



MORDIALLOC MOORINGS
*A weekly newsletter from St Nicholas Anglican Church,
Mordialloc*
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 16TH AUGUST 2026

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

Dear Friends,

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

In This week Gospel text, Matthew presents Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman, which causes some tension and unsettling moment. Jesus is less than eager to help this woman, explaining that his mission is first to the house of Israel.

However, Jesus is the one who has left Jewish territory and invaded this woman's world. Furthermore, this Canaanite woman - an unclean, outsider - demonstrates that she has a better grasp of Jesus' identity than the hand-selected disciples do at this point in the narrative. Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite unsettles boundaries and calls into question definitions of clean and unclean.



Jesus 'withdraws' in the face of hostility from Jewish authorities. He moves in the direction of Tyre and Sidon, an area of Gentile majority. The destination is significant. Having challenged the 'clean/unclean' barrier in his dispute with the Pharisees, Jesus now enacts such a boundary crossing 'geographically' by moving into the Gentile region. There, the faith of a local woman breaks through the barrier in a still more significant way.

The coldness Jesus displays to this woman, almost to the very end, understandably troubles many. It is not easy for modern readers to grasp the immensity of the barrier being broken through here.

The woman stands in for all of us Gentiles. We must learn from her faith, to persevere in our faith and trust in Christ.

Peace be with you

Fr Christo.

We Pray for The World: Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

The Anglican Communion: The Church in Wales; Archbishop Andrew John

The Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of North Queensland: Bishop Keith Joseph; St James' Cathedral, Dean Jeffrey Akoai; clergy, lay ministers and people

The Diocese of Melbourne: Marningatha Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Kew, Deanery of Whitehorse: St John's Blackburn, St Alfred's Blackburn North, Emmanuel Anglican Iranian Congregation, Anglican Parish of Box Hill, St George's East Ivanhoe, St James' Ivanhoe, Holy Trinity Doncaster, St David's East Doncaster, St Philip's Deep Creek, TIMA Anglican Parish

Anglican Schools and Agencies: Mentone Grammar School

Bishops' Visitation: Archbishop Ric Thorpe – Anglican Parish of Banyule (St John Heidelberg), Bishop Paul Barker – St John's Frankston North/Carrum Downs

This Week's Scheduled Happenings at St Nicks:

Sunday 16th 9.15am Fr Christo is celebrating his last Service with St Nicholas.

Saturday 22nd 8am August Walk Pray Eat Meeting at the Church Carpark. Walking to Parkdale Café.

Sunday 23rd Fr Chris Garcia Celebrates his first Service with St Nicholas

Forward Notice Sunday 30th Service will include Messy Church activities and presentation.

We welcome Christopher Garcia as the new Vicar at St. Nicholas Mordialloc.

We thank the Nominations Committee (Penny Swenson, Arthur Robertson and Debbie Eames) who have done heaps of background work to prepare for and choose the new Vicar.

We also thank Fr. Christo Roberts who has been our interim Vicar since Fr. Ron retired. Parishioners are invited to bring a plate on Sunday, August 16 so that the Morning Tea can be a celebration of his time with us.

Christopher Garcia will be Commissioned at a Service lead by Bishop Paul Barker at 7:30pm on Friday August 21. All parishioners are invited to the Commissioning Service. Please note the Wardens have proposed a light supper after this, so a plate to share will be welcome at this event too. Please see Shirley or Marilyn

Christopher's first service will be Holy Communion on Sunday August 23 at the 9:15am service.

The Wardens,

"In This Season"

Later this month, the Diocese will launch "In This Season", a new regular newsletter sharing stories, reflections, prayer and encouragement from across the Diocese.



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Please Note: our complex is used by:

Monday: Peaceful Living Yoga, 6.00pm - 7.00pm & 7.15 - 8.15pm

Tuesday: Peaceful Living Yoga, 10.00am - 11.00am

Thursday: Peaceful Living Yoga 10.00 - 11.00am
Parkinson's Support Group 1 - 3pm (**2nd Thursday of the month**)

(Please avoid entering the Church at these times)

MBPS ART SHOW OPENING NIGHT
Wednesday 2nd Sept
5 - 6:30pm
at St. Nicholas Church Mordialloc



'PERSPECTIVE'

Other viewing times
Entry-Gold Coin Donation
Thurs 3rd Sept 3:30-4:30pm
Fri 4th Sept 3:30-4:30pm
Sat 5th Sept 11-12pm
Mon 7th Sept 3:30-4:30pm

Family Ticket \$10
available via 

Please note fees to MBPS Art Show do not apply to parishioners

Readings and Hymns for the next two weeks

16th August Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	Readings: Genesis 45: 1 – 15; Psalm 133; Romans 11: 13 – 32; Gospel Matthew 15: 21 – 28. Hymns TiS 106: Now thank we all our God; TiS 611: God of grace and God of glory; TiS 129: Amazing Grace, (how sweet the sound); TiS 599: Take my life and let it be.
23rd August Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Readings: Exodus 1: 8 2: 10; Psalm 124; Romans 12: 1 – 8; Gospel according to Matthew 16: 13 – 20 Hymns: TiS 154 : Great is your faithfulness; TiS 454: Worship the Lord, in the beauty; TiS 439: What shall we offer our good Lord (DUKE STREET); TiS 687: God gives us a future

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