



MORDIALLOC MOORINGS

A weekly newsletter from St Nicholas Anglican Church, Mordialloc

Second Sunday in Advent

7th December 2025

WELCOME TO OUR ADVENT PILGRIMAGE ...

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-21; Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12

The words of the prophet Isaiah spoke to an Israel looking to the arrival of one upon whom the Spirit of the LORD would rest. This 'shoot from the stump of Jesse' would be wise and powerful righteous and faithful and his coming would involve all the nations. What is God's word saying to you today? Paul reminds us that what was written in the past was so that we might have hope. May we ponder afresh the word of God.

- Pray that the God who gives endurance and encouragement may give us a spirit of unity to follow Jesus, glorifying God and accepting one another.

Blessings, Fr Ron.

THIS SUNDAY.....

WE CELEBRATE OUR PATRONAL FEAST DAY

While being the 2nd Sunday in Advent, we will also celebrate and give thanks for the example of St Nicholas of Myra, our patron, who fed the hungry, cared for children and the oppressed.

*Loving God, we thank you for the example of St Nicholas,
who fed the hungry, brought hope to the imprisoned,
gave comfort to the lost, and taught the truth to all.*

*May we as a parish strive to imitate him by putting you first in all we
do. Give us the courage, love and strength of St Nicholas,
so that, like him, we may serve you through
loving our brothers and sisters. Amen.*



COMMISSIONING THE 2026 PARISH COUNCIL & WARDENS

It seems appropriate that on our Patronal Feast Day, we will commission our new Parish Council and Wardens (& Incumbency Committee) for their work of leadership in 2026.

O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace those called to be Wardens, and members of the Parish Council and Incumbency Committee of this church. Rule their minds and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIXON HOUSE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We will again be collecting gifts for families in the lead up to Christmas on behalf of Dixon House. Of primary need is non perishable food items. Also new toys and gift vouchers are always practical. Items for Christmas hampers as well as everyday grocery and cleaning products are most welcome.

Please consider buying smaller sizes of tea, coffee, sugar etc. Full list of suggestions will be on the notice board. **Last day for donations will be: Sunday 14th December.**

Any queries see Marilyn Wilson

December Parish Council meeting...

Our first Parish Council meeting in the new cycle will be Tuesday 16th December at 7.30pm, St Nicholas Narthex. Many will be attending the meeting via Zoom, so please consider that option. A link will be sent out with the meeting papers.



There will be a Working Bee in and around the Church on Saturday 20th December. Please come and give a hand!

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY - 7.30PM VIA ZOOM **1st NOVEMBER**

The Zoom bible study will gather this coming week to reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings. They will be emailed out shortly. Anyone is welcome to join the zoom meeting. Please join us using the Zoom link below...

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84953966902?pwd=SFJsRXV5ZlA3SHA0cjhoODd1cjZKUT09>

Meeting ID: 849 5396 6902 Passcode: 772237

~~ This will be the last study for 2025 ~~

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

Groups meet at St Nicholas in the following order:

- 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)
- Saturday:** Peaceful Living Yoga 'Restorative' class
10.00am - 12.00 noon
(Dates for 2025: Nov 22nd)

(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.)

READINGS & HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY AND THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY

7th December Second Sunday of Advent	<u>Isaiah 11.1-10 - Ps 72.1-7, 18-21 - Romans 15.4-13 - Matthew 3.1-12</u> (tune MP 266) Each year we celebrate with joy - TIS 286 Light one candle (vs 1,2) MP 921 Purify my heart - TIS 275 Hail to the Lord's anointed MP 122 Eternal Father strong to save
14th December Third Sunday in Advent	<u>Isaiah 35.1-10 - Song of Mary - James 5.7-10 - Gospel, Matthew 11.2-11</u> TIS 647 Comfort, comfort my people - TIS 286 Light one candle (1,2,3) MP 37 As the deer pants - TIS 158 God has spoken by his prophets

MOTHER'S UNION AUSTRALIA - DEVOTIONS FOR ADVENT 2025

"THE NAMES AND TITLES OF JESUS"

The Bible gives us a variety of names and titles of Jesus. This aids our understanding of who he is and why he came among us. A number of these names and titles are revealed in the Christmas story. As we meditate on them, we are gazing at the real Jesus and why we worship him with all our hearts.

Matthew 1:23 'And they shall call his name Immanuel (which means God with us)

Immanuel may simply mean that God is with us, at our side. Perhaps that is what Jesus and Mary first thought. But as time passed, an even more wonderful truth about Jesus was revealed. He is not merely a sign of God's presence. He is God himself, who has come among us. There can be no more wonderful assurance of the love of God than that his Son became one of us and lived, taught and died for us and then was resurrected. Because of our sin we do not deserve any of this, but God is the God of love and grace.

Prayer Loving God, thank you so much that Jesus became one of us in order to save us. Help us always, we pray, to live for him, in whose name we pray, Amen.