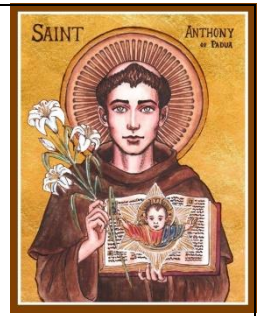


CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH
ST FRANCIS XAVIER, CORIO | ST ANTHONY OF PADUA, LARA



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Saturday 7pm Vigil (Corio) | Sunday 9am (Lara) 11am (Corio)
Holy Hour & Confessions: Tuesday 6pm (Corio)

Sunday 12th February 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

A reflection on this Sunday's Gospel

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbour.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

Loyola Press: Sunday Connections

Return of the Fellowship Sunday Sausage Sizzle

This weekend the monthly sausage sizzle returns after the 11am mass at Corio as part of our fortnightly fellowship efforts at that mass time. It's a great opportunity for us to invite friends and family as well as reaching out to non-Catholics/Christians or those who might not have been to mass for some time. All part of Building the Lighthouse!

While the sausage sizzle will always be free, there is an opportunity to sponsor a particular month. Please see the notice in the foyer for more information. A big thank you to the Tancio Family who have sponsored this month's sausages and bread.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus*

(15: 15-20)

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 118* Happy are those who follow the law of the Lord!

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians* (2: 6-10)

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

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

(5: 17-37)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not kill*; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny. 'You have learnt how it was said: *You must not commit adultery*. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: *Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal*. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord*. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

Next Sunday's Readings

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Lev 19:1-2, 17-18| Second Reading: 1 Cor 3: 16-23| Mt 5: 38-48

As a community we pray for

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, Stella Rani

Recently Deceased: Alwyn Hayes. **Anniversary:** Carlo Bisinella.

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.

2023 Parish Sacramental Program: FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS- If you have children attending non-Catholic schools, or know of anyone who does, who are eligible for the sacraments of First Eucharist, please be advised that enrolments are now open for Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Should you have any queries regarding date and time please contact the Parish Office. **Note: The first session for the Sacrament of reconciliation starts on the 19th Feb 2023 at 10:00am at Corio. Please ring the parish office to enrol.**

Infant Baptism: Please email us at fxcorio@inet.net.au for information regarding having your child baptised at Corio and Lara Parish. Next Baptism Preparation meeting is Sunday, 12th Feb at St Francis Xavier Church, Corio. Preparation session starts at 11:00am Mass, followed Sausage sizzle and sessions afterwards.

GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB: You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food and friends for our first dinner for 2023. Date: Tuesday, 14 February, 2023 Time: 6.00 PM Venue: The Bistro, Belmont Hotel, cnr High St & Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont Cost: 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, 10 February.

World Youth Day Fundraising: Marnie and Darcey will again be washing cars during the 11am this weekend. If anyone would like to join the team in helping the young people from our parish to fundraise for the coming pilgrimage, let Fr Daryl know after mass. They have set up a bank account that people can send donations to: BSB: 733-226 and Acc no: 833 804.

World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 3rd. Time: 1.30 pm: This year St Anthony's Church, Lara, will host WDP and the country of interest is Taiwan. WDP is an ecumenical service worldwide. The churches of Lara meet each year to pray together on this day. All are welcome to join us including our fellow Corio parishioners. Please join us for the service and afternoon tea. Please bring a plate to share if possible.

Craft Group: On the 4th of March, Saturday there will be craft group from 9:00am – 3:00pm at St Francis Xavier Centre, Corio. Please bring any projects you are currently working on. BYO lunch.

CatholicCare Victoria Appeal: The annual appeal to support the work of Catholic chaplains in our hospitals will be held next weekend. Many of our families have experienced the support of lay and priest chaplains during visits to hospitals. This is an opportunity for us to give back. Envelopes will be available in the foyers and there is more information on the notice boards at each church.

Ash Wednesday: 22nd February. In addition to the 9.15am Mass at Lara, there will also be an evening mass: 7pm at Corio. This will be preceded by confessions from 6pm – 6.50pm.

PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 13th Feb	TUESDAY 14th Feb	WEDNESDAY 15th Feb	THURSDAY 16th Feb	FRIDAY 17th Feb	SATURDAY 18th Feb	SUNDAY 19th Feb
	No morning Mass. 6pm Holy Hour & Confessions	9.15am Mass Lara	9.15am Mass Corio	7:30am Mass Corio	7:00 pm Mass Corio	9:00am Mass, Lara 11:00am Mass, Corio

ROSTERS

TIME AND DATE	READER/COMMENTATOR	EUCHARIST MINISTERS
18th Feb 7:00pm, Corio	A Randall K McCarthy	L Pankhurst
19th Feb 9:00 am Lara	C Wilson – C B Rainbow- R	D Whelan
11:00am Corio	J Lenders- C S Grootveld- R	A Buaya J Gundayo

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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