

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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3RD SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR C - 23RD MARCH 2025



RITE OF ELECTION **CEREMONY ST MARY'S** **CATHEDRAL, SALE**



Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults

Last Sunday afternoon our Catechumen, Corey and our Candidates, Jessica, Sharon and James, along with sponsors, supporters, team members and Father James, attended the Rite of Election in the Sale Cathedral. This event was attended by similar groups from all over the Sale Diocese. Bishop Greg Bennet welcomed us before the ceremony and a beautiful service was held. This service confirms the right of each of the Catechumens and Candidates to move forward to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation. The Catechumens receive Baptism and then join the Candidates to receive Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass. During the service, Bishop Greg formally congratulated each person individually and wished them well on their Faith Journey.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

In today's Gospel reading, Pope Francis explains, we see that 'Jesus rejects and strongly contests the idea of blaming God' for the world's misfortunes. God does not send disasters to punish people. God is not vindictive, but ever merciful. And we are all called to respond to God's mercy, the Pope says, 'especially during this time of Lent.' This includes learning how to stop blaming God. We should try to turn our attention to those times when, as the Pope puts it, it is 'our selfishness that tears apart relationships; ... our wrong and violent choices that unleash evil.' We are called to become the kind of people who can acknowledge our own faults. But Jesus knows that conversion is not easy,' the Pope adds, 'and he wants to help us here.' This is why Jesus 'encourages us with a parable that tells of the patience of God. 'The fig tree is an obvious symbol for each one of us. 'More time is given to it,' the Pope says, 'another possibility. I like to think', he adds, 'that a nice name for God could be "the God of another possibility": God always gives us another opportunity.' Such a chance is here, now. It is up to us to seize it. © Nick Brodie

MASS TIMINGS

WEEKDAYS MASSES THIS WEEK

Tue - 9.15am - Sacred Heart
Wed - 9.15am - St Vincent's School
Thu - NO MASS Clergy/Principals dialogue day
Fri - 9.15am - Sacred Heart School

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

4th Sunday of Lent
Sat - 5pm - St Vincent's
Sun - 9am - Lumen Christi
Sun - 10.30am - Sacred Heart

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Thursday at LC before Mass @ 4.45pm, Friday at 4pm- SH (Italian), St Vincent's 5pm.

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

RCIA MEETING: Thursdays at 7.30pm, Tennis clubrooms

LEGION OF MARY: Tuesdays 10.00am Parish Office

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK: Monday 24th March 6pm SH Church

✠ **MASS INTENTION:** Margaret Parolin,
Maria & Salvatrice Carpinteri & Carmela Gervasi

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

FEAST DAYS : The Annunciation of the Lord

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

PROJECT COMPASSION Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



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CRAYONS, PENCILS, BALL PENS, PENCIL CASES, COLOURING BOOKS, RULERS, PAPER GLUE, SCISSORS, ERASERS, SCHOOL BAGS, PLAY DOUGH.



NEXT WEEKEND
To drop off lenten donation items for the School Aid

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES ARE IN THE CHURCH FOYERS

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DATES	COMMENTATOR	READER	READER	EUCH-MINISTERS
SAT 22/03	JOE DEGUARA	SHIRLEY PROSSER	CLAUDIA DAVIES	LYNN REID
SUN 23/03	SHERRIN SHAJI	CARMELA HEINEMANN	MARIETA EDWARDS	SANDRA BIJU
SAT 29/03	ROSE MICALLES	MICHAEL EDGAR	CHERYL EDGAR	ROSE PORTELLI
SUN 30/03	THELMA DAVIES	AKSHARA JIFY	TONY SALVATORE	SARITHA GILS

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COLLECTION FROM LAST WEEK				
MCP	ENV/DD	\$2135.85	PRESBY TERY	\$415.10
LUMEN CHRISTI	ENV/DD	\$290.00	PRESBY TERY	\$374.00

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

COME AND SEE a call to the Priesthood. An opportunity to meet others who are discerning a vocation to Ministry, and hearing from Priests, stories of their life and call to ministry. A stirring in your heart for God? What this might mean for you? Could Jesus be inviting you to share in his ministry as a Priest? When: **Sunday 30 March 3.00 - 4.00pm** Where: St Michaels Parish, 33-35 Kay St Traralgon.
For more details check the flyer in the foyer



PLANNED GIVING MCP

Our new set of giving envelopes will be ready for distribution soon for the upcoming months. If you haven't joined yet but feel called to support our parish through your generous contributions, we invite you to reach out to the parish office. Your support is truly essential in helping us cover vital expenses and maintain the beauty of our beloved churches. We are deeply grateful for the dedication of our current contributors, and we warmly welcome new members to be a part of this wonderful ministry. Now, more than ever, your generosity is key to strengthening and sustaining our parish community. And don't worry—our reliable "Express deliverer" will have your envelopes out to you shortly! **Together, we can make a lasting impact!**

LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI WEEKLY ROSARY

Held every Saturday 10.00am . All Welcome!



MORNING TEA ON 30TH MARCH

To celebrate our children's First Communion and the commissioning of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, we will be having a morning tea next Sunday after 9.00am Mass at Lumen Christi. We ask Parishioners to bring a plate of food to share if they can. Thank you.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / COMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS 29/30 MARCH

First Holy Communion for Lumen Christi/MCP candidates will be held next weekend at all the Masses. Also, 34 parishioners from both the parishes who took part in the recent Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion training program will be commissioned in their own churches. May God bestow His blessings on our brothers and sisters, chosen to be extraordinary ministers of the Holy Communion.



A heartfelt thank you to all our youth who attended the meeting on Friday night to help organize the Stations of the Cross for Good Friday. It was truly inspiring to see so many young people come together with enthusiasm and dedication. This year, we are excited to witness the fresh ideas and energy each of you brings. It promises to be a meaningful and memorable journey for everyone involved! Don't forget to save the date and be part of the re-enactment.

Reflections from the Diocesan Assembly delegates: *I felt privileged to be part of the Diocesan Assembly. We, as parishioners, teachers, principals, clergy and lay leaders were invited by the Bishop to help prioritise pastoral actions for the next 5 years. Our table discussions were very focussed and well facilitated, so responses to questions were an honest representation of our group's experiences and opinions. Engaging youth & nurturing the future Church through good listening and collaboration was one of the main priorities, and another: fostering inclusion through healing, building trust and strengthening relationships. Indeed, if we are to enjoy a future Church in our Diocese, we need to take up these challenges, with courage and faith. **Angela Darling***



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION: FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, re-discovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to all our March birthdays . May God bless them always!

LUMEN CHRISTI ROSTER				
DATES	READER	COMMUNION MINISTERS	COUNTERS	MUSIC
23/03	BOOLARRA		R & J BENNETT	R ARMSTRONG
30/03	A & P ALTAIR	C. CAMPBELL	A & S DARLING	R ARMSTRONG

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

Entrance Antiphon: Cf.Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

First Reading: Ex 3:1-8.13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4.6-8.11

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings **(R.)**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion **(R.)**

The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **(R.)**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:1-6.10-12

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:17

Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Lk 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

