

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



— TAKE UP YOUR —
Cross

Whoever wishes to come after me
must deny himself,
take up his cross,
and follow me.

Matthew 16:24

22ND SUNDAY
— IN ORDINARY TIME —

— Year A —

30TH
AUGUST
2026

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FRIDAY 10AM - 1PM

SUNDAY REFLECTION

The gospel does not say that Jesus will gallantly step forward, take suffering upon himself, and thus demonstrate his power. Instead, his fate will be a demonstration of his vulnerability. He will be taken forcibly and will suffer at the hands of others. He will do this willingly, but not as a volunteer. Jesus will be a victim. This picture of Jesus carries implications for discipleship. Whoever follows him must follow him to the cross. If we participate in his success, we must also share in his shame. Disciples have a choice to follow or not to follow, but if they choose in his favour they must be ready for suffering and humiliation.

Paul exhorts us to reject the standards of the world. This is a very difficult path to follow, especially when it seems that those who conform to this age prosper. Following Christ can place barriers between ourselves and others. If we no longer share their values and their interests, we may feel alienated. Suffering is bound to invade our ministerial lives as well. We must remember that Jesus' message antagonised many people in his day. Those who proclaim the same message in their own contexts must be prepared for a similar reaction.

After witnessing the marvellous feats that Jesus accomplished, we discover that he is going to suffer and be put to death. How can this be? With Peter we protest. With Jeremiah we wonder: Have we been duped? The realisation that we too will have to suffer becomes a crucial test of our faith.

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RCIA
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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A journey of faith, hope and love.

R.C.I.A.

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WHEN: Thursday 10th September 2026

WHAT TIME: 7.30 p.m.

WHERE: Sacred Heart Tennis Room

If you know someone who may be interested, please encourage them to come along or contact the Parish Office for more information.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

NEXT WEEK

DURING 10.30AM MASS



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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

†**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Lucia Cardillo, Chiara Massimi

†**MASS INTENTION:** Isabella Martino, Rocco Ierardi, Kazimiera Kowalik

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 Gregory the Great, St Teresa of Calcutta

“God speaks in the *silence* of the heart. Listening is the *beginning* of prayer.”

“Be *faithful* in small things because it is in them that your *strength* lies.”

“Every time you *smile* at someone, it is an action of *love*, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.”

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St Teresa of Calcutta



FR PAUL'S CORNER

We often glorify sports athletes for their work and skills on the field but not so much for those on the bench. It is very difficult to help a team score a goal, points, or runs when sitting on the bench, however those on the bench are less likely to get injured, make a mistake or fumble. Jesus explains this for his ministry and mission. What do you expect Jesus to achieve if we bench Him, protect Him from the opponants, and do not allow Him to do what He is called to do? And what do you expect to achieve yourself, if you put yourself on the bench and refuse to do your mission and calling?

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION
Morwell Planned Giving - \$1862.40
Morwell Presbytery - \$528.65

Churchill Planned Giving - \$725.80
Churchill Presbytery - \$414.00



A NEW COMMITTEE FOR THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Annual General Meeting yesterday. We extend our sincere appreciation to the outgoing committee for their tireless dedication, generosity and hard work. Their commitment to the Italian Catholic Federation and our community has been greatly valued. We warmly congratulate and welcome our newly elected committee and wish them every blessing and success as they begin their roles. Buon lavoro a tutti! 🇮🇹
President: Isabella Monacella, Vice President: Rosa Marino, Secretary: Giuliana Di Sisto
Treasurer: Lenny Di Sisto. Committee Members: Lucia Del Busso • Filomena Della Fortuna • Joe Della Fortuna • Rosanna Della Fortuna • Fiorenza Di Sisto • Giovina Filippo • Gina Forlano • Gennaro Mainella • Giovanna Mainella • Domenico Manzo • Eliza Manzo. Religious Coordinator: Fr Paul Zaher PP
May the new committee continue to foster faith, friendship, Italian heritage and a strong spirit of community.

MASS TIMINGS	
WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEKEND MASSES
TUESDAY - 9.15AM SACRED HEART	5PM - SACRED HEART, MORWELL
WEDNESDAY - 9.15AM ST VINCENT'S CHAPEL	9.00AM - LUMEN CHRISTI, CHURCHILL
(SCHOOL MASS)	
THURSDAY - 5.00PM LUMEN CHRISTI	10.30AM - SACRED HEART, MORWELL
FRIDAY - 9.15AM SACRED HEART	
(SCHOOL MASS)	
1st Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
SATURDAY - 10.00AM LUMEN CHRISTI	
1st Saturday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	

DATE	COMMENTATOR	READER	READER	EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER
SAT 29/08	MONICA LAPPIN	VAL PANTHER	CLAUDIA DAVIES	LYNN REID
SUN 30/08	EVELINA	TONY SALVATORE	MILLA WALKER	ROSA FURFARI LANGMAID
SAT 05/09	ROSE MICALLEF	SHIRLEY PROSSER	MARION ZAMMIT	ROSE PORTELLI
SUN 06/09	JACKIE COOMBER	PRISCILLA DANELON	THELMA DAVIES	ISSY FILO

MEN'S BREAKFAST – A GREAT START!



Our first of what we're sure will be many Men's Breakfasts was held on Saturday, with a great group of 15 men coming together to enjoy good food, plenty of conversation and each other's company.

A special thank you to Emmanuel and Charlie for putting their culinary skills to work and serving up a delicious breakfast!

It was a wonderful morning of fellowship, friendship and laughter, and a great beginning for our Men's Group. We look forward to the next one – and hopefully a few more faces joining us around the table!

Operation Christmas Child

Shoobox Collection items for SEPTEMBER

TOYS (NEW items only)

- Yo-yo
- Small frisbee
- Small kite
- Etch a sketch
- Marbles
- Kaleidoscope
- Playing cards/UNO/ Card games
- Soccer ball & pump
- Matchbox cars
- Fidget spinner
- Tennis ball/small ball
- Skipping rope
- Lego/Building blocks (small set)
- Puppets/ finger puppets
- Plastic dinosaurs/ animals

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES (NEW items only)

- Small adhesive tape
- Make-it-yourself craft kit (eg. Bead kit, jewellery kit, etc)
- Coloured paper/card
- Stickers
- Puzzles
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Binoculars
- Watercolour set, illustrated books, colouring books

MONETARY DONATIONS FOR POSTAGE WELCOME ANYTIME

Shoobox dimension is 29.7 x 21 cm (Items need to be smaller than this)

Season of Creation

Schools Art Competition

Theme: Living Water

Entries close 18 September 2026

www.caritas.org.au/art-comp

SCHOOL ART COMPETITION 2026

Primary and secondary students are invited to take part in Catholic Earthcare's Annual Art Competition, exploring the theme of 'Living Water'. Art supply vouchers will be awarded as prizes.

Bishop's Award (primary and secondary): 1st \$300 | 2nd \$200 | 3rd \$100
 People's Choice Award: \$300 (primary and secondary)
 For more information visit: <https://tinyurl.com/5bbjwamu>

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 Mary's Barnacle

12 Noon Jubilee Mass in Mary's Barnacle

3:00 pm Benediction in Mary's Barnacle

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

6:00 pm Transfiguration in Mary's Barnacle

3:00 pm Benediction in Mary's Barnacle

St Mary's
Corner of Pyke Street and Main St, Burnside

St Francis of Assisi
MacFarlane Rd, Burnside

Immaculate Conception
79 Day St, Ormonde

Save the Date

4 OCTOBER

SUNDAY 2.30PM

SACRED HEART

MASS IN ITALIAN

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

LC FIRST SATURDAY MASS will be held at 10.00am on Saturday 5th September 2026 followed by Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, Rosary and Benediction. Reconciliation will be available. All Welcome!

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.

Happy Father's Day!

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

50TH Anniversary

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF FAITH, COMMUNITY & SERVICE

Lumen Christi Parish will be celebrating **50 years** Anniversary in 2027.

We are reaching out to Parishioners, families and friends for photos, videos, memorabilia and anecdotes which will be compiled as part of the celebration.

This is a great opportunity to go for a trip down memory lane by dusting off your albums etc.

Email copies are preferred and should be sent to churchill@cdsale.org.au

or contact Mike Answerth 0438 048 150 or Peter 0438 012 652

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE

This fund supports the priests and deacons of our Diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting nine priests and three deacons and their wives in retirement and is responsible for the other clergy (including priests from overseas) and deacons' wives in time of sickness. The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for the next year will be over \$200,000. This includes wages for Kelly, our clergy care nurse (two days per week). Online donations can now be made at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> and the foundation is most appreciative of your support and any donation you can afford. 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.

DATE	READERS	EUCH MINISTERS	COUNTERS	MUSIC
SUN 30/08	M & M ANSWERTH	BERNICE ANGELO PATRICIA	A & S DARLING	R ARMSTRONG
SUN 06/09	T COLWELL L VAN EYK	LORRAINE FRANCES ANGELA V	H JUNKER	PAUL & RON

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“Be not anxious about what you have, but about what you are”– St Gregory the Great

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the
word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the
Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not
think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there
seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way
that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy
sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the
behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change,
modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of
God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the
perfect thing to do.

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 16:21-27

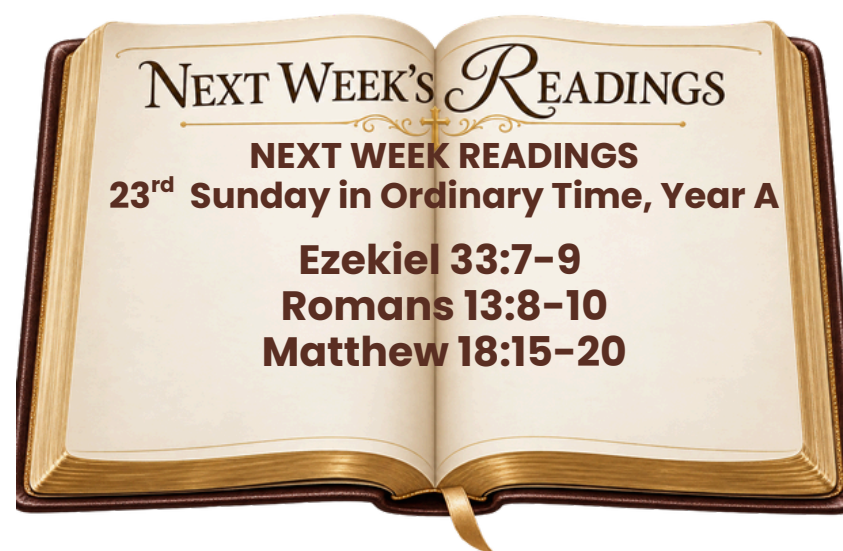
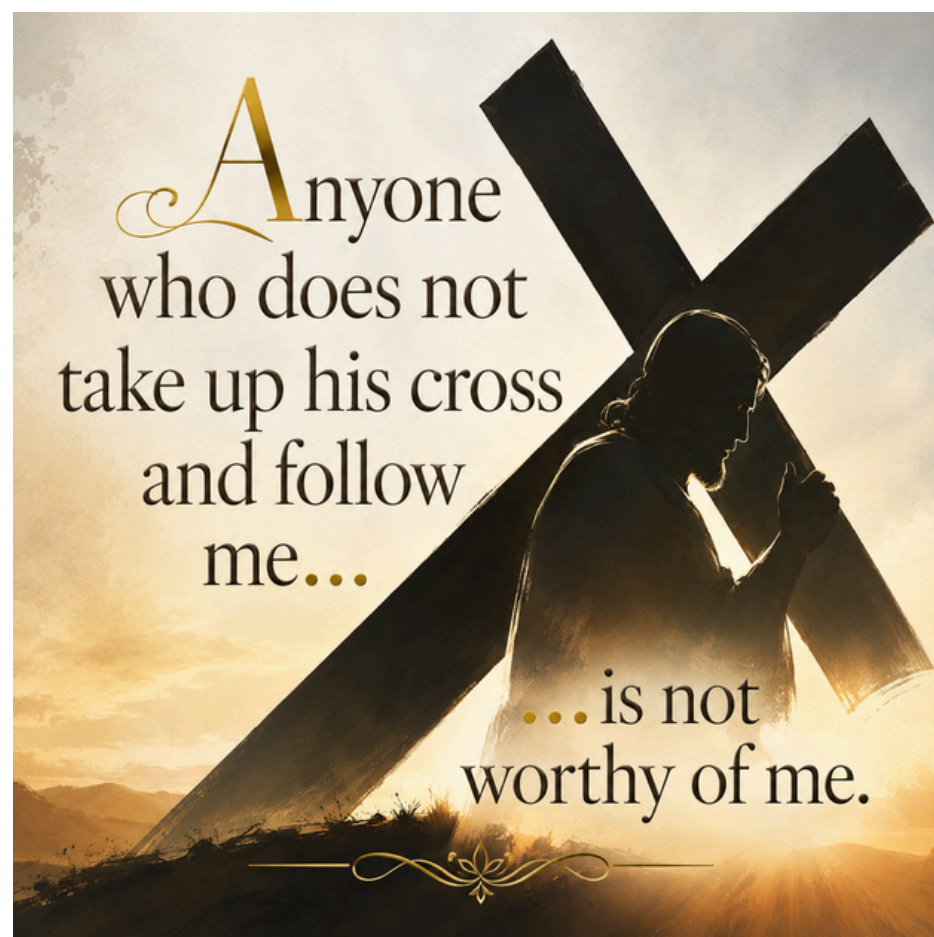
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go
to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief
priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third
day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him.
'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But
he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle
in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'
Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine,
let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For
anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his

life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the
whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in
exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with
his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according
to his behaviour.'



“If you judge people you have no time to love them”.- St Teresa of Calcutta