

# 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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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C - 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

## SUNDAY REFLECTION

We are at the midpoint of Advent. Today we celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday. The principal theme of the day is joy. According to Paul, joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit (cf. Gal 5:22). Such joy is a religious sentiment, not emotional happiness. Along with

gratitude, it is the heart's response to God's goodness. Zion is told to shout for joy because it has been saved by God from its enemies and because God is in the midst of the people. The psalm response proclaims the same message; the reading from Philippians announces that the Lord is near. This is cause for joy. Advent is a time for joy, not primarily because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Christ, but because God is already in our midst (Immanuel). The readings for this Sunday assure us that God is with us, not as a judge but as a Saviour. We rejoice over the saving acts of God that make us confident of God's care and unafraid of whatever may cross our paths. We rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. Advent joy is like the delight that fills a woman who has just given birth, even if it occurred in the throes of birth pangs. Advent joy springs from the realisation that the presence of God in our midst can so transform our lives that the promises of peace and security will be fulfilled. Advent joy is the way we live in the tension between already and not yet. © Dianne Bergant CSA



*Emmanuel God with us*

**Morwell & Lumen Christi**

<b>M E E T C H R I S T</b>	<p><b>CHRISTMAS VIGIL</b> Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December - 6pm <i>Our Lady of Good Counsel, YINNAR</i></p> <p>Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December - 7pm <i>Sacred Heart Church, MORWELL</i></p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> December - 9am <i>Lumen Christi, CHURCHILL</i></p> <p>Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> December - 10.30am <i>Sacred Heart Church, MORWELL</i></p> <p><b>NEW YEAR MASS</b> Wednesday - 10am - Sacred Heart</p>	<b>T H I R D S T M A S</b>
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ADVENT RECONCILIATION: 7pm Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Sacred Heart

## MASS TIMINGS

### WEEKDAYS MASSES THIS WEEK

**Tue - 9.15am - Sacred Heart**  
10.30am - St Hilary's NH  
5pm - Lumen Christi Graduation Mass

**Wed - 9.15am - St Vincent's**

**Thu - 5pm - Lumen Christi**

**Fri - 9.15am - Sacred Heart**

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Sat - 5pm - St Vincent's**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sun - 9am - OLGC - Yinnar**

**Sun - 10.30am - Sacred Heart**

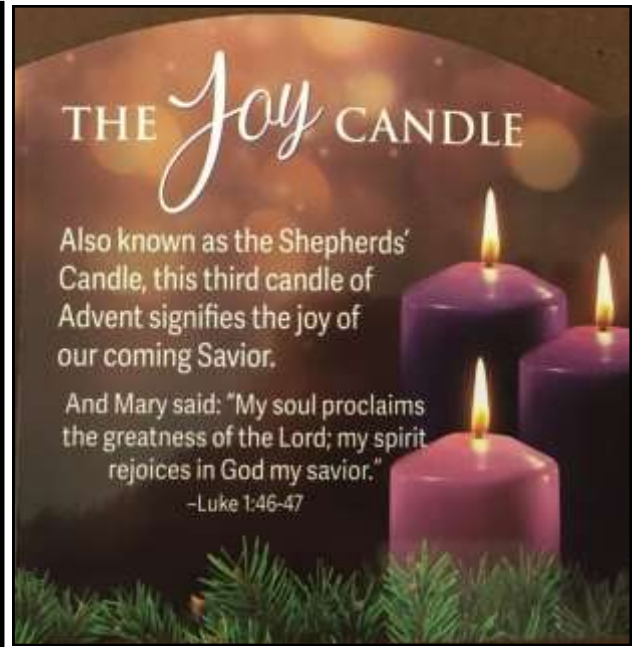
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**CHRISTMAS DAY CHOIR PRACTICE:** Monday 16th  
4.00pm SH

✠ **MASS INTENTION:** Connie Falzon (Birthday Memorium), Francesco Cardillo, Salvatore Prestipino, Ida Salvatore, Larry & Peter Marello

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

**FEAST DAYS:** St John of the Cross, St Peter Canisus



**JOIN US FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY PLAY!**

We warmly invite all children to help bring the story of Christmas to life at our Christmas Eve Nativity Play, starting at 7:00 PM sharp. This heartwarming and meaningful event is a wonderful opportunity for children to share in the true joy and significance of the season while creating cherished memories. Rehearsals will be held on **Friday 20th at 4pm SH Church** where we'll assign roles, practice together, and prepare to honor the birth of our Savior. Whether your child is Mary, Joseph, shepherd or an angel, their participation will make this celebration even more special. **Bring your children and make them part of this great story of God's love. Let them know and share it with all...**



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Thank you to all our wonderful coordinators who have assisted with the Children's Liturgy throughout the year. Your dedication, guidance, and commitment have been a true blessing to our parish, nurturing the spiritual growth of our youngest members. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents and children who participated so faithfully. Your involvement and enthusiasm have brought life and joy to our liturgies. May God continue to bless you abundantly, and may the little Baby Jesus fill your hearts and homes with His love, peace, and joy this Christmas season and always. We look forward to resuming the Children's Liturgy in **February 2025**, with dates to be announced soon.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with hope and grace!

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DATES	COMMENTATOR	READER	READER	EUCH-MINISTERS
SAT 14/12	ROSE MICALLEG	ROSE PORTELLI	CLAUDIA DAVIES	MICHAEL EDGAR
SUN 15/12	SHERRIN SHAJI	CARMELA HEINEMANN	ANGEL JOSE	NINA FARRELL
SAT 21/12	CLAUDIA DAVIES	MONIKA LAPPIN	JOE DEGUARA	ROSE PORTELLI
SUN 22/12	THELMA DAVIES	AKSHARA JIFY	TONY SALVATORE	ELSIE VONKS

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**COLLECTION FROM LAST WEEK**

<b>MCP</b>	ENV/DD	\$1,742.50	PRESBY TERY	\$ 456.00
<b>LUMEN CHRISTI</b>	ENV/DD	\$ 580.00	PRESBY TERY	\$ 338.35

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

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION -**

**COMBINED PARISHES :** As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us take this time to reflect and renew ourselves in the spirit of Advent. Our Advent Reconciliation offers an opportunity for personal reflection and growth, helping us open our hearts to the joy and peace that the season brings.

We are blessed to have two priests from Moe assisting in this special occasion. Let us approach this time with humility and a spirit of renewal, making it a meaningful part of our preparation for the coming of Jesus.

**WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 7PM  
SACRED HEART CHURCH**



**CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

This Christmas, families like Sakhina's are facing the devastating risk of disease due to a severe lack of clean water

and proper sanitation in the world's largest refugee camp. But with your support, we can bring hope to these families. As part of the second-largest humanitarian network in the world, Caritas Australia and our partner Caritas Bangladesh are on the ground, ready to act. Together, we can improve access to clean water, provide better sanitation, and help reduce the spread of deadly waterborne diseases this Christmas. Donate today at [caritas.org.au/christmas](http://caritas.org.au/christmas)

**THANK YOU BBQ - MCP**

As a heartfelt thank you to all our dedicated volunteers, we will be hosting a Volunteer BBQ and Fellowship on **Friday 27th December, 6.30pm, Tennis Clubrooms.** Please join us for this special gathering, where we can express our gratitude for your continued support and commitment to our parish.



**HAMPER SUNDAY (THIS WEEKEND)-MCP:**

On this Hamper Sunday in our Parish, we wish to acknowledge and thank all our parishioners for their generous donations and St. Vincent De Paul. Your kindness and support will bring joy and hope to those in need this Christmas season. May God bless you all for your compassion and generosity!



This weekend, Sue Bye celebrates her **80<sup>th</sup>** birthday! May God bless her with abundant joy, good health, and His loving grace in the years to come.  
**Happy Birthday, Sue!**

**LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH NEWS**

**LUMEN CHRISTI WEEKLY ROSARY**

Held every Saturday 10.00am . All Welcome!

**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.

**CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA - LC**

Following the 9am mass on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, **December 15**, there will be a shared morning tea. Bring along a plate to share if you can.

**THANK YOU CHURCH WORKING BEE - SH**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the working bee to clean Sacred Heart Church. Your efforts have made our church a beautiful and welcoming space for worship. May God bless you for your contributions and for helping us prepare our sacred space for the celebration of the Christmas season!



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We sincerely thank **Gayan GM Tiling Gippsland** for stepping in to assist with our recent Presbytery kitchen renovations with incredible generosity. By providing both high-quality tiles and skilled labour free of charge, you have not only transformed the space but also shown the true spirit of kindness and community. We are profoundly grateful for your invaluable contribution!



**MUCH GIVEN** - Memoir of a Vietnam Vet, Catholic Clergyman and Grandfather Deacon Mark Kelly relates his family's service tradition from the Boer War, WW2, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf and Solomons including his Navy service, later career and the forces that drew him to ordination and full-time ministry in the Church. This book mostly explores how I got to be who I am and recounts some of the fun along the way. Avail Church Foyer or Parish Office \$30 - cash to Parish Office or EFT as per bookmarks.

**LUMEN CHRISTI ROSTER**

DATES	READER	COMMUNION MINISTERS	COUNTERS	MUSIC	CLEANING
15/12	M & H DYSON	M MCQUILLEN	R BENNETT	N KLEP	A VAN EYK
22/12	YINNAR		TBC	RON A	

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

**Entrance Antiphon: Phil 4:4-5**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**First Reading: Zep 3:14-18**

**A reading from the prophet Zephaniah**

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

**Responsorial Psalm: Is 12:2-6 R.v.6**

**Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. **(R.)**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. **(R.)**

Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.  
**(R.)**

**Second Reading: Phil 4:4-7**

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

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Acclamation Is 61:1(Lk 4:18)**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Lk 3:10-18**

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

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.



**"The endurance of darkness is the preparation for great light "** -St John of the cross