



MORDIALLOC MOORINGS
*A weekly newsletter from St Nicholas Anglican Church,
Mordialloc*
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 12th JULY 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 Jesus Christ. Today's gospel is a parable, a story, a pithy little story, so typical of the teaching of Jesus. What is typical is that this parable has an extended explanation. Matthew does this occasionally.

The parable seems to be about the Sower and the seed. The explanation afterward seems mostly to be about the quality of the soil Jesus spoke of according to the agricultural customs of his day. In those days, seed was scattered first and then it was ploughed into the ground. In this parable the seed fell on four different types of soil. The wayside was the path where people walked, and nothing could grow because the ground was too hard. Stony places were where the soil was thin, lying upon a rocky shelf. On this ground the seed springs up quickly because of the warmth of the soil, but the seed is unable to take root because of the rocky shelf.

Among thorns describes soil that is fertile – perhaps too fertile. Good ground describes soil that is both fertile and weed free. A good productive crop grows in the good ground. This was not the call for all to listen. Rather it was a call for those who were spiritually sensitive to take special note.

When we describe the mixed progress of the gospel message, the parable of the Sower compels the listener to ask, "What kind of soil am I? How can I prepare my heart and mind to be the right kind of soil".

This parable invites action so that we would receive the Word of God to full benefit. May the good Lord enable us to receive the word of God and be doers of the word.

Shalom. Fr Christo.



We pray for: The World: Eritrea, Ethiopia

The Anglican Communion: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan The Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of Grafton: Bishop Murray Harvey; Christ Church Cathedral, Dean Naomi Cooke; clergy, lay ministers and people

The Diocese of Melbourne: Jumbunna Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Maroondah, Deanery of the Hills: St Luke's Cockatoo, St Mark's Emerald, St George's Monbulk, Parish of Mount Dandenong, Upper Yarra Anglican Parish, Anglican Parish of Wandin, Seville & Mt Evelyn, Anglican Parish of Upwey/Belgrave, All Saints' (Carlotta Tye Memorial Church) Selby, St Martin's Belgrave Heights

Anglican Schools and Agencies: Korowa Grammar School
Bishops' Visitation: Bishop Genieve Blackwell: Holy Trinity, Williamstown – 8am and 10am Pastoral Services Bishop Paul Barker: St Augustine, Mentone – Pastoral Service

This Week's Scheduled Happenings at St Nicks:

No Scheduled Happenings this week.

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

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

MU Thought for the Week

Sharing Hope for a troubled world

'No, in all these things we are more than conquerors though him who loved us.' (*Romans 8:37*)

In this world, being a Christian believer does not save you from trouble, sorrow, pain and distress. Indeed, in some places Christians are persecuted and even murdered for their faith. And yet, we are called 'more than conquerors'. How is this true?

Through Jesus and his promise that he will always be with us. How do we know that we can trust him? Because of his love. But notice that this verse says 'loved'. It does not mean that he once loved and does so no more.

It means that the greatest expression of his love is his death on the cross. In the midst of all our troubles, look to the cross and be assured of his love.

Question for thought:

What does the cross of Jesus mean to me?

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 keep praying for the people of Venezuela, where thousands have died, and hundreds of thousands are homeless.

Dear Lord, we ask that you will give them strength and hope in these most difficult of times.

Please Note: our complex is used by:
(please avoid entering the Church at these times)

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*)

Would you like to contribute to the works of St Nicholas? Please use our QR code.



	Readings and Hymns for the next two weeks
12th July 7th Sunday after Pentecost	Readings: Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 119: 105-112, Romans 8:1-11, Gospel Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23 Hymns: TiS 134: Praise my soul; TiS 209: And can it be; TiS 412: God sends us his Spirit; TiS 531: Sent forth by God's blessing
19th July 8th Sunday after Pentecost	Readings: Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139: 1-11, 23-24; Romans 8: 12-25; Gospel Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43. Hymns: TiS 164: The great love of God; TiS 158: God has spoken by his prophets; TiS 429: Break now the bread of life; TiS 648: Help us accept each other.

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