



# MORDIALLOC MOORINGS

A weekly newsletter from  
St Nicholas Anglican Church, Mordialloc

## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

From Fr. Ron

### Luke 13:1-9 - Leave the fig tree one more year

The story of the fig tree is about God's love and endless patience for us and our need for time to repent and grow in our faith and prayer.

We all of us carry particular faults and failings throughout our lives so it is comforting to know that God will never abandon us. He believes in our future so he will never abandon us or leave us unaided.

There is an old story telling how Peter is standing at the gates of heaven. The world has ended. Scripture has been fulfilled. The sheep have been separated from the goats. As Peter is about to close the gates, he sees Jesus still standing outside. 'Master', he asks, 'what are you doing outside?' Jesus replies – 'I'm waiting for Judas!'

Yes, and Jesus will wait for all of us too, beyond the end of time. He will be standing at the gate, listening for our knock.

Peace and Grace to you. Fr Ron.

### He came seeking fruit on the fig tree

*That fig tree bears no fruit, he said,  
It's only good for burning.  
So cut it down and plant some vines  
Which will give richer earnings.*

*No, give it one more year, you said,  
With water and manuring,  
Then if it does not swell with fruit  
They'll be beyond all curing.*

*Lord thank you for the gift of time  
To make our love unswerving,  
And may your spirit draw our hearts  
To sweeter ways of serving*

## LENTEN STUDIES AT ST NICHOLAS 2025

### Parish Lenten Study: "Pilgrimage: Following the Footsteps of Jesus"

(Comes with a separate Scripture readings booklet)

† Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.30pm - St  
Nicholas Narthex

*We will begin study 3 'Arriving' (p.13)*

† Thursdays 27<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.30pm via Zoom

*We will begin study 4 'Encounters' (p.17)*

### Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84953966902?  
pwd=SFJsRXV5ZlA3SHA0cjhoODd1cjZKU  
T09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84953966902?pwd=SFJsRXV5ZlA3SHA0cjhoODd1cjZKU<br/>T09)

Meeting ID: 849 5396 6902 - Passcode:  
772237



## **MESSY CHURCH THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 4-6PM**

Theme: "All can be saved"

*Activities start at 4pm.  
At approx.. 5pm is a short interactive  
reflection on our theme then a meal is  
shared together,  
with the evening concluding at 6pm*

*We look forward to welcoming you to  
our next Messy Church.*

**NEXT SUNDAY – LENT 4 - MOTHERING SUNDAY**

It has been a tradition in Anglican churches to mark this the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent as: ‘Mothering Sunday’. In times past it was the day when people were encouraged to return to worship in their ‘mother church’ where they had been baptised. People who usually attended the local parish church, would make a longer journey to the ‘mother church’ or cathedral of the Diocese. Girls in domestic service would bake to show their mothers their new skills in the form of a gift, traditionally a simnel cake. Today Mothering Sunday is a popular day when Christians choose to use the occasion to think about all things which concern motherhood. We give thanks for the Church as Mother, the Virgin Mary as the mother of Jesus, we remember that God cares for us like a mother, and last but not least we give thanks for our own mothers. It is also known as Mid-Lent Sunday, Refreshment Sunday or Laetare Sunday. The Latin name of Laetare, means rejoice. Next Sunday we will bless the Simnel cake, symbolising the relaxing of the Lenten ‘fast’, and refreshing ourselves for the journey ahead into Passiontide and Holy Week.



**AFTER WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY...  
~ EGG & BACON BRUNCH ~**

After our worship next Sunday, head down to the backyard, to share in a egg and bacon roll. Tea and coffee etc will still be available. If the weather is nice, we can stand around on the grass.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

**NICHOLAS PRAYER MINISTRY-  
FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH – 10.30AM**

We will have our next ‘Prayer Ministry’ gathering this coming Friday. This will be an opportunity for prayer (silent, contemplative and intercessory). There will be a time for people to either bring their prayer requests and offer them.

We invite all who wish to have some ‘quiet time’ in the church.

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

Third Sunday  
in Lent  
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2025

*Isaiah 55.1-9 - Ps 63.1-9 - 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 – Luke 13.1-9*  
TIS 624 Christ be my leader - MP 48 Be still and know that I am God  
TIS 463 May this Lenten discipline - TIS 800 In the bulb there is a flower

Fourth Sunday  
in Lent  
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*Joshua 5.2-12 Ps 32 and 2 Corinthians 5.16-21 Gospel, Luke 15.11-32*  
TIS 665 Jesus Christ is waiting (1,3,4,5) – Seasons of the Spirit: Rest and wait in the wilderness - TIS523 Here Lord we take this broken bread –  
TIS 231 At the name of Jesus

**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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month)*
- Saturday: *Peaceful Living Yoga ‘Restorative’ class 10.00am – 12.00 noon (2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of the month)*

*(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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