

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



For where two or three
are gathered in my name,

I am there among them.

**23RD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Year A

6TH SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY REFLECTION

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities. © Dianne Bergant CSA

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FRIDAY 10AM - 1PM

RCIA

*A journey of
faith, hope and love.*

R.C.I.A.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Our 2026-2027 RCIA journey begins in September. We warmly invite anyone interested in exploring the Catholic faith, becoming Catholic, or simply learning more about our faith to come along.

 STARTS: Thursday 10th September 2026	 TIME: 7.30 p.m.	 WHERE: Sacred Heart Tennis Room
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If you know someone who may be interested, please encourage them to come along or contact the **Parish Office** for more information.



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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

JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS: meeting on Sunday 13th September 2pm Tennis Clubrooms

†MASS INTENTION: Luigi Palermo

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 : The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter Claver, Most Holy name of Mary



Hail Mary,
Full of grace,
The Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou among
women, and blessed is
the fruit of thy Womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the
hour of our death.
Amen

SEPTEMBER 8TH
IS THE BIRTH OF
OUR BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY.

We pray a
Rosary and
dedicate all our
parishioners in the safe
protection of our dear
Mother Mary.

"From all dangers,
set us free....
pray for us.."

AVE MARIA..

FR PAUL'S CORNER

In this weekend's first reading
we encounter our duty
to help one another
when we go wrong
as opposed to
letting people constantly repeat
their mistakes.
This also means
that we need to be accepting
when others correct us.
So for Father's Day,
rather than cringe at the times
our fathers and God the Father
has corrected us,
embrace and be grateful
that we have improved our ways
and are placed
on the right path.

BLESSING PRAYER
FOR
Fathers

Lord God, who is Father of all,
send your blessing down on
these men who are fathers.

For those who in the night who
worry for their child,
grant them your comfort.

For those who in the day work
and struggle to provide for
their child,
send them your Strength.

For those who mourn a child,
hold them in your love.

For those who play, laugh, sing
and dance with their child,
you share in their joy.

Lord God, who is Father of all,
walk with these fathers,
in the light times and the dark.

Bless them, and may they
each be a living symbol
of your fatherly love;
a symbol to their children
and all who they encounter.

We make this prayer through
Christ our Lord. Amen.



FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE: Today the Special Collection is for the Priests' Welfare Foundation and the proceeds will go towards the support of the sick and retired clergy (including priests from overseas and deacons wives) of our Diocese. By clicking on <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priest-swelfarefoundation> or using the QR code



it will make it easy for you to make a donation.
All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent, if an email address is provided. Donations may also be made through your local Parish.

Child Safety Week
6 - 12 September 2026

SHIFTING CONVERSATION TO ACTION
EVERY CONVERSATION MATTERS





LAST WEEKS COLLECTION
Morwell Planned Giving - \$ 1,789.54 Morwell Presbytery - \$510.65
Churchill Planned Giving - \$555.00 Churchill Presbytery - \$338.90

MASS TIMINGS	
WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEKEND MASSES
TUESDAY - 9.15AM SACRED HEART <i>10.30AM NURSING HOME - MITCHELL HOUSE</i>	5PM - SACRED HEART, MORWELL
WEDNESDAY - 9.15AM SACRED HEART	9.00AM - LUMEN CHRISTI, CHURCHILL
THURSDAY - 5.00PM LUMEN CHRISTI	
FRIDAY - 9.15AM SACRED HEART	10.30AM - SACRED HEART, MORWELL

DATE	COMMENTATOR	READER	READER	EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER
SAT 05/09	ROSE MICALLEF	SHIRLEY PROSSER	MARION ZAMMIT	ROSE PORTELLI
SUN 06/09	JACKIE COOMBER	PRISCILLA DANELON	THELMA DAVIES	ISSY FILO
SAT 12/09	CLAUDIA DAVIES	MONICA LAPPIN	JOE DEGUARA	LYNN REID
SUN 13/09	BARRIE HARBOUR	CARMELA HEINEMANN	RON FORMARAN	ELSIE VONKS

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

MORWELL SOCIAL CLUB – NEXT MEETING

Our next Social Club meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th September at 6.00pm in the Parish Office. We'd love to welcome some new faces! If you would like to get involved, share ideas and help plan enjoyable activities for our parish community, simply come along – everyone is welcome!



Operation Christmas Child

Shoebbox Collection

items for

SEPTEMBER





TOYS
(NEW items only)





CRAFT & ACTIVITIES
(NEW items only)





FOR A FULL LIST SEE THE CHURCH FOYER



MONETARY DONATIONS FOR POSTAGE
WELCOME ANYTIME



Shoebbox dimension is 29.7 x 21 cm
(Please use smaller items)

NEPAL FLOODS



Caritas teams are on the ground assessing the scale of the disastrous Nepalese floods and how to respond. It is expected that the needs will most likely include: emergency shelter and essential items, accessto clean water and sanitation, access to food and immediate and long-term recovery. If you are able to support Caritas Australia’s Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal.



BIRTHDAY
HAPPY

May God bless you each and every day.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2026: FOR THE CARE OF WATER

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

LUMEN CHRISTI ROSARY – Saturday @ 10.00 – 10.30am. Please join us in praying for Our Lady's intentions. All welcome! 'Pray the Rosary everyday for Peace." Pope Leo XIV

Let's celebrate our Dad's past & present!

LUMEN CHRISTI Father's Day

MORNING TEA

will be held following 9.00am Mass on Sunday 6th September.

Please bring a small plate to share, if you can. All welcome.



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

POSITION VACANT - WORLD YOUTH DAY PROJECT OFFICER

The Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited (DOSCEL) is seeking a World Youth Day Project Officer who will ensure the success of the pilgrimage from planning and preparation through to operation, debrief and evaluation, helping ensure the pilgrimage is purposeful, well governed, financially responsible, safe, inclusive and grounded in Catholic mission. This role will work collaboratively with the DOSCEL Office and school leaders, Staff of Sion House and external stakeholders to support a pilgrimage experience aligned with the World Youth Day 2027 theme: "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). More information, visit <https://www.doscel.catholic.edu.au/positions-vacant/>

JUBILEE OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Celebrating the Eighth Centenary of the death of St Francis of Assisi

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

8:30 am Morning Prayer in St Mary's Basilica. The gates to Morning Prayer will be open for the first steps on the journey.

12 noon Jubilee Mass. In honour of St Francis, the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Greg and the Choir of the Diocese.

Blessing of Pets. All creatures great and small are welcome to receive a special blessing.

Shared Lunch & Sausage Sizzle. We will gather at the baptistry. Please bring a plate to share.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

6:00 pm Translating. In St Mary's Basilica, the evening liturgy to mark the solemn anniversary of our pilgrimage.

3:00 pm Conclude. In St Mary's Basilica, the evening liturgy to mark the solemn anniversary of our pilgrimage.

St Mary's: Corner of Fish Street and Main St, Ballarat
St Francis of Assisi: MacFarlane Rd, Benalla
Immaculate Conception: 77 Day St, Omeo

Save the Date

4 OCTOBER SUNDAY 2.00PM SACRED HEART

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

DATE	READERS	EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	COUNTERS	MUSIC
SUN 06/09	T COLWELL M JAMES	LORRAINE FRANCES MICHAEL D	H JUNKER	ANGELO
SUN 13/09	P LONG F FORTUNE	MIKE D ANGE V TONY C	T COLWELL	ANGELA D



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“Mary, Our Mother, sustain us in moments of darkness, difficulty and apparent defeat”.— Pope Francis

Entrance Antiphon Psalm 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

**(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

O that today you would listen to his voice!
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ (R.)

Second Reading Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

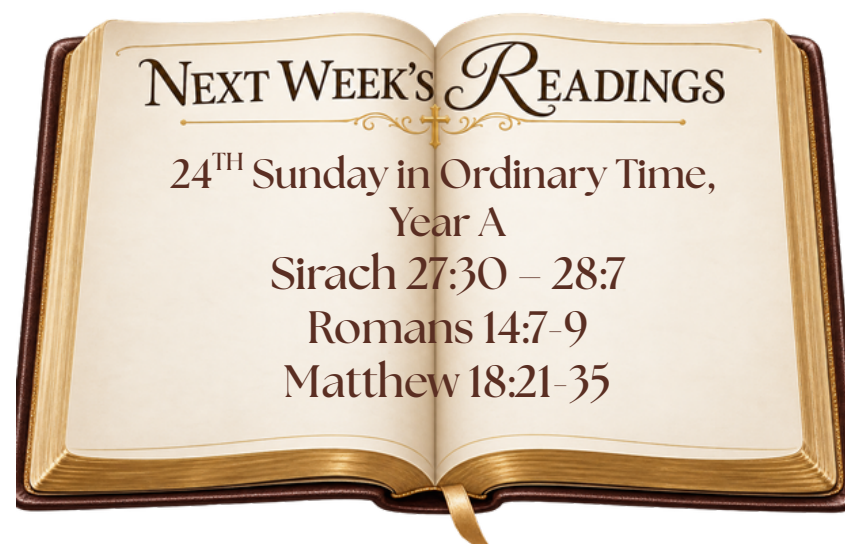
If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves.

If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’



“Seek God in all things and we shall find God by our side”- St Peter Claver