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A weekly newsletter from St Nicholas Anglican Church, Mordialloc

25th October 2026 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Words From Fr Chris

In Matthew 22, Jesus is asked what seems like a straightforward religious question. It may even seem like a basic trivia question. V36 asks "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" but this isn't a trivia question. It is actually at the heart of Jewish theology. Depending on which commandment is greatest will show what is most important in Jewish religious thinking.

The Old Testament contains 613 commandments, traditionally counted by Jewish scholars and known as the mitzvot. These are found primarily in the Torah, the first five books of the Bible, and are divided into 248 positive commandments (things to do) and 365 negative commandments (things not to do) (Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy).

Jewish scholars enjoyed debating these types of question. If a scholar was focused on the value of human life, then they might say that commandment 6 "thou shall not kill" is the most important

The Ten Commandments, recorded in Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21, form the moral foundation of these laws. The first four commandments focus on duties toward God, while the remaining six govern relationships with others

Jesus makes it clear in Matthew 22 however; the greatest commandments are the most simple but may also be the most challenging.

First of all, we are called to love...

The commandments are about who we love and how we love.

Our priority is to love God. We do this with all we have and all we are. V37 says to love God with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind. This points to our whole person, body, emotions, thoughts and actions.

This is the best way to truly love our creator God

Jesus then goes on to say that "loving your neighbour as yourself" is strongly connected to loving God. We are not called to be the centre of our world but, we are called to love the creator and then to love those we find in our community.

*As you go through this week may you too be able to fully Love God and Love your Neighbour,
Shalom Fr Christopher*

This week we Pray For:

The World: Caribbean

The Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of Central Africa

The Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of Wangaratta: Bishop Clarence Bester; Holy Trinity Cathedral, Dean Neill Hicks; clergy, lay ministers and people

The Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop in Council and diocesan governance; for wisdom, integrity, faithful stewardship and decisions that serve the Church's mission across Melbourne and Geelong.

Diocesan ministries, schools and agencies: The Melbourne Anglican Schools Commission

Bishops' Visitation: Archbishop Ric Thorpe – Sojourners AAC Werribee; St Stephen's Werribee

Nicholas' Happenings this week Sunday 25th Oct:

No Scheduled Happenings.



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	Readings for the next two weeks
25th October Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost	Readings: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90 1-6,13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13; Gospel according to Matthew 22:34-46 Hymns: TiS 111 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty; TiS 706 Bless the Lord my Soul (X 3); TiS 584 Just as I am without one plea (tune (i) vv1,2,4,5) MP 59 Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
1st November All Saints Day	Readings: Revelation 7:9-17; psalm 43:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Gospel According to Matthew 5:1-12 Hymns: TiS 456 Your hand, O God, has guided your flock from age to age; TiS 204 Come let us join our cheerful songs; TiS 525 You we praise, high priest and victim; TiS 455 For all the saints, who from their labours rest

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