



CORIO LARA

— CATHOLIC PARISH —

Third Sunday of Lent (Year B) 3rd March 2024

Parish Stewardship Program Update

Like your household, our parish has many expenses to meet throughout the year. The parish has two types of expenses. The first type of expenses are the priest's living expenses (food, transport, and stipend/wage). These expenses come from the Presbytery Account. The second type of expenses relate to the operation of the parish (wages for staff, insurance, utilities, maintenance) as well as important parish activities (the youth group, Alpha, RCIA, church cafés, monthly BBQ). These expenses come from the Church Account. All these expenses help our parish mission of making disciples for Christ.

Your donations are the main source of our parish's income. They show your commitment to our parish and are an expression of faith in action. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and makes a real difference to the life of Corio Lara Parish.

One way of donating to the parish is by putting loose cash in the collections at Mass. The first collection supports the Presbytery Account. The second collection supports the Church Account. Even so, loose cash donations can be unpredictable. We don't know precisely how much loose cash we will receive from week to week. This can make budgeting more difficult.

For this reason, we also have a Stewardship Program. Our Stewardship Program is the way parishioners let us know that they will donate a set amount regularly. Through the Stewardship Program, you can donate by cash or electronically. Parishioners who prefer to donate by cash are given special paper envelopes once a year to cover each weekend of the year. These envelopes are placed in the normal collections at Mass with the donation inside. If you prefer to donate electronically, you can set up a regular credit card payment or direct debit through your banking app or by contacting the Parish Office. The bank account details for our two accounts are listed on the bottom right-hand side of this page.

Last year, Fr Daryl launched a renewal campaign for our Stewardship Program. During the campaign, many parishioners pledged to increase their donations. Other parishioners joined our Stewardship Program for the first time. The results of the campaign were very impressive.

Prior to the campaign, approximately 50 families regularly donated cash through the envelope system while approximately 15 families regularly donated electronically. Following the campaign, an additional 30 families pledged to give cash regularly through the envelopes while a further 15 families pledged to give regularly by electronic means.

If you already give through the envelope system and have pledged to increase your donations, you can begin putting the increased donation amount in your envelopes now. Envelopes for the period of April to June will be made available by the end of March for those parishioners who are new to the envelope system. All envelope contributors will then receive new envelopes in June for the following twelve months.

Careful management of the parish's financial situation is something I take very seriously. Canon Law requires that the parish priest be supported in this work by a Parish Finance Committee. I look forward to meeting our Parish Finance Committee for the first time on 21st March 2024. In the middle of the year, I will present the parish with a report on our overall financial position.

I know many of you make significant sacrifices to support the life and mission of the parish. I offer my heartfelt thanks to all parishioners for your ongoing generosity. Letters of thanks will be sent to all new and ongoing participants in our Stewardship Program over the coming weeks. Please speak to me or Jasna if you have any questions.

Fr Marcus Goulding, Administrator

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PERMANENT DEACON

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EVANGELISATION LEAD

Gudrun Philipp

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*

CONFESSIONS

Tue. 7.30pm – 8.30pm | *Corio*
Sun. 8.30am – 8.55am | *Lara*

THE ROSARY

8.50am | Prior to weekday Masses

HOLY HOUR

Tue. 7.30pm – 8.30pm | *Corio*

FIRST SATURDAYS

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

PRESBYTERY GIVING (1st Collection)

St Francis Xavier Presbytery Account
BSB 083 347
ACC 543 292 126

CHURCH GIVING (2nd Collection)

St Francis Xavier Church Account
BSB 083 347
ACC 674 963 655

Mass Readings

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 | *Exodus 20:1-17*

Responsorial Psalm | *Psalm 18(19):8-11*

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading | *1 Corinthians 1:22-25*

Gospel Acclamation | *John 2:13-25*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, He gave us His only Son,
that all who believe in Him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel | *John 2:13-25*

Communion Antiphon | *Ps 83:4-5*

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

NEXT WEEK | 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23; Eph 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

MASS ROSTER NEXT WEEKEND (9/10 March)

7pm Corio	<i>Comm. Reader EMHC</i>	Larry Pankhurst Frank Moloney Ken McCarthy
9am Lara	<i>Comm. Reader EMHC</i>	Angela Pearson R. Vasquez Lorraine Kulic
11am Corio	<i>Comm. Reader EMHC</i>	Luka Brdar Lara Mesoga Adela Buaya Vicky Neri

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The faithful departed: Marie Schepers.

The sick.

Pray for Seminarians! Pray for Vocations!

Parish Notices

CORIO WORKING BEE. The next monthly working bee at St Francis Xavier will be held on Saturday 9th March, from 9am – midday. We will focus on the lawn and gardens around the church, office and presbytery. Please consider assisting in this very important work. Contact Joe Brdar on 0404 172 266 if you can attend.

CHURCH CAFÉ UPDATE. It has been wonderful to see the large number of parishioners at both Church Cafes enjoying fellowship and the wonderful hospitality offered by our Café volunteers. Please note that when our monthly BBQ is held at Corio, the Church Café will only serve tea and coffee (not food). If you can volunteer your time to help run our Church Cafes, please contact Gudrun or the Parish Office. Training will be provided.

NEW ROSTER FOR READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS. Please collect the updated roster for the first three weeks of March. A roster for Palm Sunday and the Easter Triduum will be developed shortly. Expressions of interest will be sought prior. From April we will be returning to our regular quarterly roster system.

NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS. All email correspondence should now be directed to corio@cam.org.au.

COMBINED CHOIR FOR HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER VIGIL. Next rehearsal 7.00pm - 8.30pm Wednesday 6th March at St Francis Xavier Church. New singers welcome.

HOLY WEEK 2024 TIMETABLE NOW AVAILABLE. Take a copy home or download a copy from the website.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT. 7.30pm in St Francis Xavier church every Friday during Lent. The Stations run for approximately 30 minutes and be led by Fr Marcus. Confession available from 7.00pm.

EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 11am Mass at Corio on Easter Sunday, 31st March. Donations of newly-purchased chocolate eggs will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be placed in the basket in the Corio church foyer. For inquiries or offers to assist on the day, contact Gudrun at the Parish Office.

'SPARK' U18 YOUTH GROUP. Open to high-school-aged children. Next meeting 6.00pm - 8.30pm 3rd March 2024 in the Xavier Centre. Pizza dinner will be provided. Contact Gudrun for more information.

PROJECT COMPASSION. Boxes and donation envelopes available for collection in the church foyers.

MONTHLY PARISH BBQ AT CORIO. Second Sunday of the month after the 11am Mass at St Francis Xavier from Feb to Nov. We are seeking sponsors to each donate \$200 to cover the cost of one of our ten BBQs for the year. If you can sponsor one of our monthly BBQs, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr Marcus.



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