



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

**Fifth Sunday after Easter 03<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

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

Dear Friends!

Once again, we encounter a gospel text which is considered to be a part of Jesus' final discourse, He prepares his disciples for his departure. John starts today's text with the comforting words of Jesus: 'Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me.' It is a command to calm the troubled heart

*Let not your heart be troubled: The disciples had reason to be troubled. Jesus had just told them that one of them was a traitor, that all of them would deny Him, and that He would leave them that night. All of this would legitimately trouble the disciples, yet Jesus told them, **let not your heart be troubled.***

Jesus never wanted us to have life without trouble, but He promised that we could have an untroubled heart even in a troubled life.

This was in some sense a command. "The form of the imperative implies that they should 'stop being troubled.'

According to one of the twentieth century theologians, Jesus didn't say, "I'm happy you folks are troubled and filled with doubts. Your doubts are wonderful." "He takes no delight in the doubt and disquietude of his people. When he saw that, because of what he had said to them, sorrow had filled the hearts of his apostles, he pleaded with them in great love and besought them to be comforted."

His disciples felt His departure like a torture. And it was then that He consoled them with such simple and glorious speech that all Christendom is the debtor to their agony.

*You believe in God, believe also in Me: Instead of giving in to a troubled heart, Jesus told them to firmly put their trust in God and in Jesus Himself. This was a radical call to trust in Jesus just as one would trust in God the Father, and a radical promise that doing so would bring comfort and peace to a troubled heart.*

In the process of his dialogue with his disciples, Jesus assures them that he and his Abba are one, no one comes to the Father except through him. and He is the way to the Father. If anyone faithfully asks anything in his name to the Father, Father will grant that prayer so that Father will be glorified through the Son.

Then Jesus emphatically declares that no one comes to the Father except through him. Also, Jesus assures the disciples that he is the way, the truth and life. So friends, as the early disciples and followers followed the 'Way', let us earnestly follow the risen Christ - 'the Way' throughout our life.

Peace be with you,

Fr Christo

**It is with great sadness we announce the passing of  
Barbara Bugeja.**

**Her Funeral will be held at the Wilson Chapel,  
Springvale Botanical Gardens on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at  
2.15pm.**

**May she Rest In Peace and Rise In Glory.**

## This Week's Happenings in St Nichs"

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Domestic Violence - DV Aware Sunday

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Messy Team Meeting straight after Sunday Service

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May St Nicholas Bike Group gam meeting place to be decided

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May Mothers' Day

### Thought for the Week from Mothers Union

#### Stewardship, work and grace

'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)

Our good works flow from God's love for us, his grace. It is because God has received us just as the Father embraced the prodigal son, that we have life with him. Now we have been transformed to live a life pleasing to him, not in order to win his favour, but as a response to his love. That is why we love to sing Amazing Grace! I often begin the day with a request to God that he will help me find and do the good works he has prepared for me to walk in that day. It is great to know that he is in charge of my day.

#### Question for thought:

What do I pray for as the day begins?

**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  
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.



### We Pray for:

**The World:** Afghanistan

**The Anglican Communion:** The Church of North India (United)

**The Anglican Church of Australia:** Diocese of Armidale: Bishop Rod Chiswell; St Peter's Cathedral, Dean Chris Brennan; clergy, lay ministers and people

**The Diocese of Melbourne:** Our Archdeacons: Archdeacon of Kew, Archdeacon of Geelong, Archdeacon of Frankston, Archdeacon of Melbourne, Archdeacon of Box Hill, Archdeacon of Stonnington

**Anglican Schools and Agencies:** Camberwell Anglican Girls' Grammar School

**The Diocese of Melbourne Prayer Diary - April/May 2026**

**Bishops' Visitation:** Archbishop Ric Thorpe: St John's Toorak Bishop Genieve Blackwell: St Paul's Cathedral DV Sunday Service Bishop Alison Taylor: St John's Camberwell Pastoral Service Bishop Paul Barker: Holy Trinity Hampton Pastoral Service

### 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*

### Readings and Hymns for the next two weeks

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Readings:</b> Acts 7: 55-60; Psalm 31: 1-5, 17-18; 1 Peter 2: 11-25; Gospel John 14: 1-14.
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter</b>	<b>Hymns: TiS 59:</b> All people on earth do dwell; <b>611:</b> God of grace and God of glory (tune CWM RHONDDA ); <b>457:</b> The Church's one foundation; <b>420:</b> Holy Spirit go before us
<b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Readings:</b> Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:7-19; 1 Peter 3:8-22; Gospel John 14: 15-21
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter</b>	<b>Hymns: TiS 100</b> All Creatures Great and Small; <b>161</b> Tell out my soul; <b>216</b> Rejoice, the Lord is King; <b>398</b> Come, down, O Love divine

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