

# 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



## 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

*"The last will be first,  
and the first will be last."*



Matthew 20:1-16

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## SUNDAY REFLECTION

In the gospel parable we might wonder is this the way God acts? It doesn't seem fair to pay everyone the same wage, whether they have worked the entire day or for an hour, even if it was agreed to by the workers at the beginning. Then, at the parable's end, the landowner says to these upset workers, 'Why be envious when I am generous?' But we could say it's unjust; what about a fair go for all, not simply those who waited all day for work. Justice is central to the parable, but justice as a form of compassion, ensuring everyone gets paid a living wage, from the first to the last. However, if the wage is a metaphor of salvation, whether we've worked for a long time or not isn't really the issue; we can't earn salvation, it's a gift, and wanting more of it doesn't make sense. We begin to see how generosity and envy too are at the heart of this gospel, and how envy is a response to a perceived lack of generosity on God's part. It distracts us from what we have been given, and we fixate on what others have – such as money, house, car, status – and that's what we want. The media thrives on this, whether social or otherwise, as the cartoon character called Envy reminds us: she has 'a big appetite for everything she doesn't have.'

This is why gratitude is important, because it enables us to give thanks for what we have been given. So too trust: trust in what Jesus has promised us. As we come to trust in God, we begin to realise that God provides for us and we're able to give thanks for the gift of Jesus' life. In doing so, we come to see that God gives us all we need and gradually we begin to recognise that we have been living in a self-enclosed world where scarcity and ambition rule. It's then that we come to understand our need to be free of envy if our lives are to be open to the generosity of God; and it's not just St Francis, giving up his lavish lifestyle, who reveals this to us, but it's to be seen in our own lives. Or are we too locked into a way of life that prevents us from seeing it, and so denies us the freedom to live in God's love? In the second reading Paul, in prison, sees clearly the meaning of his life: 'Life to me, of course, is Christ.' Jesus is our life too and the gift of himself is more than enough. He gives himself to us so we might give away to others what we have received. While the first reading from Isaiah speaks of God's love for his people. God's thoughts and ways are beyond our understanding, and yet God is close to us and rich in forgiveness. This is the ever-generous God who gives us everything we'll ever need.

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

**CRAFT GROUP:** Thursdays 10am till 2pm Tennis Clubrooms

†**MASS INTENTION:** Salvatore Giovanni De Stefano, Nazario Ico Jnr, Mario, Freddo & Sebastian Calabro, Nicholas Rambayon

**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 Matthew, St Pius of Pietrelcina, Sts Cosmos and Damian



## MARRIAGE BANNS

We joyfully announce the forthcoming marriage of

**McBen Mezuenkwa O'odoh from Akegbe Ugwu & Jennifer Chibundo Onyegbule from Obowo.**

Please keep McBen and Jennifer in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Marriage.

*May God bless them always.*



## Prayer to St. Pio

O God,  
You gave Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, Capuchin priest, the great privilege of participating in a unique way in the passion of Your Son, grant me through his intercession the grace of... which I ardently desire; and above all grant me the grace of living in conformity with the death of Jesus, to arrive at the glory of the resurrection.

Glory be to the Father... (three times)

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Vincenzo D'Addario,  
Archbishop Manfredonia/Vieste

## Fr. Paul's Corner

Many parents will pray for their children who do not come to Mass or who have lost their faith. They do this so that their children's souls may be saved. They should not be disappointed if one day they meet their children in Heaven and think that they prayed and made sacrifices to save their sons and daughters while their children squandered their lives, rather they would be happy to know that their children's souls are saved.

We too should pray for those who do wrong that they may have the eternal reward that we long for, without regret that they may get the same reward as us.



# AUSTRALIA NEEDS FATIMA

## PUBLIC ROSARY

## SAVE THE DATE



**SATURDAY**  
**10TH OCTOBER**

 **SACRED HEART CHURCH**

 **12:00 PM**

*More details to follow*

**SEPTEMBER**



**POSTPONED**

**BINGO WILL NOW BE HELD IN FEBRUARY**

**OCTOBER**

**PARISH DINNER with MULTICULTURAL TALENTS**



**FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER**

Food • Culture • Music  
Our Parish – One Community

**NOVEMBER**

**CAR BOOT SALE**



*More details to follow*

**DECEMBER**

**RAFFLE TICKETS**



*More details to follow*

**LAST WEEKS COLLECTION**  
 Morwell Planned Giving - \$1,911.60  
 Morwell Presbytery - \$492.00

Churchill Planned Giving - \$280.00  
 Churchill Presbytery - \$313.00

*Together we share, support and celebrate our Parish community.*

| MASS TIMINGS                    |                                        |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK        | NEXT WEEKEND MASSES                    |
| TUESDAY - 9:15AM SACRED HEART   | 5PM - SACRED HEART, MORWELL            |
| WEDNESDAY - 9:15AM SACRED HEART | 9:00AM - ST FRANCIS DE SALES, BOOLARRA |
| THURSDAY - 5:00PM LUMEN CHRISTI | 10:30AM - SACRED HEART, MORWELL        |
| FRIDAY - 9:15AM SACRED HEART    |                                        |

| DATE      | COMMENTATOR     | READER                | READER                   | EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| SAT 19/09 | JULIE CAUCHI    | VAL PANTHER           | SHIRLEY PROSSER          | MARLENE THOMPSON        |
| SUN 20/09 | ELSIE VONKS     | ROSA FURFARI LANGMAID | LUCKY NGATAMAINA         | EVELINA                 |
| SAT 26/09 | SHIRLEY PROSSER | ROSE MICALLEF         | CLAUDIA DAVIES FILOMENNA | ROSE PORTELLI           |
| SUN 27/09 | EVELINA         | THELMA DAVIES         | DELLA FORTUNA            | TIYANI SENANYAKE        |

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



**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**



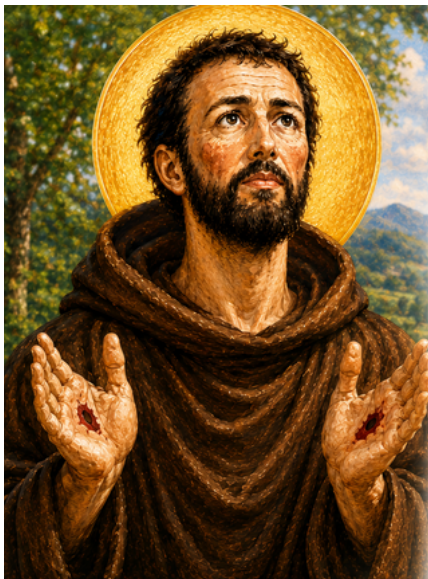
**MONETARY DONATIONS FOR POSTAGE**  
WELCOME ANYTIME



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

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

Our new Planned Giving envelopes will be available shortly. Thank you to everyone who supports our parish through Planned Giving. Your regular contributions help us to plan and budget for the needs of our parish. If you would like to join Planned Giving, please contact the Parish Office. Every contribution makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity and support.



## JUBILEE OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

Bishop Greg Bennet invites the people of the Diocese of Sale to join a pilgrimage celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee Year.

This pilgrimage is a sacred journey—not of distance, but of the heart. Benambra is set amidst the scenic Omeo High Plains. This pilgrimage takes us to the only church in the Diocese dedicated to St Francis of Assisi.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND**  
6:00 pm *Transitus St Mary's Bairnsdale*  
An opening liturgy to mark the solemn commencement of our pilgrimage.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD**  
8:30 am *Morning Prayer St Mary's Bairnsdale*  
We gather for Morning Prayer before taking our first steps on the journey.  
12 Noon *Jubilee Mass St Francis of Assisi, Benambra*  
Mass celebrated by Bishop Greg and the Clergy of the Diocese.  
*Blessing of Pets*  
All creatures great and small (restrained) are welcome to receive a special blessing.  
*Shared Lunch & Sausage Sizzle*  
We will gather at the footyclub. Please bring a plate to share.  
3:00 pm *Conclude Immaculate Conception, Omeo*  
Our pilgrimage draws to a close as we gather at Omeo Parish for our final prayers and departure.

**St Mary's**  
Corner of Pyke Street and Main St, Bairnsdale

**St Francis of Assisi**  
MacFarlane Rd, Benambra

**Immaculate Conception**  
79 Day St, Omeo

More Information visit 



## 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



**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

**4TH SUNDAY MASS** will be held at 9.00am next **Sunday 27th September** at St Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 27 Tarwin St, Boolarra (access and parking also available from Church St). There will be **NO** Mass at Lumen Christi on this day.

**LUMEN CHRISTI FIRST SATURDAY MASS** will be held at 10.00am on Saturday 3rd October 2026 followed by Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, Rosary and Benediction. Reconciliation will be available. 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

# 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY

## CONGRATULATIONS!

We extend our hearty congratulations to **Dini Van Der Meulen** (Lou Van Eyk's mother) who will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this Sunday.

Dini now resides at Mitchell House but has been a faithful parishioner who lovingly took care of the garden at Lumen Christi church for many years.



**DIOCESAN WOMEN'S EVENT: NAVIGATING THE UNSEEN – WOMEN LEADING WITH RESILIENCE**

Women from across the diocese are invited to gather for an evening dinner and talk celebrating the strength, resilience, and expanding horizons of women in the mission of the Catholic Church.

Guest speaker Dr. Kim Daniels—Director of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University and member of the Vatican Dicastery for Communication—will share insights on leadership, faith, and renewal.

**Date: Wednesday, October 14th**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**Venue: St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Pakenham**

Cost: \$30 per person (includes dinner & soft drinks)

RSVP: Bookings are essential by October 4th. Secure your tickets online at [trybooking.com/DOZKU](https://trybooking.com/DOZKU) or scan the QR code on the promotional flyers in the church foyer.

| DATE      | READER                | COMMUNION                  | COUNTERS     | MUSIC       |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| SUN 20/09 | J Hansch<br>J Coomber | Mike A,<br>Marion, Marg Mc | T Van Rossum | N Klep      |
| SUN 27/09 | BOOLARRA              |                            | R BENNETT    | R ARMSTRONG |



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“You can’t give God deadlines” - St Pio of Pietrelcina

### Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

**(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.**

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**

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.)**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

### Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24. 27

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

*For me to live is Christ.*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation See Acts of the Apostles 16:14

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.

**Alleluia!**

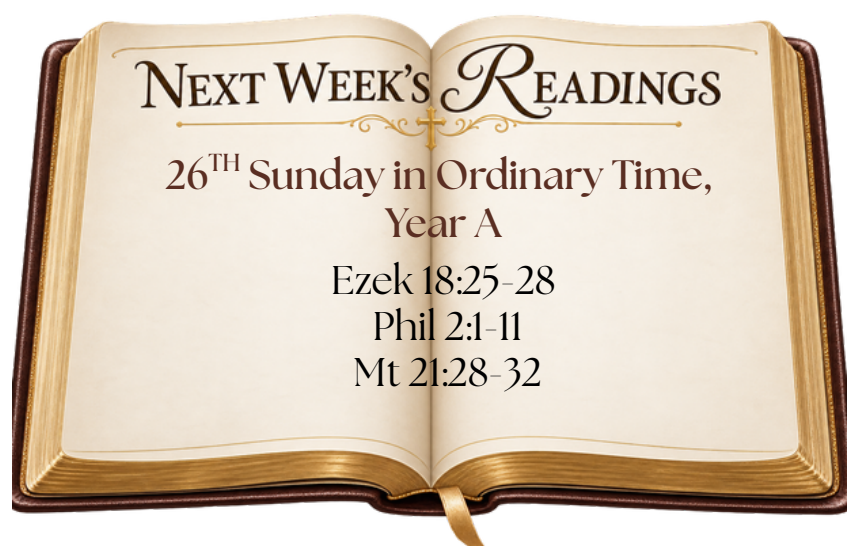
### Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

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

*Why are you jealous because I am generous?*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you

been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'



**"God will always give us more than we deserve" – St Padre Pio**