

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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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

SUNDAY REFLECTION

The wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making. Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society. The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them. © Dianne Bergant CSA

BLESSING PRAYER FOR FATHERS

Lord God, who is Father of all,
send your blessing down on
these men who are fathers.
For those who in the night who
worry for their child,
grant them your comfort.
For those who in the day work
and struggle to provide for
their child,
send them your Strength.
For those who mourn a child,
hold them in your love.
For those who play, laugh, sing
and dance with their child,
you share in their joy.
Lord God, who is Father of all,
walk with these fathers,
in the light times and the dark.
Bless them, and may they
each be a living symbol
of your fatherly love;
a symbol to their children
and all who they encounter.
We make this prayer through
Christ our Lord. Amen.



NAPCAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS



MASS TIMINGS

WEEKDAYS MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon - 10 am - Sacred Heart

Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tue - 9.15 am - Sacred Heart

10.30 am - Mitchell House - NH

Wed - 9.15 am - St Vincent's

Thu - 5 pm - Lumen Christi

Fri - 11 am - Sacred Heart - Requiem Mass - Luigi Palermo

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat - 5pm - St Vincent's

Sun - 9am - Lumen Christi

Sun - 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

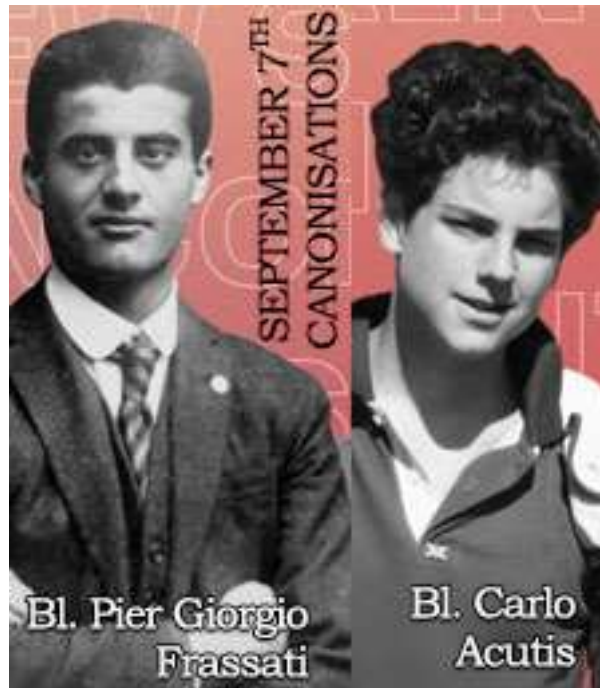
JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS: will meet Sunday 14th September, 2.00pm Tennis Clubroom

† **RECENTLY DECEASED:** Luigi Palermo

† **MASS INTENTIONS:** John and Alan Langmaid

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

FEAST DAYS : The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary , St Peter Claver, St John Chrysostom



CHILD SAFETY WEEK 7TH - 13TH SEP

EVERY CONVERSATION MATTERS: SHIFTING CONVERSATION TO ACTION

This theme highlights that while open discussions are crucial, words alone are not enough: we must turn dialogue into meaningful action. NAPCAN acknowledges that while conversations can raise awareness, challenge harmful norms, and spark new ideas, real change happens when we take steps to create safer environments for children that prevent them from harm. This year, we are focusing on moving beyond conversations to concrete actions that prevent harm and instead, focussing on strengthening support systems, and empowering communities to actively protect children. By shifting from conversation to action, we can ensure that every child not only feels heard but also experiences real safety, care, and protection.

PARISH LUNCHEON @maltese club

TICKETS ON SALE NOW AFTER MASS

TWO COURSE MEAL FOR \$20

12 Noon 14th Sep

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE:

Today the Special Collection is for the Priests' Welfare Foundation and the proceeds will go towards the support of the sick or retired priests and deacons of our Diocese and the overseas priests in time of sickness. By clicking on <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> it will make it easy for you to make a donation. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible. There are envelopes in the church foyers which can be used for making a donation.

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| DATES | COMMENTATOR | READER | READER | EUCH-MINISTERS |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| SAT 6/09 | JULIE CAUCHI | VAL PANTHER | JANELLE SZKWAREK | MICHAEL EDGAR |
| SUN 7/09 | EVELINA | ROSA FURFARI LANGMAID | JACKIE COOMBER | IZI FILO |
| SAT 13/09 | JOE DEGUARA | SHIRLEY PROSSER | MARION ZAMMIT | LYNN REID |
| SUN 14/09 | MARIA CORNELL | MARITA EDWARDS | THELMA DAVIES | ELSIE VONKS |

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| COLLECTION FROM LAST WEEK | | | LEAVING COLLECTION TODAY |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| MCP | PLANNED GIVING \$2047.45 | PRESBYTERY \$560.80 | |
| LUMEN CHRISTI | PLANNED GIVING \$432.00 | PRESBYTERY \$302.65 | |

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - EVENT SUPPORT

We are seeking dedicated volunteers to help make our upcoming Migrant Jubilee a success! Volunteer Opportunities Available:

Event setup and preparation

Car parking assistance and traffic management

Greeting and assisting parishioners and visitors

General support to ensure all attendees' needs are met

Your helping hands will make a real difference in creating a welcoming and well-organized experience for everyone attending. If you can spare some time to volunteer in any capacity, please contact the office to let us know your availability.



JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS - CHOIR PRACTICE

Come and be part of this special celebration:

Choir practice

**Wednesday
6.30pm Sacred
Heart Church.**



LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY ROSARY - We welcome parishioners and friends to join in our Saturday Rosary held from 10-10.30am at Lumen Christi Church. *"The prayer of the Rosary is perfect because of the praises it offers, the lessons it teaches, the graces it obtains, and the victories it achieves."* - Pope Benedict XV

FATHER'S DAY MORNING TEA - to celebrate our wonderful fathers and father-figures; will be held this Sunday following 9.00am Mass. Please bring a plate to share if possible.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

WHEN: The RCIA will begin meetings on Thursday, 18th of September, 7.30 p.m.

WHERE: Meetings are held in the Tennis Rooms behind the Sacred Heart Church.

WHO: Meetings are open to people who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith or reconnect with their Faith. A small team of Parishioners lead the process.

Members of our Parish have a really important role to ask friends and family if they would like to be involved and then to bring them along.

LUMEN CHRISTI SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS AT GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

Dear Parents,

Lumen Christi Sacramental Program for students at Government Schools will begin again shortly.

Grade 3, 2025, students are eligible to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Reconciliation will be held on November 19th 2025 and the 1st preparation lesson will be held on Sunday, October 19th at Lumen Christi, after 9.00am Mass.

These students will then be eligible for First Eucharist in term 1, 2026.

Confirmation for Grade 6 students will be held in Term 2, 2026.

For further information and/or enrolment please contact Helen Dyson at helenmdyson@hotmail.com or 0412 773 417.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES - MCP

We are preparing to order the Planned Giving envelopes, and we invite you to consider joining this important initiative. Your support helps sustain and maintain our churches, cover necessary repairs and upkeep, and ensures that our priest can continue to serve our community. If you'd like to be part of the Planned Giving program, please contact the parish office. Your generosity is deeply appreciated, and together we can continue to care for and grow our parish community. If you would like to join please let the office know Tel: 51342849

Please help support our Parish



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX INITIATIVE 2025 SEPTEMBER 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 shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts. In September we will be collecting:

SMALL TOYS AND MONETARY (POSTAGE COST)

Please see some examples listed in the church foyer.



JOIN US FOR A PARISH LUNCH! MALTESE CLUB - SEPTEMBER 14TH

Come together for a delicious 2-course meal featuring a choice of beef or pork with all the trimmings, plus a tasty dessert, all for just **\$20!**

Drinks available for purchase, and don't miss the exciting **Raffle Prize** up for grabs! Lunch coupons will be sold after mass. **Let's share good food, great company, and make memories together!**



7th - Jubilee of Justice
St Mary's Church, Bairnsdale
13th - Jubilee of Consolation
St Michael's Church, Berwick
28th - Jubilee of Catechists
St Mary's Church, Maffra



LUMEN CHRISTI ROSTER

| DATES | READER | COMMUNION MINISTERS | COUNTERS | MUSIC |
|-------|------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| 7/09 | T COLWELL M COLLINS | CATHERINE BERNICE ANGELO | T VAN ROSSUM | TBA |
| 14/09 | L & A VAN EYK | MARG C PATRICIA, MARG MC | B CONNOLLY | ANGELO |

"Peace be with all of you " - Pope Leo XIV

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading: Wis 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had
you not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been
straightened and men been taught what pleases
you, and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6. 12-14.17

**(R.) In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.**

You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Phlm 9-10,12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you

could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'



NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

24th Week in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-32