



MORDIALLOC MOORINGS

A weekly newsletter from St Nicholas Anglican Church, Mordialloc

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday 26th January 2025

From Fr. Ron

Dear Friends,

Welcome to a first edition of Mordialloc Moorings for 2026. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were on the other side of Christmas anticipating our celebration, and now here we are heading towards the end of January, looking ahead to the new year, and all that it might bring to us. We are currently journeying through the season of Epiphany, whose major theme centres around light - the light of Christ that shines in the darkness. Indeed our first reading from Isaiah for this Sunday's worship, highlights the coming of the light to all who have walked in darkness, which I'm sure would include all of us at some stage in our lives.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined."

In our gospel reading from Matthew, our Saviour Jesus, is presented as the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy: Jesus is the light that comes into the darkness. Jesus command "repent", challenges us to turn from darkness to light. To walk in the light is to hear the call and follow Jesus.

For those who take note of these things, you would see that our reading from Isaiah, is in large part the reading we had for our Christmas services. We get this reading now to remind us that a theme such as light that we might normally associate with Christmas are really "Christ" centred themes, and permeate the entire year.

It is a fact that we take light for granted in our modern age; it's so easily available with a flick of the switch. But walking in the light of Christ, is not so easy! Let us remember that at our baptism we were given a light with the words: *You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.* To which everyone would reply: **Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.** Let us commit to be 'light-bearers' to all who we come in contact with, in every situation we find ourselves. Peace and Grace to you. Fr Ron.



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Worship Rosters for February 2026 are now available. If you have not already had yours emailed to you, pick up a hard copy in the Narthex.

Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies, those transcendent moments of awe that **change forever how we experience life and the world.**

— John Milton

AZ QUOTES





Focus Country:
'Nigeria'

"I will give you rest: Come."

Friday 6th March @ 10.30am

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FAREWELL BRUNCH FOR FR RON

Sunday 15th February 2026

The 15th Feb will be the last Sunday before Fr Ron goes on Long Service Leave. He won't be returning until Easter Day (5 April) which his official last day as our Vicar.

Given that more parishioners might be around now than on Easter Day, we will have special brunch, following our worship to farewell Fr Ron who is retiring.

Any inquiries, please speak to Shirley.

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

25th January 2026	<u>Isaiah 9.1-4 - Ps 27.1-10</u> <u>1 Corinthians 1.10-18</u> <u>Matthew 4.12-25</u>
Third Sunday After Epiphany	<i>TIS 477 Jesus calls us here to meet Him</i> <i>TIS 747 The Lord is my light (x3) (taize)</i> <i>TIS 607 Make me a channel of Your peace</i> <i>MP 813 Christ is the one who calls</i>
1st February Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	<u>Micah 6.1-8 - Ps 15</u> <u>1 Corinthians 1.18-31</u> <u>Matthew 5.1-12</u> <i>MP 237 Holy, Holy, Holy</i> <i>MP 590 Seek ye first</i> <i>MP 37 As the deer pants</i> <i>MP 857 I the Lord of sea and sky</i>

***Weekly Use of St Nicholas'*
*Narthex & Church.....***

Groups meet at St Nicholas in the following order:

Monday:	<u>Peaceful Living Yoga, 6.00pm - 7.00pm & 7.15 - 8.15pm</u>
Tuesday:	<u>Peaceful Living Yoga, 10.00am - 11.00am</u>
Thursday:	<u>Peaceful Living Yoga 10.00 – 11.00am</u> <u>Parkinson's Support Group</u> <u>1 - 3pm</u> <u>(2nd Thursday of the month)</u>
Saturday:	<u>Peaceful Living Yoga</u> <u>'Restorative' class</u> <u>(Dates yet to be confirmed)</u>

(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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