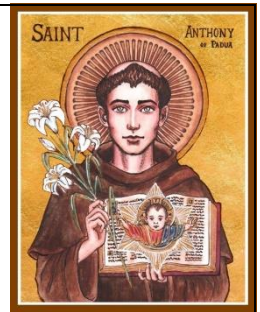


CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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Sunday 11th March 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure,
spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation,
alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do
not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This weekend we celebrate the Octave Day of Easter: the eighth day of the Easter season. Every day of the Easter Octave is classed as a Solemn Feast but the party is only just beginning! We move into the Easter Season and celebrate the risen Lord with us and prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It's a beautiful gift to the Church that the transition from Easter Day to Easter season is now called the Feast of Divine Mercy: A message first given anew to the St Faustina Kowalska and now extended to the whole Church.

EASTER BLESSINGS AND VISITS

At our masses over the Easter weekend, I mentioned that I would dearly like to hear from our parishioners, the story of our Parish as well as where people are at and how they're faring after the months of lockdown and uncertainty. There's an old custom (popular in Europe) that priests visit their parishioners to bless their homes in the weeks after Easter. The thought came up in prayer this week, that we could take up that custom and it would give us an opportunity to have a better conversation than the quick hello's after mass.

If you would like to have your house blessed, or simply have a visit for a cuppa, sheets will be available in our churches over the coming weeks. I'll try to visit as many as possible through the Easter season, but the time will depend on the amount of responses. Let's give it a go!

THANK YOU

Finally a big big thank you, once again, to everyone involved with getting our Easter ceremonies together. So much planning, time and energy went into our beautiful ceremonies. A special thanks to our Liturgy committee, Pastoral Council, church cleaners and maintenance teams, flower teams, sacristans, musicians and choir members, set-up and pack-up teams readers, ushers, communion ministers and servers. There really are too many to be mentioned by name you are all so very much appreciated. This is also an opportunity for us to thank our parish secretary Arlean for all her hard work behind the scenes too. And lastly a sincere thank you to all of you, parishioners, for your encouragement, kindness and generosity over this period and throughout the last year. It's my great privilege and joy to serve you and our parish.

Let's keep each other in prayer. God bless you and everyone you love.
Fr Daryl

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

(4: 32-35)

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 117* Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St John*

(5: 1-6)

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John*

(20: 19-31)

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!'

Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*We, the Catholic people of Corio & Lara Parish guided by the Spirit, participate in Christ's Mission.
With our gifts we create a parish that welcomes all people.*

Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

As a community we pray for

The Sick: Jessica De Grandis, Vince Marshall, John Thomas, Bill Rinaldi, Peter Franchina, Nicholas Francis, Bonnie Gilson, Ibi Bolyos, Pat Yacques, Dee Tetzloft, Michael Watson, Gerry Hoogaerts, Rachael Ash, Irene Bingham, Katareena Cabretti

Anniversaries: Lilia Embanecido, Isabel & Andres Oculam, Casio & Casiana Alinab

The Pope's Prayer Intention for March: Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Vocations! This week's Vocation View: When we are 'born again' in baptism, we really become a new creation, fired with a new love, and aimed in a new direction - heaven. Let Jesus talk with you. Let Jesus challenge you.

Please contact the Parish Office to have the names of any loved ones who are seriously ill, recently deceased or have coming anniversaries included in the bulletin.

Flowers in the Church: Due to the dwindling number of helpers and the ageing of our volunteers, both St Francis Xavier and St Anthony's Lara, have stopped providing fresh flowers in their Churches each week. Fresh flowers will only be provided for Easter and Christmas plus other special occasions. A huge **Thank You** to anyone who has assisted on the rosters over the years. Your time and help has been greatly appreciated. If anyone wishes to donate fresh flowers or money to purchase them for the special occasions, please contact the Parish Office at Corio Ph 4212 0791 or Val Brennan at Lara Ph 0437 132 049.

Catholic Students at Deakin: Deakin Students are invited to register their interest in joining the Catholic Club at Deakin – for friendship and faith sharing. Contact Len Monk, Catholic chaplain lenjmonk@gmail.com. PS The Club will explore Plenary Council developments which offer great hope for the Australian Church and for the world.

Working with Children Checks: All Parish volunteers in the Archdiocese must have a current WWCC. The Parish Office will be updating our files and contacting volunteers to make sure checks are up to date. If anyone would like any assistance with updating their WWCC, please contact the Parish Office.

Coming Audit: The State Government's Commission for Children and Young People has informed the Archdiocese that it will begin its audit of child safety standards in parishes in May or June. We will be looking closely at our own practices and ensuring that we meet the standards over the next few weeks.

Infant Baptism: Baptism Formation Meetings for infant baptisms will be on the Tuesday, 20th April at 7:30pm, St Francis Xavier Church, Corio. Candles and Stoles for the Baptism ceremony can be purchased after the 9:00am Mass at Lara & 11:00 am Mass at Corio on Sundays. For Baptism Bookings please contact the Parish Office on 42120791.

Car Raffles: Tickets will be sold from 14th March onwards, every weekend after the mass at Corio and Lara. There will be **more prizes** (20 instead of 14 prizes) which means there'll be more winners, plus an increased chance of winning for each ticket purchaser due to the reduced participating parishes, but we are down to one car instead of three. The 1st prize- Car worth over \$20,000; 2nd Prize Voucher- \$5000; 3rd Prize- Voucher \$ 2000; 4th – 6th Prize Voucher \$1000; 7th – 20th Voucher \$ 500.

Thanksgiving Envelopes – Thank you to all who have been dropping their envelopes off at the Parish Office. While these are unprecedented times, please prayerfully consider if you are able to keep your pledges and contributions. Online donations are also available at the following: **Account Name: St Francis Xavier Church BSB: 083347 Account Number: 543292126.** Thank you.

Parish Thanksgiving: Please consider joining the Parish Thanksgiving Programme. To set up the thanksgiving by direct debit/ credit card please contact the parish office on 0342120791 or email fxcorio@inet.net.au

Next Sunday's Readings

Third Sunday of Easter (B)

First Reading: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19 | Second Reading: 1John 2: 1-5 | Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Parish Prayer

We, the people of Corio & Lara Catholic Parish give thanks and praise to God the Father. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we become more like Jesus: listening to the Word of God and celebrating the Eucharist; sharing each other's lives and forgiving one another; respecting creation and taking responsibility for our world.

Like St Francis Xavier, may we offer light to those in darkness, and warmly welcome all people.

Like St Anthony of Padua, may we nourish the hungry with wise words and kind deeds.

St Francis Xavier, pray for us.

St Anthony of Padua, pray for us.

Amen

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