



MORDIALLOC MOORINGS

A weekly newsletter from St Nicholas Anglican Church, Mordialloc

Fourth Sunday in Lent
15th March 2026

Dear Friends,

TODAY is the Fourth Sunday in Lent. In our Anglican tradition it has two other names. The first is Refreshment Sunday. In some parishes there is a tradition to have Simnel Cake. It marks the mid-way and relax the Lenten fast. We will have Simnel Cake made for us by Shirley. It will be blessed at the Offertory.

The other name is Mothering Sunday. This observance has slipped away because Australia keeps it in May following the American tradition begun early last century. To mark Mothering Sunday, Karen, the MU Diocesan President will tell us about the MU project: Melanesian Adult Literacy Project. We will have a retiring collection to aid the project.

REFLECTION

"There are none so blind as those who will not, or refuse, to see." In a nutshell that is the gospel today. In all the gospels Jesus heals blind people. In John it is one of the signs that points to truth about Jesus.

The Pharisees want to know who committed sin for the man to be born blind. Jesus rejects that point of view. Birth defects are not the result of sin.

The Pharisees are angry. The parents are anxious. Where there ought to be faith, acceptance, joy there is only darkness. The hard-line Pharisees refer to Moses. The formerly blind man is alone. In that time, he tells the Pharisees, "Jesus is a prophet." They throw him out of the synagogue. That is like sending him into exile from the fellowship of the community.

Jesus finds him and asks if the man believes in the Son of Man. This title comes from the prophet Daniel of one seated alongside God. The man wants to know more. Jesus replies, "It's the person talking to you." The man's response shows he has come to the point of recognizing Jesus in whom God's light, truth and holiness is coming into the world.

Do we see that? Or do we refuse to see the truth and light in Jesus?

Fr Roger



For your prayers for and with the wider Church

The Anglican Church in Kenya
Ministry with the Torres Strait and Islander people
of Australia
Archbishop Ric and Bishop Paul
The Parish of St Barnabas, Glen Waverley
Fr. Ron on Long Service Leave
The Parish Nominators and Church Wardens

Happenings in St Nichs”

This Week:

Sunday 15th Mothering Sunday

Wednesday 18th 2 p.m. Lenten Study **in Person**, in the Church

Thursday 19th 9.30am Wardens meeting on zoom

7.30 p.m., Lenten Study **on Zoom** Join Zoom Meeting with **link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84953966902?pwd=SFJsRXV5ZlA3SHAocjhoODd1cjZKUTogor>

Meeting ID: 849 5396 6902 Passcode: 772237

Thought for the week from Mothers Union Australia 15th March Building Community

‘Honour her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate’ (*Proverbs 31:31*).

There are some remarkable women in the Bible, women such as Ruth, Esther and Mary and the woman described in Proverbs 31. Both men and women are meant to build community, to care for families, neighbours and those in need. Good community is a way in which God sustains us. Our worldwide Mothers Union is one such community. It is especially important that we pray for each other and care for one another. So much good is done in this way, and the essential role of women in building community is strengthened. We are so grateful to celebrate the 150th year since Mary Sumner initiated such an important work.

Question for thought:

How can I help Mothers Union world-wide?

“Vale” Mrs. Joan Hedricks
Joan’s daughter Dianne advised of
Joan’s peaceful passing Tuesday 10th
March
May she Rest In Peace and Rise In
Glory

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.

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

Body Harmony Moves – Tai Chi 6.30-8.30pm

Parkinson’s Support Group 1 - 3pm (2nd Thursday of the month)

Saturday: Peaceful Living Yoga ‘Restorative’ class
10.00am – 12.00 noon (Dates for 2026 to be advised)

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



Readings and Hymns for the next two weeks	
15th March Lent 4	Readings: I Samuel 16:1 – 13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8 – 14, John 9:1 - 41 Hymns TIS 135 All things bright and beautiful vv1,3,4,5, 129 Amazing Grace, 534 Love his word vv 1,2 3 ,4, 140 Firmly I believe and truly
22nd March Lent 5	Readings: Ezekiel 37:1 – 14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6 – 11 John 11:1 - 45 Hymns TIS 409 O Breath of God, 582 Lead Kindly Light, 344 Glory be to Jesus, 209 And can it be that I have gained vv1, 3, 5

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