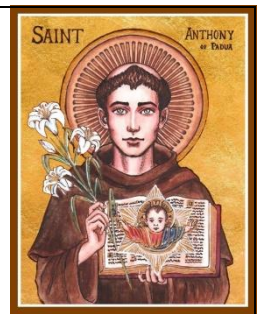


**CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH**  
ST FRANCIS XAVIER, CORIO | ST ANTHONY OF PADUA, LARA



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Mass Times: Tuesday & Thursday: 9.15am (Corio) | Wednesday: 9.15 (Lara) | Friday: 7.30am (Corio)  
Saturday 7pm Vigil (Corio) | Sunday 9am (Lara) 11am (Corio)  
Holy Hour & Confessions: Tuesday 6pm (Corio)

*Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022*  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Entrance Antiphon*

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

*Communion Antiphon*

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

*Celebrating  
the birth of Christ*

at the parish of  
St Francis Xavier and  
St Anthony of Padua

**Christmas Mass Times**  
Dawn Masses (Daily from 16-24 Dec):  
5.30am - Corio  
Christmas Eve:  
7.00pm - Lara (Carols from 6.30pm)  
Midnight - Corio  
Christmas Day:  
10.30am - Corio (Carols from 10.00am)  
New Years Eve (Sat 31 Dec):  
5.30pm - Corio  
New Years Day (Sun 1 Jan):  
9.00am - Lara 11.00am - Corio

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **FIRST READING** *A reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

(35:1-6,10)

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, "Courage! Do not be afraid. "Look your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy in their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 145* Lord, come and save us.

### **SECOND READING** *A reading from the letter of St James* (5:7-10)

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia! The spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good news to the Poor. Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL** *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew*

(11:2-11)

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?" Jesus answered, "Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me." As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is."

## **Next Sunday's Readings**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

First Reading: Is 7:10-14| Second Reading: Rom 1:1-7| Mat 1: 18-24



### **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.*

## As a community we pray for

**A Prayer Intention for December: Volunteer not-for-profit Organisations:** We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

**Vocations! This week's Vocation View:** "As your models in suffering hardships and in patience, friend, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord." (James 5:10) A vocation is responding to the call of God.

**The Sick:** Jessica De Grandis, John Thomas, Peter Franchina, Nicholas Francis, Bonnie Gilson, Ibi Bolyos, Dee Tetzloff, Michael Watson, Katareena Cabretti, Mark Tetzloff and Eva Watson, Michael Cabretti, Alwyn Hayes, Stella Rani

**Anniversaries:** Jim Robertson, Anita Villacrusis, Herbert Rinaldi and Michael Gleeson

**Recently Deceased:** Josephine Saliba, Yolanda Rojas, Francisco Villacrusis, Rodrigo Aala

*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.*

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**Parish Thanksgiving:** Parishioners, who have changed their residential address or phone numbers, please contact the Parish office, as it needs to be updated. Please ring the Parish Office to register or to set up the thanksgiving by envelopes or by direct debit.

**Infant Baptism:** Places for baptisms in our parish are full for the rest of this year. The baptism program will be adjusted in 2023 with available dates announced soon. Please email us at [fxcorio@iinet.net.au](mailto:fxcorio@iinet.net.au) for information.

**Lara Christmas Working Bee: Dec 17th. 9.00 - 12.00:** It's that time of year again! We need to get the Church and grounds spruced up for Christmas. If anyone would like to assist, you would be most welcome. If you have, any queries please Phone Frank on 0418340492.

**Columban Calendars:** There will be Columban Calendars 2023 sold in piety stalls both at Corio & Lara. They are \$10 each.

**Advent Dawn Mass (SIMBANG GABI):** Dawn mass during advent will be held at St Francis Xavier Church, 143 Bacchus Marsh Road, Corio, starting from Dec 16-24, 2022 at 5:30 AM every morning. For more info, please contact Adela Buaya at 0409135589. All are welcome.

**Feast of Infant Jesus** – The 10th Annual Geelong *Sinulog* celebrating the feast of Infant Jesus: Santo Nino (also known as the Infant of Prague) is happening in the parish from the 5-14th of Jan 2023. • 9-day novena at 6pm on the 5th-13th January 2023 at St Francis Xavier • The feast day celebration is on the 14th of January at 10 am at St Francis Xavier Church Corio. There is Filipino cultural dance, and fellowship with all the different parish communities in Geelong and Melbourne. Please contact Robert/Lina at 0411839827 for more information

**Geelong Catholic Diners Club:** You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food and friends for our Christmas dinner for 2022. Tuesday, 13 December, 2022; 6.00 PM at The Bistro, Belmont Hotel, cnr High St & Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont. Purchase of meals and drinks at your own cost. If you wish to come to the dinner, please phone or text Michael 0431 959 584 or Joan 0429 215 111 by Friday, 9 December.

**January Mass Timetable:** Please note that the Vigil Mass on New Year's Eve will be celebrated at 5.30pm. There will be no weekday masses/liturgies from the 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> January. For the other weeks of January, we will use a reduced timetable with no masses on Tuesdays or Fridays. Wednesday & Thursdays will be celebrated as usual. The full weekday mass schedule will resume in the first week of February.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>
	9.15am Mass Corio  6pm Holy Hour & Confessions	9.15am Mass Lara	9.15am Mass Corio	7.30am Mass Corio	6pm Confessions 7pm Vigil Mass Corio	8am Confession 9:00 am Mass, Lara  11:00am Mass, Corio

**ROSTERS**

<b>TIME AND DATE</b>	<b>READER/COMMENTATOR</b>	<b>EUCHARIST MINISTERS</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> 7:00pm, Corio	R Demicoli M Drake	F Moloney
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> 9:00 am Lara	C Wilson – C B Rainbow- R	T McManus
11:00am Corio	G Peters-C S Peters-R	T Van Der Hoeven T Van Der Hoeven

**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.

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