

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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PALM SUNDAY OF PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR C - 13TH APRIL 2025

SUNDAY REFLECTION



In this final Lenten Sunday we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. We recognise him as our saviour, but we look more closely in order to discover just what kind of saviour he is. He has taken the form of a slave; he has been glorified with

a name above all other names; he continues to suffer with us. We have not been saved through military power, but through the self-offering humility of Jesus. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. In the face of this, we must ask a fundamental question: Why does God love us with such abandon? We have a savior who was lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives. He became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others. © Dianne Bergant CSA

MCP & LC HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES 2025



Lenten Reconciliation: 9th April - 7pm



PALM SUNDAY : 12th/13th April

Saturday, 5pm: St Vincent's
Sunday, 9am: Lumen Christi
10.30am: Sacred Heart



TENEBRAE: 7.30pm Lumen Christi 15th

HOLY THURSDAY : 17th April

The Lord's Supper
7.30pm: Lumen Christi



GOOD FRIDAY : 18th April

10.00am: Youth Stations of the Cross
@ Sacred Heart Grounds
3pm: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

@ Sacred Heart & Lumen Christi



EASTER VIGIL : 19th April

Saturday, 7.30pm: Sacred Heart

EASTER SUNDAY : 20th April

9.00am: Lumen Christi
10.30am: Sacred Heart

MASS TIMINGS

WEEKDAYS MASSES THIS WEEK

Tue - NO MASS

Chrism Mass @ St Mary's Cathedral - 11am

Wed - 9.15am - St Vincent's

**PLEASE CHECK THE
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Easter Sunday

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

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

LEGION OF MARY: Tuesdays 10am at the Parish Centre.

† **RECENTLY DECEASED:** Julia Peterson

† **MASS INTENTIONS:** George Bowles, Mario, Alfredo & Sebastian Calabro

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

FEAST DAYS: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil

Merciful God,
as we enter Holy week,
turn our hearts again to
Jerusalem, and to the life, death,
and resurrection
of Jesus Christ.
Stir up within us the gift of faith
that we may not only praise him
with our lips,
but may follow him in the way of
the cross .Amen

Resuming
Holy
Communion
under both
species



GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

From Holy Thursday this year all Communicants will be able to receive Holy Communion under both species – that is the Body and Blood of Christ. If you wish to receive the Precious Blood - **the choice is yours**. Bow your head and shoulders slightly as the person before you are receiving from the chalice. Approach the Priest or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion and he or she will hold the chalice in front of you and say, "The Blood of Christ" to which you respond, "Amen". The Priest or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion will then hand you the chalice. Grasp the chalice firmly with both hands and bring it to your lips,

taking care not to spill any of the Precious Blood. Take a small sip of the Precious Blood and hand the chalice back to the minister who will wipe its rim to prepare it for the next communicant. Do not carry the Host with the intention of dipping it into the Precious Blood. Communicants may not dip the Sacred Host into the chalice for two reasons: first because of the liturgical principle, that the communicant should receive the Precious Blood rather than taking it (in this case, by dipping the Host into it): second because there is danger of dripping some drops of the Precious Blood. **Remember:** when you receive the Host you are receiving the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The same is true for receiving the Blood of Christ. Also, in order to receive from the cup you must first receive the Body of Christ.



As we approach Easter, Project Compassion celebrates the profound impact of your generosity. Over the past year, your support has reached more than 1 million people across 36 countries, providing vital education, healthcare, food security, and emergency aid. Together, through faith, solidarity and action, we continue to uplift vulnerable communities and walk in Christ's footsteps of love and service.



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DATES	COMMENTATOR	READER	READER	EUCH-MINISTERS
SAT 12/04	MICHAEL EDGAR	VAL PANTHER	LYNN REID	MARLENE THOMPSON
SUN 13/04	ANAMI JAGIN	ELSIE VONKS	MARY BILIC	DOMINIC MANZO
SAT 19/04	EASTER VIGIL COMBINED			
SUN 20/04	EVELINA	THELMA DAVIES	RON FORMARAN	ISSY FILO

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COLLECTION FROM LAST WEEK				
MCP	ENV/DD	\$2,395.49	PRESBY TERY	\$420.35
LUMEN CHRISTI	ENV/DD	\$690.00	PRESBY TERY	\$560.50

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



Congratulations & Welcome !!

**AUGUST JAMES
BLACKFORD**

Our newest addition to our faith family through Baptism.
We keep August, his parents and Godparents in our prayers.
God bless you all.

FOLLOW JESUS ON HIS PATH OF LOVE TO HIS DEATH

**GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS
OF THE**

10am
Sacred Heart Church Grounds

Cross

Presented by
the Parishes Youth

**APPLY
NOW!**

SACRAMENTS SECRETARY: We are looking for someone special to take on the role of Sacraments Secretary at **St Michael's Parish**. The position involves the administration of our Sacraments Program, including Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, and may extend to other parish duties and liturgical celebrations. It is a permanent part-time position of 8 hours per week over two days in the Parish Office and will include a 6-month probationary period. Applications should include a cover letter, current Resume and a copy of your Working with Children Check. Contact details for at least two referees, one of whom should be your parish priest if you are not a parishioner of St Michael's Parish, Traralgon. Applications are to be addressed to the Parish Priest and emailed to sec@smpt.org.au by Tuesday May 06, 2025. For a copy of the job description, please contact the parish office at sec@smpt.org.au or via phone on 51742060

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LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH NEWS

LC ROSARY 10am Saturday 10am. All are Welcome! *"Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart". - St Padre Pio*

TENEBRAE - (Service Of Shadows)

An Invitation is extended to MCP to come and share in our Tenebrae Service this year. In this beautiful ceremony we hear 7 Readings depicting Jesus in His last hours. Our friends from the Co-operating Churches in Churchill will again be sharing this Service with us. Details for the Service are as follows:

Date: Tuesday 15th April, 2025

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Lumen Christi Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Our lady of Good Counsel Yinnar, in conjunction with the Co-operating Church Boolarra, Good Friday, 18th April, 10.00am.



NEW CHURCH SIGNAGE FOR LUMEN CHRISTI

A prominent new sign has been installed at LC Church- thank you to Michael Dyson, Russell Cheffers, David, Lees and Steve Darling for their teamwork and dedication. After 43 years, LC has finally been proudly and clearly identified for all to see!



POLISH TRADITION AT EASTER BLESSING OF FOODS - MCP

Saturday 19th April 11am SH chapel



WORKING BEE - THANK YOU.

A big thank you to all the people who came to the working bee of cleaning Sacred Heart Church ready for Holy Week. God bless you all.



PALMS - MCP PARISH

A heartfelt thank you to Mario and Vivian Sammut for generously providing the palms from their tree for our Palm Sunday celebrations. We also appreciate their help, along with Joe Krusec, in preparing and cutting the branches so that everyone in our churches can take part in this special tradition.

LUMEN CHRISTI ROSTER

DATES	READER	COMMUNION MINISTERS	COUNTERS	MUSIC
13/04	M & H DYSON	T COLWELL	T COLWELL	M FOSTER
20/04	EASTER SUNDAY	TBA	TBA	TBA

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

Entrance Antiphon:**Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10**

Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
the children ran to meet him;
in their hands they carried palm branches
and with a loud voice cried out:

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant
mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?

He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant
mercy!

First Reading: Is 50:4-7**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I
may know how to reply to the wearied he provides
me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn
away. I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not
cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord
comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the
insults. So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned
me?**

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.

I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**

I will tell of your name to my brethren

and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;

all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons **(R.)**

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God but emptied himself to
assume the condition of a slave, and became as men
are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God
raised him high and gave him the name which is
above all other names so that all beings in the heav-
ens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the

knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue
should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of
God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9

**Praise to you ,Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless
glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.

**Praise to you ,Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!**

Gospel: Lk 22:14-23:56

**The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to Luke**



HOSANNA TO THE KING OF KINGS

**CHRISM MASS**

In the year of Jubilee - Pilgrims of Hope

Join Bishop Greg Bennet and the
Clergy of our Diocese
at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale
on Tuesday, 15th April 2025
at 11.00 am.



YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CELEBRATION

GOOD FRIDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION
FOR HOLY PLACES

EASTER VIGIL - SACRED HEART 7.30pm