

MORWELL & LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISHES

Morwell Catholic Parish Vision Statement

"A welcoming, caring and inclusive community, witnessing to Christ, supporting each other, sharing our faith with all, and affirming the dignity of human life".

Sacred Heart - Morwell
St Vincent de Paul - Morwell East



Lumen Christi Parish Vision Statement

"To reflect the light of Christ to all peoples".

Lumen Christi - Churchill
St Francis de Sales - Boolarra
Our Lady of Good Counsel - Yinnar

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5TH SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR C - 6TH APRIL 2025

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Lent ends on a note of wonder. In already performed for the people, cent. Throughout this season we accomplished in the lives of the people out of bondage, reveal to a land that is bursting with life. yet. The first reading proclaims the gospel, this new thing unfolds rejecting the law nor changing it. might be, serves something higher.

God exceed the authority of the law. Once again we see that the readings of Lent are less concerned with mortification and penance than they are with divine graciousness and our response of joy and thanksgiving. Paul is not satisfied with the blessings of the past. In fact, he considers them rubbish when compared with knowing and being united with Christ. Life with Christ transforms us from people who are caught in sin to women and men who have been forgiven. Life in Christ is the new thing that God has fashioned for us. God is the one who creates something new; we are the ones who are re-created. © Dianne Bergant CSA

I am forgiven

the face of all the mighty works that God has God promises something even more magnifi- have reflected on the marvels that God ac- ple, cutting a covenant with Abraham, leading ing God's own personal name, bring them in- Now God says: You haven't seen anything that something new is about to appear. In before our eyes. Here we see Jesus neither Instead, he shows that the law, as good as it He shows that the mercy and compassion of

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

We want to say a big THANK YOU
to all of our volunteers across the parishes.
Your dedication, selflessness, and love for your
Parish make everything possible.

We truly couldn't do it without you.
Your commitment is an inspiration to us all.

Your service is a blessing to MCP and LC

MASS TIMINGS

WEEKDAYS MASSES THIS WEEK

Tue - 9.15am - Sacred Heart

10.30am - Mitchell House NH

Wed - 9.15am - St Vincent's

Thu - 5.00pm - Lumen Christi

Fri - 9.15am - Sacred Heart

10.30am - Requiem Mass - SH - Branko Kolic

2pm - Funeral Service - Julia Peterson

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Palm Sunday

Sat - 5pm - St Vincent's

Sun - 9am - Lumen Christi

Sun - 10.30am - Sacred Heart

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 4.45pm - THU - Lumen Christi

4pm - FRI - Sacred Heart (Italian); 5pm - FRI - St Vincents

FOR ANY EMERGENCIES or BOOKINGS PLEASE CALL : **51342849** OR Morwell@cdsale.org.au

RCIA MEETING: Thursdays at 7.30pm, Tennis clubrooms

JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS : will meet on Sunday, 6th April, at 2.00pm in the Tennis Centre.

† **RECENTLY DECEASED:** Julia Peterson

† **MASS INTENTIONS:** Rita Heinemann, Pierino Moretti, Michele Marino, Callistus Fernando

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK : We pray for Pope Francis, Pat Van der Zalm, Roman Braczkowski, Dominic Manzo, Reji Roy, Fr. Andrew Wise, Andrzej Armata, James Whitty, Leanne Embleton, Beverly and Richard Pendlebury

FEAST DAYS : St John Baptist de la salle, St Stanislaus



LENTEN RECONCILIATION 9th April, 7pm at Sacred Heart

We will be having the Oblate priests from Moe to help us. We appreciate their assistance in helping us and thank them for their time and eagerness to help. As

Combined Parishes let us take advantage of this graceful time while the 3 priests are present. **Come and experience the mercy of God on this evening.**



MCP- EASTER WORKING BEE

We are looking for as many volunteers as possible to help get the Church and surrounding gardens looking beautiful for our Easter ceremonies. The Easter working bee will be held at **Sacred Heart on the 13th April from 8.30am.** Please come and spare an hour - more hands make lighter work.

MCP & LC HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES 2025



Lenten Reconciliation: **9th April - 7pm**



PALM SUNDAY : 12th/13th April

Saturday, 5pm: St Vincent's
Sunday, 9am: Lumen Christi
10.30am: Sacred Heart

TENEBRAE: 7.30pm Lumen Christi 15th



HOLY THURSDAY : 17th April

The Lord's Supper
7.30pm: Lumen Christi

GOOD FRIDAY : 18th April

10.00am: Youth Stations of the Cross
@ Sacred Heart Grounds
3pm: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

@ Sacred Heart & Lumen Christi



EASTER VIGIL : 19th April

Saturday, 7.30pm: Sacred Heart

EASTER SUNDAY : 20th April

9.00am: Lumen Christi
10.30am: Sacred Heart

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DATES	COMMENTATOR	READER	READER	EUCH-MINISTERS
SAT 5/04	CLAUDIA DAVIES	MONICA LAPPIN	JOE DEGUARA	MICHAEL EDGAR
SUN 6/04	FILOMENNA DELLA FORTUNA	JACKIE COOMBER	ROSA FURFARI LANGMAID	SUE BYE
SAT 12/04	MICHAEL EDGAR	VAL PANTHER	LYNN REID	MARLENE THOMPSON
SUN 13/04	ANAMI JAGIN	ELSIE VONKS	MARY BILIC	DOMINIC MANZO
COLLECTION FROM LAST WEEK				
MCP	ENV/DD	\$2,465.55	PRESBY TERY	\$458.57
LUMEN CHRISTI	ENV/DD	\$535.00	PRESBY TERY	\$257.00

We are committed to the safety, well being and dignity of all children and adults at risk.

Resuming Holy Communion under both species

GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

From Holy Thursday this year all Communicants will be able to receive Holy Communion under both species – that is the Body and Blood of Christ. If you wish

to receive the Precious Blood - **the choice is yours**. Bow your head and shoulders slightly as the person before you are receiving from the chalice. Approach the Priest or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion and he or she will hold the chalice in front of you and say, "The Blood of Christ" to which you respond, "Amen". The Priest or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion will then hand you the chalice. Grasp the chalice firmly with both hands and bring it to your lips, taking care not to spill any of the Precious Blood. Take a small sip of the Precious Blood and hand the chalice back to the minister who will wipe its rim to prepare it for the next communicant. Do not carry the Host with the intention of dipping it into the Precious Blood. Communicants may not dip the Sacred Host into the chalice for two reasons: first because of the liturgical principle, that the communicant should receive the Precious Blood rather than taking it (in this case, by dipping the Host into it); second because there is danger of dripping some drops of the Precious Blood. Remember: when you receive the Host you are receiving the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The same is true for receiving the Blood of Christ. Also, in order to receive from the cup you must first receive the Body of Christ.

LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH NEWS

LC ROSARY 10am Saturday 10am. All are Welcome! "Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart". - St Padre Pio



R.I.P - JULIA PETERSON We extend our sincere condolences to the Peterson family on the death, during the week, of Julia. May she rest in peace. The funeral service for Julia will be held at Lumen Christi on the 11th of April at 2pm.



Congratulations to Michael & Helen Dyson who celebrated their **50th Wedding Anniversary** recently. May God continue to bless them for each and every day.

CONGRATULATIONS/THANK YOU-A special note of congratulations to the seven children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. It was a wonderful occasion. A special thanks to all the parishioners who brought along morning tea. It was a feast to behold. We also extend our congratulations to the fifteen extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion who were commissioned during the mass.

HOLY THURSDAY MUSIC/CHOIR: If you would like to join us in choir for the Holy Thursday mass at Lumen Christi, please come along to our rehearsal on Tuesday 8th April at 6:30pm at Lumen Christi Church. Feel free to come along or contact Nathan on 0402 760 175 to register your interest or for any questions.

TENEBRAE - (Service Of Shadows)

An Invitation is extended to MCP to come and share in our Tenebrae Service this year. In this beautiful ceremony we hear 7 Readings depicting Jesus in His last hours. Our friends from the Co-operating Churches in Churchill will again be sharing this Service with us. Details for the Service are as follows:

Date: Tuesday 15th April, 2025

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Lumen Christi Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Our lady of Good Counsel Yinnar, in conjunction with the Co-operating Church Boolarra, Good Friday, 18th April, 10.00am.

LUMEN CHRISTI ROSTER

DATES	READER	COMMUNION MINISTERS	COUNTERS	MUSIC
6/04	T COLWELL M COLLINS	M ANSWERTH	H JUNKER	TBA
13/04	M & H DYSON	T COLWELL	T COLWELL	M FOSTER

FOLLOW JESUS ON HIS PATH OF LOVE TO HIS DEATH

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE

10am
Sacred Heart Church Grounds

Cross

Presented by the Parishes Youth

steps of HOPE

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8th-22nd October, 2025

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**CONTACT: 0419 899 091 - MARIE D'ALIA
PRIEST CHAPLAIN: FR JAMES FERNANDEZ**

"Be the hands and feet of change - volunteer and make a difference!"

Entrance Antiphon: Cf.Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is
faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue
me, for you, O God, are my strength

First Reading: Is 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the
sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and
horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay
there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a
wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think
about what was done before. See, I am doing a new
deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in
the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and
ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilder-
ness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people
drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing
my praises.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125.Rv.3

**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Phil 3:8-14

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians**

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the
supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I
look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can
have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no
longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the
perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only
the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and
is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know
Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share
his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his
death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in
the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become
perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still run-
ning, trying to capture the prize for which Christ
Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I
am far from thinking that I have already won. All I
can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead

for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish,
for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive
in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation J12:12-13

**Praise to you ,Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!**

With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
**Praise to you ,Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!**

Gospel: Jn 8:1-11

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he
appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people
came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.
The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along
who had been caught committing adultery; and mak-
ing her stand there in full view of everybody, they
said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the
very act of committing adultery, and Moses has
ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to
death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked
him this as a test, looking for something to use
against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing
on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with
their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one
of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to
throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote
on the ground again. When they heard this they went
away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Je-
sus was left alone with the woman, who remained
standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman,
where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No
one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,'
said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'



CHRISM MASS

In the year of Jubilee- Pilgrims of Hope

Join Bishop Greg Bennet and the
Clergy of our Diocese
at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale
on Tuesday, 15th April 2025
at 11.00 am.



YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CELEBRATION

"Fast from words, be silent and listen" - Pope Francis