



MORDIALLOC MOORINGS

*A weekly newsletter from St Nicholas Anglican Church,
Mordialloc*

2nd May 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

From Fr. Ron

Dear Friends,

Many years ago now, I used to know a priest whose first language wasn't English who used say 'I am the wine' in reading the gospel today. Myself and other clergy would try and tell him the difference between 'vine' and 'wine'. It's an interesting difference because when you think about it, the vine does in fact become wine and in turn becomes the blood of eternal life in the Eucharist.

Jesus uses the image of wine for the new covenant and for the New Testament. The water of the Old Testament was changed into the wine of the new. The cup of wine 'he took and shared' was his blood, his, if you like – life's energy given for us.

The whole biblical imagery of wine as used by Jesus is so powerful, and yet so simple. Wine, comes from the simple grape on a vine. So again we are confronted with the ordinary and the extraordinary, the human and the divine, which are intimately linked in Jesus himself and in the way he speaks for us. The Incarnation (Christmas) leads to the resurrection (Easter), and is all linked to the body.

Everything human is a way to God for us.

Love mingles earth and heaven, for all love is of God. Our moods and feelings, desires and joys, sorrows and griefs, hurts and shame, all lead us to God.

In celebrating the Eucharist, we mingle water and wine, so that we know '*we share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity*'.

As vine and branches draw life from each other, we draw life from the body of Christ in the Eucharist so we can share his love among others and so bear much fruit.

You know, maybe that priest so many years ago knew more than we gave him credit for!

Yours in the Risen Christ.

Fr Ron.



Groups using St Nicholas.....

Now that the COVID restrictions are largely relaxed, various groups have now resumed their activities and are using either the Narthex and/or worship area of St Nicholas. It might be useful for you to know when these groups are in operation, so as to avoid any possible clash.

Groups meet at St Nicholas in the following order:

Sunday: AA 7 - 9pm **Monday:** Yoga 6 - 7.15pm **Thursday:** Yoga 9 - 10.15am & 11am - 12.15pm
Parkinson's Support Group 1 - 3pm
(2nd Thursday of the month)

Friday: AA 11am - 1pm **Saturday:** Yoga 8 - 9.15am



This coming week we have two funerals, celebrating the life of two people who at different times were parishioners of St Nicholas'.

Tuesday – 2.30pm – May Binge (a member of the parish many years ago, but who had been living in the Diamond Creek area.)

Wednesday – 2.30pm – Sue Evans (many would remember Sue, her quiet gentle presence, and her assistance given to the Gallery Committee).

If you are attending either of these services, please remember to register (QR code) as you enter the church. Numbers are limited to 60 inside the worship area.



The Messy Church team meets this Sunday after worship (of course have a cuppa and a chat before hand), to look at resuming Messy Church, starting with the 4th Sunday in May. If you are a member of the team, or are interested in helping come along to the meeting. (June Bryant has previously sent out an email with details)



There is still the need for people to volunteer on the weekly Sunday roster. If you previously used to volunteer (pre-COVID), please consider doing so again.

There is especially the need for people to assist in the 'COVID' clean after the service on Sunday mornings. At present there is a very small group who do this important task, and so more are needed. Any questions regarding the weekly roster please talk to Dale Swenson (0411 248 390)

	Readings for coming weeks...
Easter 6 May 9	Acts 10: 44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-12; John 15: 9-17
Ascension May 16	Acts 1: 1-11, Psalm 93, Ephesians 1: 15-23, Mark 16: 15-20
Day of Pentecost May 23	Acts 2: 1-21. Psalm 104: 26-36, Romans 8: 22-27, John 15: 26-27 & 16: 4b-15

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