

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 Church - 262 Commercial Road, Morwell

Lumen Christi Parish Vision Statement

"To reflect the light of Christ to all peoples"

Lumen Christi Church - Williams Avenue, Churchill

St Francis de Sales - 27 Tarwin Street, Boolarra

Our Lady of Good Counsel - 74 Main Street, Yinnar



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

Matthew 21:33-43



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FRIDAY 10AM - 1PM



A BRIEF LIFE OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

CELEBRATING 800 YEARS SINCE HIS DEATH

A joyful beginning: Born into a wealthy family in Assisi, Francis enjoyed a cheerful and generous youth. He loved the company of others and dreamed of becoming a great knight, winning honour for his family.

A turning point: The reality of war, imprisonment and illness was very different from what he had imagined. These experiences led him to question worldly success and to search for a deeper purpose in life.

A call from Christ: While praying in the little church of San Damiano, Francis heard the voice of Jesus say, "Francis, go and repair my Church, which, as you see, is falling completely to ruin."

At first he rebuilt churches with his own hands, but he gradually understood that God was calling him to rebuild the Church through living and sharing the Gospel.

A new way of life: Francis gave up his wealth and privilege and chose a life of prayer, poverty and service. He cared for the poor, sick and lepers, and embraced all people, seeing everyone as a brother or sister in Christ.

A love for all creation: Francis recognised all creation as a gift from God, our loving Father. He showed great care and respect for animals, nature and the whole world, praising God through all of creation.

A lasting legacy: Others were inspired by his joyful and humble way of life and joined him, forming a community of friars. Near the end of his life, Francis received the stigmata. He died in 1226 and was canonised in 1228. His life continues to call us to live the Gospel with simplicity, compassion, joy and care for all creation.

Source: 'A Brief Account of the Life of St Francis' — Capuchin Franciscan Friars Australia.

4 OCTOBER

SUNDAY 2.00PM

SACRED HEART MORWELL

In honour of
St Francis of Assisi

This Jubilee Year dedicated in his honor to mark the eight centenary of his death.

BISHOP
GREG BENNETT
WILL BE PRESIDING
ALONG WITH
FR PAUL
MASS IN ITALIAN



5134-2849

PARISH OFFICE

4 WILSON STREET, MORWELL

LEGION OF MARY: Tuesdays 10am at the Parish Centre

CRAFT GROUP: Thursdays 10am till 2pm Tennis Clubrooms

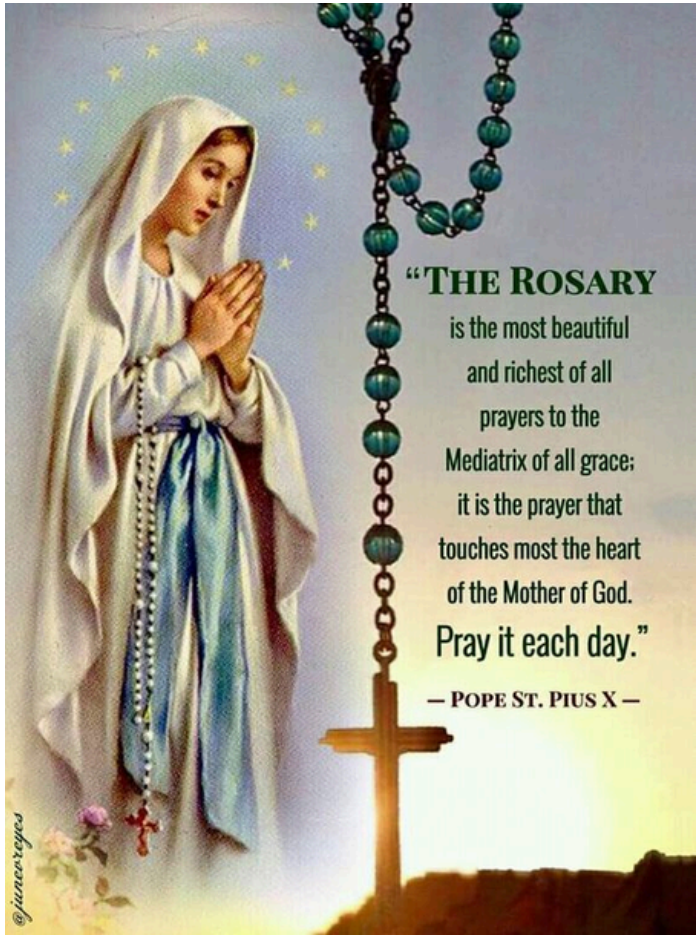
RCIA MEETING: Next Week Thursday 7pm - Tennis Clubrooms

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Darling

MASS INTENTION: Onofrio Russo, Martha Hall, Richard Cannot, Varkey Vettikatt

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK : We pray for Pat Van der Zalm, Kerry Licciardi, Andrew Nardino, John and Paul Osborne, Maria Spehar, Maria Pulis, Vera & Tony Gray, Dominic Manzo.

FEAST DAYS : St Faustina Kowalska, St Bruno, Our Lady of the Rosary, Sts Denis and companions, St John Leonardi, St John Henry Newman



Fr. Paul's Corner

This weekend we honour **St Francis of Assisi**, as we commemorate the 800 years since his death.

Some of his great works is found in his devotion to his mission of community. He lived out the Gospel and in doing so attracted the youth and built them up into a community, as well as bring together an order.

As we mark this occasion let us bring this spirit into our parish and may we learn from him and build up our community.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

Morwell Planned Giving - \$1720.05
Morwell Presbytery - \$534.50

Churchill Planned Giving - \$385.00
Churchill Presbytery - \$360.00

AUSTRALIA NEEDS FATIMA

PUBLIC ROSARY

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER
 SACRED HEART CHURCH
 12:00 PM
More details to follow



A BIG THANK YOU TO KEVIN!
We would like to sincerely thank our Express Courier, Kevin Answerth, for once again taking on the huge task of delivering our Planned Giving envelopes to parishioners. Kevin generously commits himself to this job each time, helping ensure the envelopes reach everyone's homes. We are very grateful for his time, generosity and continued support of our parish. May God bless Kevin abundantly for all that he does.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN PLANNED GIVING?

Every contribution, large or small, helps support the life and work of Morwell Catholic Parish. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to join.

MASS TIMINGS	
WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEKEND MASSES
TUESDAY - NO MASS	5PM - SACRED HEART, MORWELL
WEDNESDAY - 9.15AM - ST VINCENT CHAPEL	9.00AM - LUMEN CHRISTI, CHURCHILL
THURSDAY - 5.00PM LUMEN CHRISTI	10.30AM - SACRED HEART, MORWELL
FRIDAY - 9.15AM SACRED HEART <i>11am Requiem Mass - John Darling</i>	

DATES	COMMENTAT OR	READER	READER	EUCH MINISTER
SAT 3/10	MONICA LAPPIN	JOE DEGUARA	MARION ZAMMIT	LYNN REID
SUN 4/10	PRISCILLA DANELON	MARY BILIC	GILLIAN KELLY	KEITH MCGRATH
SAT 10/10	JULIE CAUCI	CLAUDIA DAVIES	MONICA LAPPIN	MARLENE THOMPSON
SUN 11/10	LUCKY NGATAMAIN	MILLA WALKER	TONY SALVATORE	MARIE D'ALIA



Congratulations, McBen!

On receiving the Sacrament
of Confirmation

4 October 2026 • Sacred Heart Church

*May the Holy Spirit strengthen your faith
and guide you always.*

Morwell Catholic Parish

JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS will meet on Sunday, 4th October, after the 10.30am Mass in the Tennis Clubroom. Our special guest, Anne-Marie Wilkinson, will be visiting us. Please bring lunch to share.



CALLING ALL PARISH COOKS!

We're collecting your **favourite recipes**
for a special Parish Recipe Book!

Starters

Mains

Desserts

Family Favourites

Send your recipe to morwell@cdsale.org.au
Let's cook up something special together!



TURN YOUR CLUTTER INTO CASH!

BOOK A CAR BOOT SITE

★ Have some treasures at home that need a new home?
★ Pack the car and join our MCP Car Boot Sale!

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2026
After the 10:30am Mass
Behind Sacred Heart Church, Morwell

\$20 per site | You keep what you make!
All site fees support our parish.

Spaces are limited –
bookings essential.
Contact the Parish Office
by Friday 6 November.



GOT A CAR WORTH SHOWING OFF?

Classic, vintage or special-interest
cars are welcome at our
Car Show!

Contact the Parish Office
to register your interest.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

God's blessings to all celebrating!

*Thank you to our Sri Lankan Community
for the wonderful fellowship.*



Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes
Collection items for
OCTOBER

ANY ITEMS (NEW items only)
&
\$5 MONETARY DONATIONS \$5
TO COVER COST OF POSTAGE, PROCESSING, CUSTOMS & PRINTED MATERIALS
ADDED TO THE BOXES.

\$12.50 PER BOX
REQUIRED

Boxes packed on
October 17th

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2026: FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

LUMEN CHRISTI ROSARY – Saturday @ 10.00 – 10.30am.
Please join us in praying for Our Lady's intentions.
All welcome! *"The Rosary is a school of Prayer. The Rosary is a school of Faith"* – Pope Francis

LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Lumen Christi Parish will be celebrating 50 years Anniversary in 2027. We are reaching out to Parishioners, families and friends for photos, videos, memorabilia and anecdotes which will be compiled as part of the celebration. This is a great opportunity to go for a trip down memory lane by dusting of your albums etc. Email copies are preferred and should be sent to churchill@cdsale.org.au or contact **Mike 0438 048 150 or Peter 0438 013 652**

LUMEN CHRISTI COMMUNION IN THE HOME

Parishioners who are unable to attend Sunday Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion in the home, please contact Angela 0427 646 563

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Throughout October, our parish joins with Shine a Light to raise awareness and stand in solidarity against Domestic and Family Violence. Shine A Light is a Sale Diocese program, developed with Catholic Social Services Victoria, enabling Parish communities to equip themselves with knowledge, tools and a deeper understanding of how to recognise and appropriately respond to family and domestic violence. You can learn more at: www.cdsale.org.au/sal

In this first week, our reflection focuses on "Nurturing Good Fruit," inspired by this Sunday's Gospel. Just as a well-tended vineyard yields a rich harvest, we are each invited to cultivate kindness, mutual support, and dignity within our homes and parish family. When we nurture one another with patience and care, we build a community where everyone can truly thrive.



OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE Holy Rosary

Consider the state of our
Global Community today.
We face unprecedented division,
systemic breakdown and human suffering.
*If ever there were a time
to turn to prayer, it is now.*

Join us for online prayer via Zoom
any Monday at 7 pm.

Contact Michelle for the participation link:
stm.michelleg@gmail.com

For further details, contact Marg:
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Monday, 7 October
marks the Feast of
Our Lady of the Rosary.

Meditations and reflections are
prepared for the Diocese of Sale's
Diocesan Pastoral Plan Framework
2026-2030.



DATE	READERS	EUCH MINISTERS	COUNTERS	MUSIC
SUN 4/10	M NORTHOVER M JAMES	BERNICE PATRICIA ANGELO	B CONNOLLY	PAUL & RON
SUN 11/10	A & S DARLING	LORRAINE FRANCES TBC	A & S DARLING	ANGELO

NB. Roster may change according to volunteer availability.



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“Patience, prayer and silence- these are what give strength to the soul” – St Faustina

Entrance Antiphon Cf Esther 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

Second Reading Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation See John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

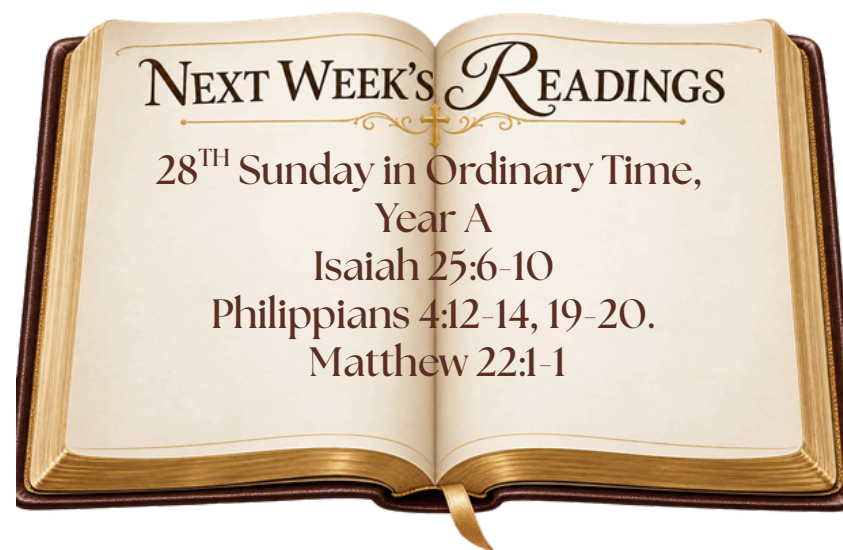
Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?
'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'



GOOD NEWS — LOUD & CLEAR!

We are pleased to announce that a new sound mixer has been installed at Sacred Heart Church! Hopefully this means our sound worries are now a thing of the past — clearer sound and clearer voices.

A wonderful improvement for our Masses and celebrations.

“While the world changes the cross stands firm” – St Bruno