



CORIO LARA

— CATHOLIC PARISH —

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Sunday, 28th January 2024

This Sunday marks the completion of my fourth week as Administrator of Corio Lara Catholic Parish. What a four weeks! Your warm welcome and offers of hospitality have helped me to begin to feel more settled. Already I have been able to visit a number of parishioners for coffee or meals and I am looking forward to many more such visits in the months ahead. I have always found it very pastorally beneficial to visit parishioners in their homes. The few minutes we have after Sunday Masses are rarely enough to get to know each other properly. If you would like me to visit your home for a meal or house blessing, don't hesitate to speak to me after Mass or to contact the Parish Office.

Since the Parish Office reopened two weeks ago, Jasna, Gudrun, Deacon Royden and I have done a power of work.

We are ready to launch an under 18s youth group from Sunday 18th February. The youth group is for secondary-school-aged parishioners and will meet fortnightly on Sunday evenings from 6.00pm-8.30pm. The youth group will be organised around three key aims: prayer, formation and friendship.

Three people will commence an abbreviated RCIA course from Sunday 4th February. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the name for the formation course for adults who wish to become Catholic. The three people who will be part of our course have all come through an Alpha Experience last year. Deacon Royden and Gudrun will be running the parish's next Alpha course beginning on 12th February.

During the week, I met with Bill Geerts, the parish's bingo coordinator. Bill confirmed to me that bingo will not be resuming this year. Over the next couple of weeks, I will arrange a suitable acknowledgement for the service that Bill and his team have rendered to the parish and the community.

Over the last two weeks I have also met with Maria Scala, principal of St Francis Xavier Primary School, and Natalie Heard, principal of St Anthony of Padua Primary School. I am looking forward to visiting both schools on a regular basis, beginning this coming week as students and staff return from their Christmas holidays.

I met with Gerard Rowan last week to hear about the progress of the new parish website. Gerard's work and generosity will provide a fresh, functional and engaging digital presence for the parish. I am optimistic that we will be able to launch the new website by Easter. The existing website will continue to be updated until then: www.pol.org.au/corio.

It is my intention to meet with the Parish Mission Team and Parish Finance Committee within the next two to three weeks to begin planning for the rest of the year.

Finally, I have been brought up to speed on the stewardship renewal campaign that was conducted towards the end of last year. The pledges you have made are remarkable. Given Fr Daryl's unexpected transfer, we are only now able to process those pledges. The pledges will be processed on Saturday 3rd February. Please be available that day to take a phone call from one of our team, who will confirm your pledge amount and banking details.

Fr Marcus Goulding, Administrator

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MASS TIMES

Tue. 9.15am | *Corio*
W. 9.15am | *Lara*
Th. 9.15am | *Corio*
F. 9.15am | *Corio*
Sat. 7pm (Vigil) | *Corio*
Sun. 9am | *Lara*
11am | *Corio*

THE ROSARY

8.50am | Prior to weekday Masses

HOLY HOUR & CONFESSIONS

Tue. 7.30pm – 8.30pm | *Corio*

FIRST SATURDAYS

8.30am Confessions | *Corio*
9.30am Weekday Mass | *Corio*
5.30pm Vietnamese Mass | *Corio*

Mass Readings

Entrance Antiphon | Cf. Ps 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading | Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel Acclamation | Matthew 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

Gospel | Mark 1:21:28

Communion Antiphon | Cf. Ps 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

MASS ROSTER THIS WEEKEND

7pm Corio	<i>Comm. Reader</i> EMHC	F Moloney K McCarthy R Demicoli
9am Lara	<i>Comm. Reader</i> EMHC	A Pearson R Vasquez L Kulic
11am Corio	<i>Comm. Reader</i> EMHC	VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The faithful departed: Josip Lastavec, Geoffrey Gayner, Tom Meade

The sick: Milka Marsetti

Pray for Seminarians! Pray for Vocations!

Parish Notices

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN FOLLOW UP 03/02/2024. The pledges you made during the Thanksgiving Campaign in November 2023 will be entered into our system on Saturday 3rd February. You may receive a phone call from one of our team to confirm your pledge and banking details. Please be available for the call.

NEW ROSTER AND LETTER FOR READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION. Readers and Extraordinary Ministers can collect a copy of your new roster for the month of February from the church sacristies. Please read the attached letter from Fr Marcus carefully.

SAVE THE DATE: U18 YOUTH GROUP LAUNCHING 18/02/24. The first session of our new under 18s youth group will be held from 6.00pm–8.30pm on Sunday 18th February 2024. We will meet in St Francis Xavier Church foyer. More info and promotional flyers to come next week. To register your interest, email Gudrun (gudrun.philipp@cam.org.au).

ALPHA 2024. After two successful courses in 2023, we are pleased to announce the next Alpha Experience will begin on 12th February 2024. The course will be held on Monday evenings in the Xavier Centre. To view the parish's Alpha promotional video and to register, visit www.pol.org.au/corio/alpha. We will hear from parishioners who have participated in Alpha at this Sunday's Masses.

WORKING BEE. Next Saturday, 3rd February 2024, there will be a working bee from 9am–midday to continue the redevelopment of the garden out the front of the Parish Office. Please consider assisting. If you can attend, let Joe Brdar know on 0404 172 266.

SINULOG. Congratulations and thank you to our Filipino parishioners for their efforts in hosting the feast of Santo Nino (the Child Jesus) last Saturday. Several hundred people attended and over \$1,500 was raised for the parish.

REOPENING OF CHURCH CAFÉ. After a well-earned break, our café teams at St Francis Xavier and St Anthony of Padua will be back from 3/4 February 2024. The café runs every Sunday after the 11am Mass at St Francis Xavier and on the first and third Sundays of the month after the 9am Mass at St Anthony of Padua. A big thank you to everyone involved in making our church cafés such a success.

NEXT MONTHLY SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT CORIO. Our next monthly sausage sizzle at St Francis Xavier will be held after the 11am Mass on Sunday 11th February. Put it in your diary and we hope to see you there! Thank you to the team who provide such wonderful hospitality in our parish.



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