayed and denied.*

**Fr. Roger.**

## **For your prayers for and with the wider Church**

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East  
The Diocese of Bunbury  
Archbishop Ric and the parish of St John's, Frankston North  
Bishop Paul doing a pastoral visit at North Dandenong  
Fr Ron on Long Service Leave  
The Parish Nominators

## Happenings in St Nichs”

### This Week:

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>** Trade Table available in the Narthex, after the Service

**Wednesday 11<sup>h</sup>** 2 p.m. Lenten Study **in Person**, in the Church

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** 7.30 p.m., Lenten Study **on Zoom** Join Zoom Meeting with **link:**

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

or Meeting ID: 849 5396 6902 Passcode: 772237

### Thought for the week from Mothers Union Australia

#### Working for Change

‘For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do’ (*Ephesians 2:10*)

What Adam destroyed, God is re-creating through Jesus. Adam and Eve were meant to serve God every day and to walk in fellowship with him. Instead, they chose to run their own lives, to sin against God. But Jesus is the one called the Last Adam, the Man from Heaven and we are being made in his image. This verse has had a big impact on my life. Every day I pray that the Lord will show me the good works which he has prepared for me to walk in, so that I will be more like Jesus. What a blessing!

#### Question for thought:

Do I work for God each day?

#### Forward Notice:

**Mothing Sunday - Refreshment Day is 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Thank you to Shirley for providing Simnel Cake for all to share

Karen will introduce MU Overseas Outreach Target - Melanesian Adult Litarcy Project

There will be a retiring collection plate for those who would like to contribute.

### 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.

**A Thank you from Bush Church Aid (BCA) For St Nicholas Donations throughout the Year“  
Your Generosity is much Appreciated”**

### 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

<b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Readings:</b> Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42 <b>TIS:</b> 585 I heard the voice of Jesus say, 569 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, 515 According to thy gracious word, 142 Glory be to God the Father
<b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Readings:</b> I Samuel 16:1 – 13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8 – 14, John 9:1 – 41
<b>Mothing Sunday</b>	<b>TIS:</b> 135 All things bright and beautiful vv1,3,4,5, 129 Amazing Grace, 515 According to thy gracious word, 142 Glory be to God the Father

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