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

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. James Fernandez

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SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

PRESBYTERY:

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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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OFFICE HOURS

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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS YEAR C - 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Today we concentrate on the power of the cross in our lives. It is the ultimate demonstration of the nature of God. Christ gave of himself even to death on the cross. This is characteristic, not only of the man Jesus, but of the Godhead. emptying; redemption is the ultimate exambefore the stark cross and mourn the death before the glorious cross and praise God for us. God's graciousness is poured out indis-love can be given. Such is the nature of our nature. Jesus compares the pole in the wilthe cross which becomes the source of our sus conquered sin and death and won for us we die to sin and rise to new life in Christ. serve to transform us. It can be our hope in kenness, because it promises to carry us inwhich has been poured out for us, we have hensible to think that death is the way to



Creation is the first example of divine ple. Unlike Good Friday when we stand of our innocent messiah, today we stand God's incomprehensible goodness toward criminately, prodigally as only profound God, and the cross is the symbol of this derness on which was fixed the serpent to healing. It was through the cross that Jeaccess to God. It is through the cross that As painful as life's crosses may be, they the midst of pain and suffering and broto new life. Through the goodness of God, been granted eternal life. It is incomprelife, but that is the message of this feast.

The cross, which is a sign of shame and misery, is now a symbol of glory and exaltation. © Dianne Bergant CSA

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 13TH & 14TH SEP : We are a safe, hope-filled and welcoming Church Today we celebrate Safeguarding Sunday, it is a time to pause and reflect on our shared responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, first clear and strong message of God's call to justice, compassion, and speak on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves. As a church, we are called to be a community that is safe, welcoming and hope-filled. In our everyday lives, let us remain attentive to those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent ones in our society, the people without a voice? Perhaps today, God is inviting you to stand alongside them. Through prayer, support, or direct action, each of us are called to take part in God's work of justice and care.

MASS TIMINGS

WEEKDAYS MASSES THIS WEEK

Tue - 9.15 am - Sacred Heart

10,30 am - St Hilary's -NH

Wed - 11 am - Sacred Heart - Requiem Mass - Brigida Cerrato

Thu - 9.30 am - Lumen Christi School

Fri - 9.00 am - Sacred Heart

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat - 5pm - St Vincent's

Sun - 9am - Lumen Christi

Sun - 10.30am - Sacred Heart

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

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

CRAFT GROUP: Thursdays 10 - 2pm - Tennis Clubrooms

JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS: will meet Sunday 14th September, 2.00pm Tennis Clubroom

TRECENTLY DECEASED: Fr. Andrew Wise, Luigi Palermo, Brigida Cerrato

†MASS INTENTIONS: Fr Andrew Wise, Isabella Martino (Italy), Thelma Davies (Thanksgiving)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We pray for Pat Van der Zalm, Roman Braczkowski, Dominic Manzo, Reji Roy, Fr. Michael

an, St Hildegard of Bingen, St Robert Bellarmine, St Januarius, Sts Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang and companions Our Mother of Sorrows, with strength from above, you stood by the Cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with attender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God > planned for you. We praise you a











MCP FATHER'S DAY **FELLOWSHIP**





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DATE S	COMMEN- TATOR	READER	READER	EUCH- MINIS- TERS
SAT	JOE	SHIRLEY	MARION	LYNN
13/09	DEGUARA	PROSSER	ZAMMIT	REID
SUN	MARIA	MARITA	THELMA	ELSIE
14/09	CORNELL	EDWARDS	DAVIES	VONKS
SAT	MICHAEL	ROSE	JULIE	ROSE
20/09	EDGAR	MICALLEF	CAUCHI	PORTELLI
SUN 21/09	PRISCILLA DANELON	RON FORMARAN	EVELINA	

COLLECTION FROM LAST WEEK				
МСР	PLANNED GIVING \$2,209.20	PRESBYTERY \$352.95	PWF \$478.25	
LUMEN CHRISTI	PLANNED GIVING \$604.00	PRESBYTERY \$281.60	PWF \$284.75	

Better Care



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

EVENT SUPPORT - We are seeking dedicated volunteers to help make our upcoming Migrant Jubilee a success! Volunteer Opportunities Available:

Event setup and preparation

Car parking assistance and traffic management-Greeting and assisting parishioners and visitors General support to ensure all attendees' needs

Your helping hands will make a real difference in creating a welcoming and well-organized experience for everyone attending. If you can spare some time to volunteer in any capacity, please contact the office to let us know your availability.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING – Emails have been sent to Clergy, Employees, Parish Safeguarding Officers, those volunteers serving in Children's Ministries and those whose three year cycle is due. The training is compulsory for all and must be completed by the due date of **16 Oct 2025.** The log-in details in the email are self-explanatory, including the attachment has been made clearer. Senior parishioners without computer access should complete their training at the Parish. For any questions or clarification, please contact your Parish Safeguarding Officer.

A PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE: JOIN THE JUBILEE OF **CATECHISTS:**

Parishioners are warmly invited to the "Jubilee of Catechists," a special two-day pilgrimage to the Heart of Gippsland. This spiritual journey is a wonderful opportunity for reflection and community. This pilgrimage will take us to some of the most beautiful and historic churches in our diocese. Over the two days, we will visit St. Joseph's in Dargo, St. Michael's in Heyfield, St. Mary's in Maffra, St. Ita's in Newry, and St. Brigid's in Cowwarr. The schedule is filled with opportunities for spiritual nourishment, including Mass, Rosary, a special blessing of Catechists, Adoration and Benediction, and fellowship over shared meals. All are welcome to participate in this unique event.





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD **SHOE BOX INITIATIVE TEMBER COLLECTION**

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It is a hands-on way for you to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts. In September we will be collecting

SMALL TOYS AND MONETARY (POSTAGE COST) Please see some examples listed in the church foyer.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WEL-**FARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE:**

THANK YOU for your generous contributions to the Priests' Welfare Foundation. The special collection raised will go directly towards the support of the sick or retired priests and deacons of our Diocese. If you missed last week's collection, you can still dowww.cdsale.org.au/ online via priestswelfarefoundation All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible

LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY ROSARY- We welcome parishioners and friends to join in our Saturday Rosary held from 10-10.30am at Lumen Christi Church. "May the Virgin Mary, whose entire life was a response to the Lord's call, always accompany us in following Jesus."- Pope Leo XIV, Angelus, 11 May 2025

T VALE FR ANDREW WISE

It is with heartfelt sadness we mourn the passing of Fr Andrew Wise in Brisbane after a long illness. Fr Andrew was the parish priest of Churchill from the 5th of May 1997 and the 14th of January 2003. He guided our parish in several positive initiatives with the youth and helped our parish in setting up the 'Cells of Evangelisation". In this way he encouraged adult faith formation, which included sending five parishioners to Milan. May he rest in peace.



TION OF ADULTS:

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIA-

WHEN: The RCIA will begin meetings on Thursday, 18th of September, 7.30 p.m. WHERE: Meetings are held in

Rite of Christian Initiation the Tennis Rooms behind the Sacred Heart Church.

WHO: Meetings are open to people who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith or reconnect with their Faith. A small team of Parishioners lead the process.

Members of our Parish have a really important role to ask friends and family if they would like to be involved and then to bring them along.

LUMEN CHRISTI SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS AT GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

Dear Parents,

Lumen Christi Sacramental Program for students at Government Schools will begin again shortly. Grade 3, 2025, students are eligible to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Reconciliation will be held on November 19th 2025 and the 1st preparation lesson will be held on Sunday, October 19th at Lumen Christi, after 9.00am Mass

These students will then be eligible for First Eucharist in term 1, 2026.

Confirmation for Grade 6 students will be held in Term 2, 2026.

For further information and/or enrolment please contact Helen Dyson at helenmdyson@hotmail.com or 0412 773 417.

LUMEN CHRISTI ROSTER				
DATES	READER	COMMUNION MINISTERS	COUNTERS	MUSIC
14/09	L & A VAN EYK	MARG C PATRICIA,	B CONNOLLY	ANGELO
21/09	M & M ANSWERTH	ANGE D, FRANCES, ANGE V	A & S DARLING	N KLEP

Entrance Antiphon: Cf Galatians 6:14

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia, alleluia! in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.' At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if might be saved. anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 77:1-2.34-38

(R.) Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Give heed, my people, to my teaching; turn your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable

and reveal hidden lessons of the past. (R.)

When he slew them then they would seek him, return and seek him in earnest. They would remember that God was their rock, God the Most High their redeemer. (R.)

But the words they spoke were mere flattery; they lied to him with their lips. For their hearts were not truly with him; they were not faithful to his covenant. (R.)

Yet he who is full of compassion forgave their sin and spared them. So often he held back his anger when he might have stirred up his rage. (R.)

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

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

The state of Jesus was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation:

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who be-lieves in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world



