



MORDIALLOC MOORINGS
A weekly newsletter from St Nicholas Anglican Church,
Mordialloc
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 21ST JUNE 2026

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

Dear Friends,

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

The Gospel reading for the fourth Sunday after Pentecost presents a selection from one of Jesus's extended teachings in the Gospel of Matthew, usually called the missionary discourse. He speaks of the hardships his disciples will face, the divisions his message will bring, and the radical nature of loyalty to him. This passage invites reflection on what it means to follow Jesus with full commitment.

Jesus begins with a statement about identity and suffering: "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a servant above the master" (10:24). Just as Jesus has faced opposition, his disciples will also. If the people of Jesus's day could see his work and associate it with the work of the devil, we should not be surprised if similar things happen to us as followers today. Just prior to this verse, Jesus has made clear that allegiance to him will sometimes cause rifts even in families. Again, this is something that Jesus himself had experienced (Mark 3:21), with some of his family questioning his sanity during his ministry.

In verses 26–31, Jesus repeatedly tells his disciples not to be afraid. Though they will face threats, they should not fear those who can harm the body but cannot touch the soul. Instead, they are to trust in God's care, knowing that even the hairs on their heads are counted. Ultimately, Jesus reminds his hearers of their traditional understanding that God knows all that can be known. He is keeping account, such that even the secret things will one day be made clearly known.

Jesus concludes this passage with a profound challenge: "Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (10:38). This statement, made before his crucifixion, foreshadows the cost of discipleship. To take up the cross is to embrace a way of life marked by sacrifice, service, and faithfulness. Jesus's words affirm that discipleship is not about personal gain but about embodying God's love and justice in the world. Are we willing to take up our crosses and follow Christ daily in our lives.

Shalom

Fr. Christo

We Pray For: The World: Malawi, Zambia

The Anglican Communion: The Church of South India (United)

The Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of Sydney: Archbishop Kanishka Raffel; Bishops Michael Stead, Peter Hayward, Chris Edwards, Peter Lin; St Andrew's Cathedral, Dean Sandy Grant; clergy, lay ministers and people

The Diocese of Melbourne: Marningatha Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Stonnington, Deanery of Stonnington: St James' Glen Iris, St George's Malvern, St Matthew's Prahran, Christ Church South Yarra, Tamil Christian Congregation Victoria, St Martin's Hawksburn, All Saints' Kooyong, St John the Evangelist Toorak, St John and St Agnes Malvern East and Glen Huntly

Anglican Schools and Agencies: St Michael's Grammar School

Bishops' Visitation: Archbishop Ric Thorpe: Glen Waverley Anglican Church Bishop Genieve Blackwell: St Alban the Martyr, St Albans – Pastoral Service Bishop Paul Barker: St George, Monbulk – Confirmation Service

This Week's Scheduled Happenings at St Nichs"

Sunday 21st Celebrating 150 years of MU with prayers in the Service

Tuesday 23rd Parish Council Meeting on zoom and in person

Thursday 25th 7.30pm zoom Bible Study I.D. 849 5396 6902 Passcode 772237

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84953966902?pwd=SFJsRXV5ZlA3SFhAocjhoODd1cjZKUT09>

Friday 26th 10.30am in the Church St Nicholas Prayer Ministry

Saturday 27th 8am Walk Pray Eat meeting at Church Car Park, destination The Bridge.

Sunday 28th June 2026": The Rev'd. Judith Marriott will be the celebrant and Preacher.

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

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

Thought for the week from Mothers Union Australia

A father's love

'But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him' (Luke 15:20).

The father in the parable of the prodigal son reveals what God is like. Jesus had been criticised for eating with the people whose lives were sinful. He was welcoming them. Welcoming them as repentant and people who received the forgiveness they needed. The son in his story makes a complete mess of his life because of sin. But as he comes home full of repentance, his father does something that no father in those days would do. He runs to him, embraces him, kissing him, welcomes him home and restores him as his son. That is the love of God in its grace and glory.

Question for thought:

Do I know the love of God?

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.

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.



Readings and Hymns for the next two weeks

<p>21st June 4th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>Readings: Genesis 21: 8 – 21; Psalm 86: 1 – 10, 16 – 17; Romans 6: 1b – 11; Gospel Matthew 10: 24 – 39 Hymns: TiS 154: Great is your faithfulness; TiS 568: O for a heart to praise my God; (tune: ABRIDGE35) TiS 390: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord; TiS 583 Take up your cross, the Saviour said. (tune FULDA)</p>
<p>28th June 5th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>Readings: Genesis 22: 1 – 14; Psalm 13; Romans 6: 12 – 23; Gospel According to Matthew 10: 40 – 42. Hymns: TiS 111: Praise to the Lord; TiS 153: God is love: TiS 656: I, the Lord of sea and sky: TiS 675: Lord, the light of your love.</p>

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