

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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2ND SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR C - 16TH MARCH 2025

SUNDAY REFLECTION



The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. The first divine epiphany is the manifestation of God as one who initiates a covenant, an intimate relationship with human beings. Not only does God initiate this agreement, but God also seals it with blood, making it official. Although we ritualise our relationship with God in a religious setting, the call to enter into the covenant can come in the ordinary events of life. The important thing to remember about this covenant is that God enters into our lives and initiates the relationship. No life is too simple; no life is too busy. Human history in all of its contours is the setting for the encounter with God. The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ.

We see this suffering all around us. God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence. God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see. © Dianne Bergant CSA



GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We encourage the youth (between the age 12 -25) to be part of re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, at the Sacred Heart precincts this year. It involves a few practices prior to the Good Friday stations.

Interested youth please contact the office:
Tel: 51 342849

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

THURSDAY:

4.45pm

Lumen Christi

FRIDAY:

4pm (Italian)
Sacred Heart

5pm :

St Vincent's



MASS TIMINGS

WEEKDAYS MASSES THIS WEEK

Tue - 9.15am - Sacred Heart

10.30 am - St Hilary's NH

Wed - NO MASS Clergy Reflection Day

Thu - 5pm - Lumen Christi

Fri - 9.15am - Sacred Heart

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

3rd Sunday of Lent

Sat - 5pm - St Vincent's

4th Sun - 9am - SFDS, Boolarra

Sun - 10.30am - Sacred Heart

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

RCIA MEETING: Thursdays at 7.30pm, Tennis clubrooms

LEGION OF MARY: Tuesdays 10.00am Parish Office

† **RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ken Harding

† **MASS INTENTION:** Maria Francesca Larocca, Jalina Alfaro

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

FEAST DAYS: St Patrick, St Cyril of Jerusalem, St Joseph

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father and guide us
in the path of life. Obtain for us grace,
mercy and courage, and defend us
from every evil. Amen

Pope Francis 2020

UNITE AGAINST POVERTY
this Lent

PROJECT COMPASSION 2025

Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



OUR LENTEN SACRIFICE TO AID MAXIMO LASCO SCHOOL, PHILIPPINES

As we embrace this time of sacrifice and seek opportunities to help the less fortunate, we invite you to join us in supporting underprivileged children in their education.

Items that can be dropped in the baskets placed in the foyers are:

CRAYONS, PENCILS, BALL PENS, PENCIL CASES, COLOURING BOOKS, RULERS, PAPER GLUE, SCISSORS, ERASERS, SCHOOL BAGS, PLAY DOUGH.



PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES ARE IN THE CHURCH FOYERS

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DATE S	COMMENTATOR	READER	READER	EUCH-MINISTERS
SAT 15/03	JANELLE SZKWAREK	LYNN REID	ROSE MICALLEF	MARLENE THOMPSON
SUN 16/03	MARIA CORNELL	SANDRA MAK	GORDON SALVADOR	NINA FARELL
SAT 22/03	JOE DEGUARA	SHIRLEY PROSSER	CLAUDIA DAVIES	LYNN REID
SUN 23/03	SHERRIN SHAJI	CARMELA HEINEMANN	MARIETA EDWARDS	SANDRA BIJU

COLLECTION FROM LAST WEEK

MCP	ENV/DD	\$2,235.95	PRESBY TERY	\$530.25
LUMEN CHRISTI	ENV/DD	N/A	PRESBY TERY	N/A

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



PLANNED GIVING: MCP

New Plan giving envelopes will be ready soon for distribution for the upcoming months. If you haven't yet joined and would like to support the parish through your contributions, we

encourage you to contact the parish office. Your generosity plays a vital role in covering essential expenses and preserving our beautiful churches. We are sincerely grateful to our current contributors and warmly welcome new members to take part in this important ministry. Now more than ever, your support is needed to sustain and strengthen our parish.

Together, let's make a lasting impact.



A heartfelt thanks to Michael Dyson for leading our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in two enriching workshops at both of our parishes. His guidance helped renew our understanding of the significance and sacredness of this ministry. We are truly grateful for his time, wisdom, and dedication, which have deepened our love for this sacred service.



HOLY WEEK— CHOIR PRACTICE

We are having combined services for Holy Week with Lumen Christi. Our practice will start on **Monday 24th March at 6pm** in the Sacred Heart Church.

YEAR OF THE JUBILEE – 5TH OCTOBER, MIGRANT SUNDAY

As part of our **Jubilee Year 2025** celebrations, we are honoured to host **Migrant Sunday** on **5th October** together with Lumen Christi at **Sacred Heart Church, 2.30pm**. A Jubilee Committee has been formed, and planning is underway for our October event, along with other Jubilee celebrations in a small but meaningful way. Committee members will soon be reaching out for your support to help make this a truly special community event.

Let's come together to celebrate Migrant Sunday and make it a memorable occasion for all.

COME AND SEE a call to the Priesthood. An opportunity to meet others who are discerning a vocation to Ministry, and hearing from Priests, stories of their life and call to ministry. A stirring in your heart for God? What this might mean for you? Could Jesus be inviting you to share in his ministry as a Priest? When: **Sunday 30 March 3.00 - 4.00pm** Where: St Michaels Parish, 33-35 Kay St Traralgon.



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION: FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI WEEKLY ROSARY

Held every Saturday 10.00am . All Welcome!

Rite of Election for Catechumens and the Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates

An invitation is extended to all catechumens, candidates, and their families, RCIA team members and parishioners to the Rite of Election, to be celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet on: **Sunday 16th March at 3.00 pm in St. Mary's ,Cathedral, Sale.** Please pray for our Parish RCIA participants.

VALE KEN HARDING

Ken has been a wonderful support to Lumen Christi Parish and School over many years. He is one of the founding fathers of Lumen Christi and has contributed in so many ways to the life of our parish. May he rest in peace. His funeral service will be at Lumen Christi church at 1pm on Monday the 17th of March.

JUBILEE OF VOLUNTEERS

The Jubilee of the World of Volunteering is an opportunity to thank, affirm and encourage the many lay people who contribute to the world through volunteering. The Diocese of Sale is pleased to announce the Jubilee of Volunteers, a special occasion to celebrate and recognise the invaluable contributions of volunteers across all our parishes. This event will take place on **Saturday, 5:00pm, 29 March 2025, at St Brendan's Parish, Lakes Entrance.** This Jubilee celebration is an opportunity to give thanks for the dedication of volunteers and reflect on the importance of service in the Church. For Christians, volunteer work is not merely an expression of good will. It is based on a personal experience of Christ. He was the first to serve humanity, he freely gave his life for the good of all.

Reflections from the Diocesan Assembly delegates:

I went to the assembly feeling negative about what we could achieve. But over the 2 days the Holy Spirit proved me very wrong as it was a very uplifting time. 220 delegates, representing parishes in Narre Warren to Phillip Island, Orbost, Mallacoota & everywhere in between, being there to assist the Diocesan Mission Council & Bishop Greg prioritise Pastoral actions for the next 5 years. There was consensus that we work harder to reach the children & youth along with their families through the schools & various communication modes, as this was the future of the Church. If these & all the other recommendations are enacted then I have great hope for the future of the Church.
To quote Bishop Greg "Have courage, engage & listen" - Sue Townsend

LUMEN CHRISTI ROSTER

DATES	READER	COMMUNION MINISTERS	COUNTERS	MUSIC
16/03	BONNICI FAMILY	B VAN ROSSUM	B CONNOLLY	N KLEP
23/03	BOOLARRA		R & J BENNETT	R ARMSTRONG

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

Entrance Antiphon: Cf.Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First Reading: Gen 15:5-12.17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 26:1.7-9,13-14

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' **(R.)**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help **(R.)**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

Second Reading: Phil 3:17-4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into

copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him

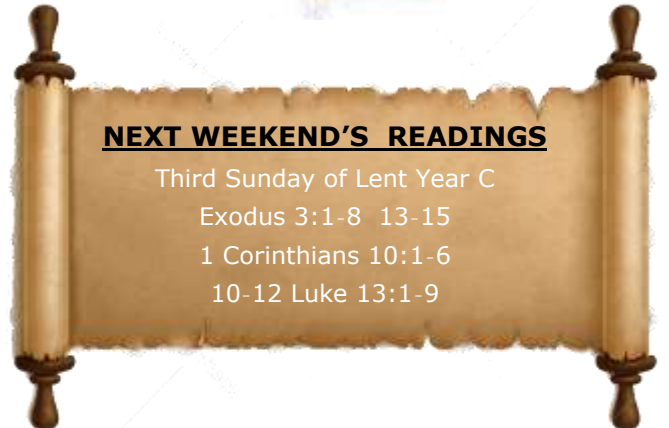
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Gospel: Lk 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

They saw his glory



NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Lent Year C

Exodus 3:1-8 13-15

1 Corinthians 10:1-6

10-12 Luke 13:1-9

"Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude "- Pope Francis