

# 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**



**THE LORD HAS RISEN, INDEED !**

## 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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**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C - 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025**

## SUNDAY REFLECTION

'Love one another as I have loved you.' You may think that Our Lord's extravagant extreme of love in voluntarily undergoing death for us, is something no human being could ever measure up to. But actually, something like this happens whenever a mother or father sits by the bedside of a child suffering the terrible pain of a chronic illness or traumatic accident and, perhaps, even facing the prospect of death. Such a parent will invariably say 'I would rather suffer and die than see my child suffer and the same person their much partner in situation. us, usually er degree less circum- has the tunity to to some the suffer-



die.' It is with a seeing loved life a similar Each of to a less- and in fraught stances, oppor- absorb, extent, ings of others. We are thus given the possibility of fulfilling the command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.' The effect of this sort of loving will be realised at the end of history, not in a garden of Paradise, but as in a wonderful City where all tears will be wiped from our eyes. We could pause for a moment on our way to that future City, resolving to be alert to opportunities to fulfil our Lord's command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

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## MESSAGE FROM BISHOP GREG BENNET



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, Warmest blessings of peace and joy. We have lived through an extraordinary period of Church history with the recent death and funeral of the late Pope Francis. We now share the jubilation that God has raised up for us Pope Leo XIV. How blessed we are that such a man has been identified through the Holy Spirit at the conclave to become our shepherd. As we are all learning, he brings such an extraordinary breadth of ministerial and leadership experience to the responsibilities which are now entrusted to him. Those who know him personally have spoken of his many human gifts and generous pastoral heart - "Father Bob" is now Pope Leo. His own missionary heart, gifted skills in leadership with the Augustinians, vast international experience, studies in canon law and recent role as Prefect of the Dicastery of Bishops have all been part of the work of the Spirit forming him for this moment: May he be blessed! I have been asked as Vice President to represent the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference at the inauguration of Pope Leo XIV which is scheduled for Sunday 18th May. I will need to travel to Rome. Be assured I shall carry you in my prayers to the See of St Peter as the Church embraces Pope Leo XIV as our new Holy Father. With every peace in this pilgrim year of hope! +Greg Bennet, Bishop of Sale

## MASS TIMINGS

### WEEKDAYS MASSES THIS WEEK

**Tue - 9.15am - Sacred Heart**

10.30am - St Hilary's NH

**Wed - 9.15am - St Vincent's School**

**Thu - 5pm - Lumen Christi**

**Fri - 9.15am - Sacred Heart**

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Sat - 5pm - St Vincent's**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sun - 9am - SFDS - Boolarra**

**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 10am - 2pm Tennis Clubroom.

† **RECENTLY DECEASED:** Andrzej Armata, Elsa Orsini (Italy)

† **MASS INTENTIONS:** Angela McGrath, Carmela Di Dio, Elsa Orsini

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We pray for Pat Van der Zalm, Roman Brackowski, Dominic Manzo, Reji Roy, Fr. Andrew Wise, James Whitty, Leanne Embleton, Riley Prestipino, Pauline and John Osborne, Beverly and Richard Pendlebury

**FEAST DAYS:** St Bernadine of Siena, Sts Christopher Magallanes and Companions, St Rita of Cascia, Our Lady Help of Christians

## FEAST OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS



Mary, Help of Christians, you listen with a Mother's love to all who look for your guidance. I ask you to keep all those I love in your tender care. Give me the strength to face up to life's difficulties, and protect me from all spiritual and bodily harm. Grant me an abundance of love so that I too

may be a help to others, sharing with them in their times of need, and caring for them in their moments of distress, Amen.  
*Mary help of Christians. Pray for us.*



## TRINITY FAMILIES APPEAL- 2025 JUBILEE YEAR:

Trinity Families has been a beacon of hope in our region, providing over \$2 million in funding to charities that support families facing hardship. Programs funded include bushfire relief, family counselling, suicide prevention, emergency accommodation, and parenting support. Bishop Greg urges everyone to support this Jubilee year's Trinity Families Appeal, emphasizing that this is our own charitable trust—locally based and dedicated to addressing the unique needs of families in Greater Gippsland. As Pilgrims of Hope, we are called to give generously so that families in need can access vital welfare services. Donation envelopes are available in the church for those requiring receipts for taxation purposes. Let us help spread hope in our community. Please give generously.



## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR LC & MCP:

As the Commitment Masses commence this weekend, we hold in prayer all the children from our 3 schools Lumen Christi, St Vincent's and Sacred Heart, who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, with Bishop Greg presiding on **Friday, 6th June at Sacred Heart 5pm**. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them on their journey of faith, and may this time be one of deepening grace for them and their families.

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SAT 17/05	JOE DE-GUARA	VAL PANTHER	ROSE MICALF	MARLENE THOMPSON
SUN 18/05	SANDRA MAK	PRISCILLA DANELON	SHERRIN SHAJI	DOMINIC MANZO
SAT 24/05	CLAUDIA DAVIES	JULIE CAUCHI	CHERYL EDGAR	LYNN REID
SUN 25/05	RON FORMARAN	TONY SALVATORE	ANUSHA ROY	SUE BYE

## COLLECTION FROM LAST WEEK

MCP	PLANNED GIVING \$2,250.92	PRESBY-TERY \$435.65	GOOD SHEPHERD \$430.00	
LUMEN CHRISTI	PLANNED GIVING \$328.85	PRESBY-TERY \$385.00	GOOD SHEPHERD \$203.90	PROJ. COMP \$74.95

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



## Congratulations & Welcome to

XAVIER STEVEN  
KEARNS



Our newest addition to our faith family through Baptism.

We pray for him,  
his Parents and Godparents.  
God bless you all.



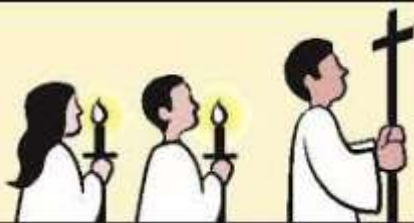
ASSEMBLY SUMMARY REPORT

### 2025 DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY SUMMARY REPORT

Bishop Greg Bennet, and the Diocesan Mission Council, are pleased to share the **2025 Diocesan Assembly Summary Report** with the people of the Diocese of Sale. This report outlines the key themes, insights, and recommendations that emerged from the two-day Assembly held at Federation University, Churchill, in February

this year. You can access the full report at: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/diocesan-assembly-1>

## Altar Servers



**ALTAR SERVERS WORKSHOP (LC & MCP)** All current altar servers — and anyone who made their **First Holy Communion** and would like to become one — are invited to an **Altar Servers Workshop** on **Fri 13th June 4.30pm SH Church**. This workshop includes a training session, an opportunity to meet all the Altar Servers in our Parishes and a fun-filled evening of games & pizza.



MCP & LC CELEBRATES  
JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS  
ALONG WITH BISHOP GREG

**Sunday, 5th October, 2025**  
**2.30pm @ SACRED HEART**

## LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH NEWS

**LC ROSARY** 10am Saturday 10am. All are Welcome! "Pray the rosary frequently, it costs so little and is worth so much" - St Padre Pio



**FR PETER SLATER** will celebrate his 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination at **St Patrick's Church Pakenham at 11am on Thursday 29 May 2025**. Parishioners are cordially invited to the Mass to celebrate with him on the day. Please keep Fr Peter in your prayers.

**JUBILEE OF WORKERS – SUNDAY 25 MAY** The Jubilee of Workers honours the essential contribution of all workers to our society — whether in trades or professions, as employees or volunteers. It also acknowledges St Joseph, the model and patron of all workers. This special Jubilee celebration will be held at **St Mary's, Cowes, on Sunday 25th May at 9:00am**. All are warmly invited to make a pilgrimage to this celebration as part of their journey through the Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope.

## God's Promise

"I will pour out my Spirit" Jn 14:16

Come and encounter the power of God's Spirit in your life

**Thursdays 10.30am - 12.00pm**

**22 May to 19th June**

**St Michaels's Hall Traralgon**

"I ask you to share the baptism in the Holy Spirit with everyone" Pope Francis Pentecost 2019

For Enquiries phone Cathy on 0432588195

## STEPS OF HOPE

a pilgrimage to the Shrines of Eastern Europe

**8th - 22nd October, 2025**

Divine Mercy Shrine - Krakow

Infant Jesus Shrine - Prague

Black Madonna (Czestochowa)

And many other attractions on the way

For more details check the flyer in the foyer

**BOOKINGS NOW OPEN**

### LUMEN CHRISTI ROSTER

DATES	READER	COMMUNION MINISTERS	COUNTERS	MUSIC
18/05	L & A VAN EYK	L. MCCAFFERTY	H. JUNKER	N KLEP
25/05	BOOLARRA		R & J BENNETT	R ARMSTRONG

**"Evil will not prevail. We are all in the hands of God" - Pope Leo XIV**

**Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 97:1-2**

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**First Reading: Acts 14:21-27**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-13**

**(R.) I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your reign. **(R.)**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: Rv 21:1-5**

**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their

eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Jn 13:31-35**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'



**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2.2-29

Rev 21:1-14

Hn 14:23-29