

# 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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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C - 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

## SUNDAY REFLECTION

The readings of the First Sunday of Advent set the stages for our reflections on the entire season. They contain a number of promises, all pointing to peace and fulfilment. Each reading depicts a dimension of suffering that was often brought on by the people themselves. The promises are assurances that the end of their suffering was in sight. The promises reveal a loving and provident, a merciful and forgiving God. These are promises full of hope. The coming of the Lord is clearly a time of expectation, not of fear and trembling. Although the earlier tradition about the Day of the Lord included punishment of the wicked, the focus here is on redemption. The time of expectation may be preceded by apocalyptic signs in the heavens and dismay on earth, but this cosmic shift will bring fulfilment, not destruction. The love and providence, the mercy and forgiveness of God will be made manifest. What is expected of those who receive the promise? An Advent way of life exhorts us to 'wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ'. This way of life is both simple and profound. It does not necessarily require unusual behaviour on our part, but it calls us to live the usual unusually well. It affects the everyday events of life; it directs the way we interact with people; it informs the attitudes that colour our judgments and motivations. It is as ordinary as the birth of a child; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God. © Dianne Bergant CSA



## DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY UPDATE

Phase 2 of the 2024 Diocesan Consultation has been completed. We sincerely thank every one who chose to contribute to the consultation meetings or submitted their responses online. A significant number of suggestions have been submitted to the question of, "What pastoral priorities and actions the Holy Spirit is calling us as individuals and parish communities to focus on during the next five years to give renewed life and purpose to our shared mission?". The feedback is presently being compiled into a report that will be published in December. Our attention is now focussed on the Diocesan Assembly that is being held at Marist-Sion College, Warragul, on 14 & 15 February 2025. At this assembly, some 232 delegates from parishes, schools, Diocesan bodies and organisations, and other Churches, will aim, (a) to acknowledge and affirm the strengths and best practices of our Diocese that we wish to continue to build on; (b) to identify the significant challenges we face in our Diocese as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ, and, (c) to gain a clear picture of which pastoral goals and actions need to be given priority over the next five years, for our Diocese to develop towards becoming more Christ-centred, synodal and missionary. Please join with the people of the Diocese in praying that the Holy Spirit will guide the planning and outcomes of this important event.



**NB: 5 Delegates will be attending from our Combined Parishes of MCP and LC**

## MASS TIMINGS

### WEEKDAYS MASSES THIS WEEK

**Tue - No Mass** - Clergy / Principals Meet  
**Wed - 9.15am - St Vincent**  
10.30am - Heritage Manor NH Mass  
**Thu - No Mass** - Bishop/Council of Priests Meet  
**First Fri - 9.15am - SH School** Adoration & Reconciliation  
**First Sat - 10.00am - LC** Adoration & Reconciliation

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Sat - 5pm - St Vincent's**  
**Sun - 9am - Lumen Christi**  
**Sun - 10.30am - Sacred Heart**

FOR ANY EMERGENCIES or BOOKINGS PLEASE CALL : 51342849 OR mwellcathpar@netspace.net.au



**CRAFT GROUP:** The Craft group will gather for the last time this year on **12th Dec.** and resume on **11th Jan 2025.**

**JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS** will meet on **Sunday 1st December** at 11.30 in the Tennis Centre, then at the Morwell Club for Christmas lunch at 12 noon.

✠ **MASS INTENTIONS:** Phillip Watts, Rodolfo Caprara, Nicotra Salvatore, Scandura Venera, Nicotra Orazio

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We pray for Pat Van der Zalm, Roman Braczkowski, Tom Thompson, Bonnie Harris, Julia Peterson, Dominic Manzo, Reji Roy, Fr. Andrew Wise, Andrzej Armata, Tony Colwell and Christopher Garnham.

**FEAST DAYS:** St Francis Xavier, St John Damascene, St Nicholas, St Ambrose

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Lord God,  
only you can see into my heart  
and know  
that under all the  
busy-ness of my life,  
there is a deep longing to make this  
Advent one that welcomes you more  
deeply  
into my own life.  
Help me to be aware and keep alert.  
Remind me to be watchful of You,  
God I wait in Hope. Amen.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults  
Congratulations to **Cory Mitchell** who came forward for the Rite of Acceptance ceremony at St Vincent's last Saturday. Let us keep

Corey in our prayers as he enters into the next phase of RCIA.

David, Jamie, Corey, Aaron - Sponsor & Helen



**Congratulations**

to our children from Lumen Christi, St. Vincent's Sacred Heart Schools and Government schools who made their First Reconciliation on Wednesday.

*Nils, Emmanuel, Esmee, Erin, Thomas, Joshua, Joseph, Ryan, Kulani, Bruno, Eli, Quinn, Ava, Lucy, Beau, Audrey, and Walter.*

**May God continue to bless them as they continue in their faith journey.**

**MCP PARISH CHRISTMAS**  
13<sup>th</sup>, DECEMBER, 6PM  
ST VINCENTS HALL  
TICKETS ON SALE 51342849

- \*Make a table of family/friends
- \*Children under 10yrs -Free
- \*Win a \$100 Voucher
- \*Many other prizes & Surprises

**\$30** HURRY!!  
All proceeds go to Parish needs

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| DATES     | COMMENTATOR       | READER        | READER           | EUCH-MINISTERS   |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| SAT 30/11 | JANELLE SZKWAREK  | ROSE MICALLEF | JULIE CAUCHI     | ROSE PORTELLI    |
| SUN 1/12  | PRISCILLA DANELON | RON FORMARAN  | EVELINA          | KEITH MCGRATH    |
| SAT 7/12  | JOE DEGUARA       | JULIE CAUCHI  | JANELLE SZKWAREK | MARLENE THOMPSON |
| SUN 8/12  | MARIA CORNELL     | SANDRA MAK    | MARY BILIC       | SUE BYE          |

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**COLLECTION FROM LAST WEEK**

| MCP                  | ENV/DD | \$1,975.32 | PRESBY TERY | \$ 423.49 |
|----------------------|--------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>LUMEN CHRISTI</b> | ENV/DD | \$510.00   | PRESBY TERY | \$205.00  |

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



*Emmanuel God with us*



**Morwell & Lumen Christi**

**M E E T T H I S T H I S T M A S**

**CHRISTMAS VIGIL**  
 Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December - 6pm  
 Our Lady of Good Counsel, YINNAR

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
 Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December - 7pm  
 Sacred Heart Church, MORWELL

**NEW YEAR MASS**  
 Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> December - 9am  
 Lumen Christi, CHURCHILL


**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
 Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> December - 10.30am  
 Sacred Heart Church, MORWELL

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION: 7pm Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Sacred Heart**



**CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY - MCP**

We warmly invite all children to join us in bringing the story of Christmas to life at our Christmas Eve Nativity Play, starting at 7:00 PM sharp! This magical event is a wonderful way for children to share in the joy and meaning of the season. If your child would like to participate, please contact the parish office soon so we can prepare for this very special celebration. Let's make this Christmas Eve truly special together! Tel 5134-2849



**ST. VINCENTS DE PAUL - MCP HAMPER SUNDAY**

We will have baskets in our church foyers in preparation for Hamper Sunday on **December 15th**. This wonderful initiative is a cherished tradition that allows us to support our local community members in need. As always, we are filled with gratitude for your generous hearts and willingness to share. Thank you for joining us in spreading love and hope during this special season.


**CHRISTMAS DAY CHOIR PRACTICE ON TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 6.30PM SACRED HEART PLEASE COME AND JOIN IN TO MAKE THE CELEBRATIONS EVEN MORE SPECIAL**

**LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH NEWS**

**IMPORTANT - PARISH ADMIN CHANGE**  
 Our parish admin support Angela Van Eyk will be taking an initial six-month break from her admin role. The distribution of weekly bulletin and other duties have been delegated. Initial enquires can be directed to the following people: PPC President/ Safeguarding Officer - Russell Cheffers 0402 356 315 Finance - Rasa Bennett 0437 631 700 Liturgy - Michael Dyson 041 001 3205

**LUMEN CHRISTI First Saturday Mass**  
 This Saturday 10.00am . Adoration & Reconciliation

**BULLETIN NOTICES**  
 Lumen Christi news items and prayers for the sick to be put in the bulletin need to be emailed directly to : [mwellcathpar@netspace.net.au](mailto:mwellcathpar@netspace.net.au) by Thursday 12 pm.



International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) 3 December 2024: The day is held annually on the 3rd of December all over the world. It celebrates and raises awareness of people with disability. The goal is to achieve inclusion of people with disability in all aspects of community life. What Does Catholic Social Teaching say about Disability?

- 1.It is not so much the impairment but the ignorance, intolerance, injustice, and exclusion that undermines the dignity and humanity of disabled people.
- 2.People with a disability are not just the object of care but the agents of their own life.
- 3.They need to be heard. We must recognise the vast diversity of the disabled experience.
4. Inclusion requires that people with disability have an equal opportunity to be recognised, accepted and make their own contribution to the common good.

For more information visit: [catholic.au/s/article/International-Day-of-People-with-Disability](http://catholic.au/s/article/International-Day-of-People-with-Disability)



The Christian communities of Newborough and Moe warmly invite you to JOIN US FOR **EVENING PRAYER IN ADVENT** as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.  
**Mondays 7.00 - 8.00pm.**  
**2nd December** - Newborough Uniting Church, Old Sale Rd, Newborough.  
**9 December** - St Aidan's Anglican Church Torres St, Newborough,  
**16 December** - St Mary's Catholic Church, Monash Rd, Newborough.  
**Supper served after Evening Prayer.**

| LUMEN CHRISTI ROSTER |                       |                     |            |              |             |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| DATES                | READER                | COMMUNION MINISTERS | COUNTERS   | MUSIC        | CLEANING    |
| 1/12                 | T LAVELL<br>A VAN EYK | M ANSWERTH          | H JUNKER   | MEN IN BLACK | M MCQUILLEN |
| 8/12                 | T COLWELL<br>N KLEP   | B VAN ROSSUM        | B CONNOLLY | M FOSTER     |             |

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

**Entrance Antiphon: Cf Psalm 24:1-3**

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-5, 8-9.10.14**

**(R.) To you, O Lord,  
I lift my soul.**

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant and will.  
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere  
him; to them he reveals his covenant. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 –4:2**

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

**Gospel Acclamation: Ps 84:8**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel : Luke 21:25-28.34-36**

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

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. ‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’



**“No one heals himself by wounding another” - St Ambrose**