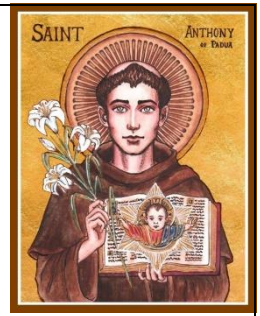


CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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 March 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance Antiphon

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

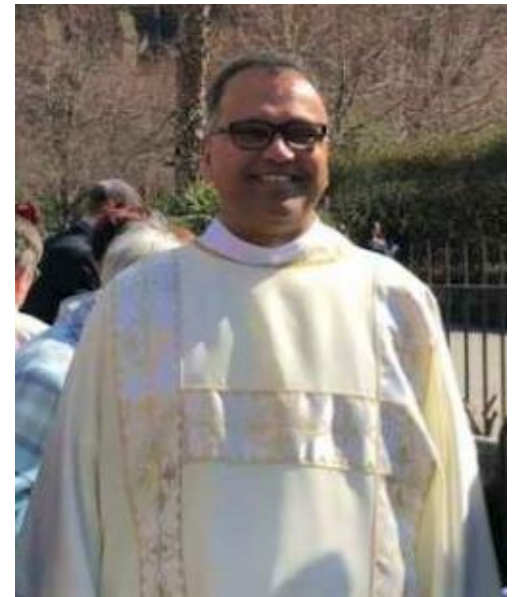
Some exciting news...

WELCOME DEACON ROYDEN

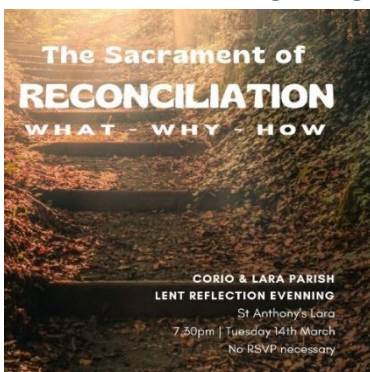
Recognising our growth and potential, Archbishop Peter has appointed Deacon Royden De Souza to our Parish in a part-time capacity.

Deacons are the first level of the Sacrament of Holy Orders and assist at the Altar, proclaim the Gospel and preach as well as baptise and officiate at marriages (They don't celebrate mass, hear confessions or anoint the sick).

The 'Permanent Diaconate' has been restored in the Archdiocese, where men are ordained Deacons but do not continue on to be ordained priests. Dcn Royden was ordained in 2018 and is one of a growing number of Permanent Deacons who have responded to God's call to serve in this way.



Deacon Royden is happily married to Anita and they have two young-adult children. He works in the Proclaim Office at the Archdiocese and officially starts in our parish from 18th March. We look forward to welcoming and getting to know him.



LENTEN REFLECTION EVENING

A reminder that this Lenten opportunity looking at the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at St Anthony's, Lara this Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. Please note that its's a reflection night and not a celebration of the Sacrament itself. All welcome and no RSVP necessary.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from the book of Exodus*

(17: 3-7)

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 94* If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING *A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Romans* (5: 1-2. 5-8)

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

(4: 5-15.19-26. 39-42)

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is Offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall Give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already –when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

Next Sunday's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Sam 16:1.6-7.10-13 | Second Reading: Eph 5:8-14 | Jn 9:1-41

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: Jenni McLean

Anniversary: Gana Brdar and Zvonka Maljevac

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: Please email us at fxcorio@iinet.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.

Project Compassion 2023: Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes or envelopes available now in the foyer, or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

World Youth Day Fundraising. 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.

Fr Daryl Annual Leave: Archbishop Peter has asked Fr Daryl to attend World Youth Day as one of the chaplains. Instead of the normal four weeks of leave, he will take two weeks after the pilgrimage. He will be away from 20th July – 20th August.

Fiat Prayer Weekend: Archbishop Peter has asked every parish to unite together in prayer for the whole Archdiocese across the weekend from Friday 24th-Sunday 26th March. Parishes are invited to take up this offer in particular ways.

Nightfever: To open the Fiat Weekend, there is an evening of prayer at Sacred Heart Church Carlton for Young Adults (18-35). See the noticeboards for more information.

RCIA: This year we are blessed to have nine people preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. As part of the RCIA programme, they will be presented to the Parish at the 11am mass this week, receiving a copy of the Creed and professing that with the parish family for the first time.

Easter Ceremonies: Please see the notice boards in each church for the Holy Week and Easter timetable.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Celebrated each year on the Sunday after Easter, we are pleased to host the special feast day celebrations in our parish once again. SFX Corio: Sunday 16th April 2pm Adoration, 3pm Mass.

Alpha: A programme where you can explore the deeper questions of life and meaning in casual setting while getting to know a whole bunch of new people. We'll hold it in our parish on Thursday evenings in school term 2 (from April 27). Registrations open soon. More info to come.



Please keep in your prayers our sacramental program candidates as they prepare for the sacrament of reconciliation

Please also note that registrations are now open for Confirmation commencing May 2023 & Eucharist commencing August 2023

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PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 13th March	TUESDAY 14th March	WEDNESDAY 15th March	THURSDAY 16th March	FRIDAY 17th March	SATURDAY 18th March	SUNDAY 19th March
	9.15am Mass Corio 6pm Holy Hour & Confessions	9.15am Mass Lara	9.15am Mass Corio	7:30am Mass Corio 6.30pm Stations Corio	7:00 pm Mass Corio	9:00am Mass, Lara 11:00am Mass, Corio

ROSTERS

TIME AND DATE	READER/COMMENTATOR	EUCCHARIST MINISTERS
18th March 7:00pm, Corio	R Demicoli M Drake	F Moloney
19th March 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.