

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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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 20TH JULY, 2025

SUNDAY REFLECTION

"You are anxious and worried about many things."

How many of us can relate to that? How worried and anxious are we? Count the ways. Our worries can range from balancing the cheque book, to dreading the morning headlines, to gazing at the skies for signs of storms, to googling science websites for details about moles and rashes. And so this Sunday, in the middle of that kind of frenzy — a frenzy that certainly had its own variations in first century Palestine — we hear Jesus say to Martha those relatable words: "You are anxious and worried about many things." What can we do about it? The Gospel this Sunday gives us a clue. To understand the story of Martha and Mary, it helps to put it in context. Last weekend, St. Luke gave us the parable of the Good Samaritan and a lesson in caring for our neighbour, wherever we may find him. Having taught that lesson, Jesus next goes to visit Martha and Mary. To the busiest of the two, Martha, Jesus says: "There is need of only one thing." He doesn't explain what that is. He doesn't have to. He has already told us, in the story of The Good Samaritan: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your being, with all your strength and with all your mind. And your neighbour as yourself." This Sunday, we see that in the flesh. Mary is fulfilling the first half of that: loving her Lord with all her heart. And Martha, in her own frenzied but well-meaning way fulfilling the second part: loving — and serving — her neighbour. The challenge to us today is to combine those, to bring them together, the same way that Mary and Martha are brought together to share the same house and live under one roof. But how? How do we find the time to love the Lord and love our neighbour and get done what we need to do? About 400 years ago, in France, there was a young man by the name of Nicholas Herman who had spent much of his youth as a soldier and eventually decided to enter a Carmelite monastery. He took the name "Brother Lawrence." He was assigned to kitchen duty and he hated it; but it was in the kitchen, amid all the noise and frenzy, he found a way to God. He later wrote down his thoughts in letters that were collected in a little book, "The Practice of the Presence of God," that has become a spiritual classic. Brother Lawrence wrote that even in the noise of the kitchen, he possessed God as if he were praying before the Blessed Sacrament. He wrote: "It is not necessary for being with God to be always at church. We may make an oratory of our heart, wherein to retire from time to time, to converse with him in meekness, humility and love." His secret was simple: he spent every moment reminding himself of the nearness of God. Understanding that, Brother Lawrence made even mundane kitchen work a prayer. It's the kind of prayer that Jesus was calling on Martha to pray. All these centuries later, he calls on all of us to live and pray that way — to discover in the long work week and the carpools and the chores and the umpteen unfinished projects of daily life something sacred. We need to remember that God is present in all of it. We need to be grateful for that, and to celebrate that, and to never take it for granted. As Brother Lawrence put it, it is all about striving to practice the presence of God — in effect, adoring him like Mary, serving him like Martha, welcoming the Lord into our lives and, prayerfully and joyfully, taking him into the world. If we do that, it may bring us one step closer to living the message of today's Gospel. Too often, we may all seem as busy and as anxious as Martha. But we can also bear witness — listen and love — like Mary. Doing that can make every moment one in which we practice the presence of God.

Deacon Greg Kandra@catholic courier

MASS TIMINGS

WEEKDAYS MASSES THIS WEEK

Tue - No Mass

Wed - No Mass

Thu - No Mass

Fri - No Mass

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5pm - St Vincent's

9am - SFDS Boolarra

10.30am - Sacred Heart

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

LEGION OF MARY: Tuesdays 10am at the Parish Centre.

CRAFT GROUP: Thursdays 10 - 2pm - Tennis Clubrooms

† **RECENTLY DECEASED:** Angela Giglio

† **MASS INTENTIONS:** Sam Calla, Domenico Pupo, Donato Marino, Harriet Amarasekara, Angelo, Peter, Victorio and Luciano Bassanese

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We pray for Pat Van der Zalm, Roman Braczkowski, Dominic Manzo, Reji Roy, Fr. Andrew Wise, Leanne Embleton and John Osborne

FEAST DAYS: St Lawrence of Brindisi, St Mary Magdalene, St Bridget, St Sharbel Mahkluf, St James, St Joachim and Anne

JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of
the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.



Our Lenten Alms-giving support for **Maximo Lasco School** has been truly inspiring. Parishioners from LC & MCP gave so generously and this week Thelma Davies travelled to see the packages put to good use. The smiles of the children and teachers say it all – what our generous hearts can do for those less fortunate. We thank each and every one of you for your kindness, and a special thank you

to Thelma, whose inspiration and drive made this possible. **May God bless you all for your selfless giving, and may His love continue to guide your hearts.**

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DATES	COMMENTATOR	READER	READER	EUCH-MINISTERS
SAT 19/07	JULIE CAUCHI	VAL PANTHER	LYNN REID	MARLENE THOMPSON
SUN 20/07	RON FORMARAN	ANAMI JAGIN	MARY BILIC	KEITH MCGRATH
SAT 26/07	JULIE CAUCHI	JANELLE SZKWAREK	CLAUDIA DAVIES	LYNN REID
SUN 27/07	SHIRLEY PROSSER	THELMA DAVIES	RON FORMARAN	SARITHA GILS

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COLLECTION FROM LAST WEEK			
MCP	PLANNED GIVING \$1908.65	PRESBYTERY \$465.85	PETERS PENCE \$320.20
LUMEN CHRISTI	PLANNED GIVING \$403.00	PRESBYTERY \$278.50	PETERS PENCE \$108.60

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



Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults

R.C.I.A.: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Have you considered becoming a Catholic or want to know more about the Catholic faith? We will be starting our workshop in September. Perhaps you know someone that you could ask and offer to accompany. For more information or assistance, please contact the office. Tel: 51342849

THANK YOU, Fr. Bickley, for celebrating Mass with us these past two weekends. Your presence and prayers have been a blessing to our community. May God continue to bless you abundantly! As we look forward to the next three weekends, we welcome Fr. Mark Godridge with open hearts and prayers. May God guide him in his time with us.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX INITIATIVE 2025 JULY COLLECTION

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It is a hands-on way for you to bless children in need across the world by filling shoe-boxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts. In July we will be collecting : **SCHOOL SUPPLIES (NEW ITEMS ONLY)** Please see some examples listed in the church foyer.



Last Sunday, the Italian Catholic Federation held its fundraiser for the LRH Hospital in support of purchasing equipment used during kidney surgery. It was a tremendous turnout, and we are pleased to announce that **over \$3,500** was raised! A heartfelt thank you to the dedicated committee for their hard work in making this event both fun and successful, and to everyone who attended or donated in support of this important cause. The Italian Catholic Federation deeply appreciates your generosity and commitment. **May God bless you all for your kindness and support.**

A BIG WARM THANK YOU

Thank you to all who generously donated towards making the heaters functional again at St. Vincent's Church. With your kindness, we were able to raise **\$3,970.00** and we are happy to share that the heaters are now working again! Your support truly reflects the spirit of community and charity. May God bless each of you abundantly for your kindness, and may your hearts always be filled with His love and peace.



We wish Fr. James a very joyful and blessed birthday as he celebrates with his family and friends. May his time away be filled with peace, rest, and God's grace. We eagerly await his safe return and pray for his continued strength and guidance upon his return.



JUBILEE CALENDAR

AUGUST 16TH JUBILEE OF PRAYER GROUPS - St Josephs Church Wonthaggi

LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH NEWS

NO WEEKLY SATURDAY ROSARY will be held at Lumen Christi from the 19th July - 2nd August incl.

4TH SUNDAY MASS - 9.00am SUNDAY 27TH JULY

will be held at St Francis De Sales Catholic Church, Church St (all ability access) in Boolarra. There will be **NO** 9.00am Mass at Lumen Christi on this day.



A BIG THANKYOU to everyone who stayed back for morning tea to say a long-awaited farewell to Tim (Spud) and his sister Kay. It was good to see that he was well and starting to settle in to his new accommodation. If any of our parishioners would like to contact Spud, please feel free to contact Angela for details. Thankyou also to everyone who helped with setting-up, serving and bringing some delicious food to share.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK,



Bishop Greg is inviting our diocesan family to participate in a Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations — a special time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, asking the Lord of the Harvest to inspire more men and women to the answer the call to priesthood and religious life. Let us be united in prayer as individuals, families, youth, and prayer groups for more vocations. Place and Time: **Saturday,**

2nd August, 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon, St Mary's Cathedral, Sale

STAY UPDATED ON DIOCESAN EVENTS!



There are many exciting events happening across our Diocese! Stay informed and up to date by visiting the Diocesan Events Page. It's a great resource to find details on upcoming celebrations, gatherings, and important dates. Visit:

<https://www.cdsale.org.au/events>

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY:

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

LUMEN CHRISTI ROSTER

DATES	READER	COMMUNION MINISTERS	COUNTERS	MUSIC
20/07	BONNICI FAMILY	MARG C, PATRICIA, ANGELO	T VAN ROSSUM	N KLEP
27/07	BOOLARRA		R & J BENNETT	R ARM-STRONG

"God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail " - Pope Leo XIV

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading: Gen 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.' Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5

**(R.) The just will live
in the presence of the Lord.**

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R.)**

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Col 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery

is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

