

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



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FRIDAY 10AM - 1PM



SUNDAY REFLECTION

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or

just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none. One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.

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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, Maria Pulis

MASS INTENTION: Rosalinda Whatmough

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 Callistus I, St Teresa of Jesus, St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary Alacoque, St Ignatius of Antioch

Prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila



Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.

— St. Teresa of Avila

Fr Paul's Corner

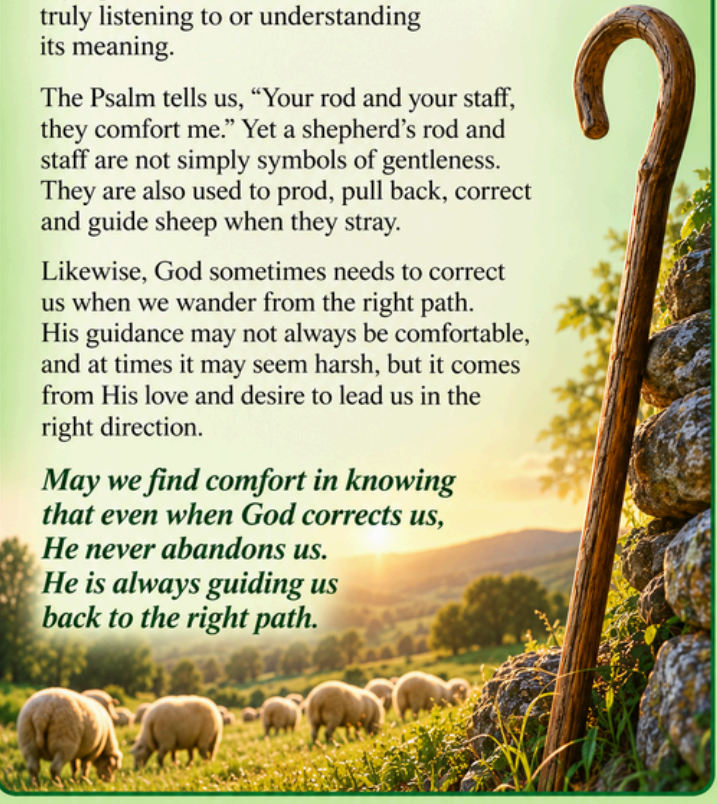
"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

We often hear the beautiful Psalm or hymn, "The Lord is My Shepherd," and come away saying how wonderful it sounds, without truly listening to or understanding its meaning.

The Psalm tells us, "Your rod and your staff, they comfort me." Yet a shepherd's rod and staff are not simply symbols of gentleness. They are also used to prod, pull back, correct and guide sheep when they stray.

Likewise, God sometimes needs to correct us when we wander from the right path. His guidance may not always be comfortable, and at times it may seem harsh, but it comes from His love and desire to lead us in the right direction.

May we find comfort in knowing that even when God corrects us, He never abandons us. He is always guiding us back to the right path.





A BEAUTIFUL CELEBRATION OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI
Last Sunday, the Italian Catholic Federation hosted the Feast of St Francis of Assisi in a beautiful and faith-filled gathering, made even more special as we commemorate the 800th anniversary of his passing. We were blessed to have Bishop Gregory Bennett and Fr Paul Zaher join us for this wonderful occasion. The beautiful voices of the choir and the uplifting music of the Latrobe Citizens Band added a special sense of joy, reverence and thanksgiving, making the celebration a truly moving spiritual experience. May the spirit of St Francis continue to inspire us to live with humility, love and peace, bringing Christ's light to all those we meet. **St Francis of Assisi, pray for us.**

Thank you to Steven and Andrew Darling for mowing the church lawns and fixing the leaky tap. We appreciate your care and support for our parish. May God bless you both always.





SHOEBOX PACKING DAY

Saturday 17 October • 10.30am onwards
Sacred Heart Parish Office
Enquiries: Louise 0414 540 296

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION
Morwell Planned Giving - \$1,571.57
Morwell Presbytery - \$449.40
Churchill Planned Giving - \$450.00
Churchill Presbytery - \$370.00
Operation Christmas Child - \$100.00

MASS TIMINGS	
WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEKEND MASSES
TUESDAY - 9.15AM - SACRED HEART <i>MITCHELL HOUSE NURSING HOME - 10.30AM</i>	5PM - SACRED HEART, MORWELL
WEDNESDAY - 9.15AM - SACRED HEART	9.00AM - LUMEN CHRISTI, CHURCHILL
THURSDAY - NO MASS	
FRIDAY - 9.15AM SACRED HEART	10.30AM SACRED HEART, MORWELL

	COMMENTATOR	READER	READER	EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER
SAT 10/10	JULIE CAUCHI	CLAUDIA DAVES	MONICA LAPPIN	MARLENE THOMPSON
SUN 11/10	LUCKY NGATAMAINA	MILLA WALKER	TONY SALVATORE	MARIE D'ALIA
SAT 17/10	JOE DEGUARA	JULIE CAUCHI	VAL PANTHER	LYNN REID
SUN 18/10	RON FORMARAN	JACKIE COOMBER	SANDRA MAK	DOMINIC MANZO

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THE RITUAL AND THE REASON

Exploring The Parts of The Mass

Discover the meaning behind the words, gestures, symbols and prayers of the Mass, and how each part helps us encounter God and grow in our faith.

 **Saturday, 17 October 2026**
10:00am – 3:00pm
St Michael's, Traralgon

 **Register Now**

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 Catholic Diocese of Sale

Presenter: **Fr Brian Nichols**
Lecturer in Liturgical Theology,
Catholic Theological College

TURN YOUR CLUTTER INTO CASH!

Parish Car Boot Sale & Car Show

Sunday 22 November 2026
Sacred Heart, Morwell

Clear out your cupboards, load up your boot and book a site for just \$20!

\$20 per site

Invite your family, friends and neighbours.
All site fees support our parish.

Book through the Parish Office:
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 **Operation Christmas Child**

Shoeboxes
Collection items for **OCTOBER**

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

\$12.50 PER BOX REQUIRED

Boxes packed on **October 17th**

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 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

LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AT GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

Our Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation (Grade 3 children) will begin on October 18th. The program is 4 sessions and takes place at the Lumen Christi Parish Office at 10.00a.m. on Sundays after 9.00a.m. Mass. The Sacrament will be conferred on Wednesday, November 18th at 5.30p.m. Children who participate in this Sacrament will be eligible for the Sacrament of Holy Communion in Term 1, 2027. Please contact Father Paul Zaher paul.zaher@cdsale.org.au or Helen Dyson (Catechist) helenmdyson@hotmail.com for further information.

OCTOBER
THE MONTH OF THE *Holy Rosary*

Monday, 7 October
marks the Feast of Our Lady of the 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:
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Meditations and reflections are prepared for the Diocese of Sale's Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2026-2030.



CATHOLIC MISSION MONTH: This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity. Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children. World Mission Sunday will be celebrated across Australia and the world next weekend on the **17-18 October**. Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope available in both church foyers, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today. **We will also have a special leaving collection at each of our masses next weekend.**

DATE	READERS	EUCH MINISTERS	COUNTERS	MUSIC
SUN 11/10	A & S DARLING	LORRAINE FRANCES TBC	A & S DARLING	ANGELO
SUN 18/10	A & P ALTAIR	MIKE D, ANGE D, MARG MC	H JUNKER	N KLEP

NB. Roster may change according to volunteer availability.

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"In the Lord's hands there is an abundance of all things" - St Callistus

Entrance Antiphon Psalm 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.6

**(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

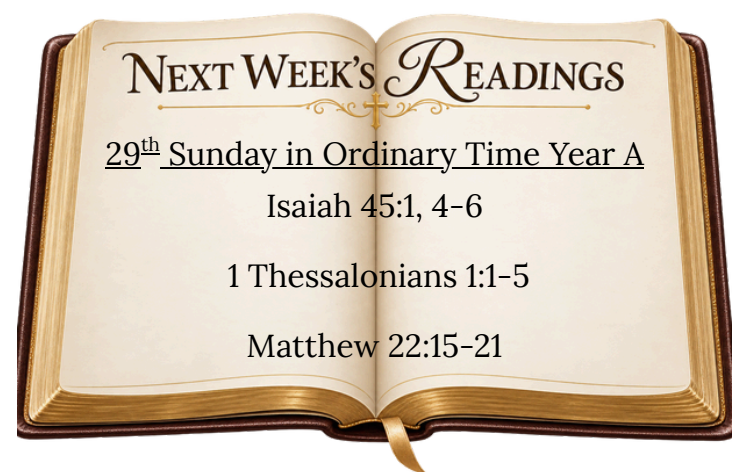
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Our month-long journey with the Shine a Light initiative continues throughout October as we focus on fostering a parish culture centred on safety, mutual respect, and heartfelt care. This week's theme, "Enlighten the Light of Our Hearts," connects with the Parable of the Wedding Banquet. The gospel reminds us that everyone is called to the feast—to be welcomed with honour, dignity, and genuine kindness. When we allow God's light to enlighten our hearts, we are moved to recognise the value of every person and ensure that each home and gathering within our community is a place where all feel safe, cherished, and supported.

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible" St Francis of Assisi