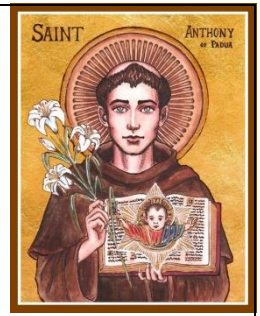




CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

ST FRANCIS XAVIER, CORIO | ST ANTHONY OF PADUA, LARA



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 Holy Hour & Confessions: Tuesday 6pm (Corio)

Sunday 15th August 2021

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Entrance Antiphon

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Communion Antiphon

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

As we keep everyone who remains locked down in Metropolitan Melbourne, around Australia and the whole world in prayer, we are grateful that for us in Regional Victoria, the lockdown seemed to lift as quickly as it came down. This means that we can resume our masses, liturgies and prayer meetings under the previous restrictions. With the current 1:4 square metre rule, our limits are 80 people at Corio and 100 at Lara. Please continue to book your attendance for weekend masses. The Parish Office remains closed for the time being but we are attending to phone calls and emails.

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Every Sunday is a feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord from the dead. It's a celebration and reminder that God's love is stronger than death. His *resurrection*, not merely a resuscitation, but a true Life that can never die again, is on offer to each of us.

This Sunday's Solemn Feast of the Assumption, this glorious mystery of faith, celebrates that offer of true Life being received by Our Lady. The Church has believed since the beginning and so teaches that Mary "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

We use the word 'ascension' when speaking of Jesus' entry into heaven, and 'assumption' for Mary, to highlight an important difference. While Our Lord rose from the dead and ascended into heaven by His own power, with Our Lady, and please God for all of us, it will also be God's power; not ours.

This means that we don't need to fear and rely on ourselves. Like Mary we only need to keep saying 'yes'. Let's pray for each other as we each continue the journey home to heaven.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from the book of the Apocalypse* (11: 19, 12:1-6,10)

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, "Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 44* The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians* (15: 20-26)

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Mary is taken up to heaven; and the angels of God shout for joy. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke* (1: 39-56)

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? From the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty had done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy - according to the promise he made to our ancestors - of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever." Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home. The Gospel of the Lord.

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

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this time receive you Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never let me be separated from you. Amen.

As a community we pray for

The Sick: Jessica De Grandis, Vince Marshall, John Thomas, Peter Franchina, Nicholas Francis, Bonnie Gilson, Ibi Bolyos, Dee Tetzloft, Michael Watson, Rachael Ash, Katareena Cabretti, Bridgett Bradley, Kate Connors, Mark Tetzloff and Eva Watson, Michael Cabretti, Wilma Quiamco

Recently Deceased: Br Ian Robertson

The Pope's Prayer Intention for August: *The Church*. Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Vocations! This week's Vocation View: : "I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst." 'Lord, send us priests after your own heart to give us the Food of everlasting life - Your very Self in the Eucharist.' Consider a call to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

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.

2021/2022 THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE SETS : Thanksgiving envelopes are available for pickup in the foyer after Masses, and during the week after weekday mass. Otherwise please call the Parish Office during the week, to make other pick-up arrangements.

Parish Thanksgiving: People who reside in our parish zone, kindly register with parish and kindly join the thanksgiving to support our parish. 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: Baptism Formation Meetings for infant baptisms will be on the Tuesday, 17th Aug 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.

2021 Parish Sacramental Program: FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS- Due to the latest lockdowns, the First Communion program has been postponed. The new date for First Communion will be Sunday 29th August. Enrolment for First Communion is still open.

Recent House Fire: A house on Bacchus Marsh Rd was destroyed by fire last Tuesday (3rd August). Thankfully noone was hurt but the affected family are known to our Parish and have lost everything. Once we resume masses, we will look at ways that we as a parish can support them.

Census Date this week: This little image was sent in to us by a parishioner. Noting our faith on the census is one seemingly small but important way that we can profess our friendship with the Lord. It also serves to remind the wider society of the foundation of our Western civilization and culture.

Faith matters!

MAKE YOUR CENSUS
ANSWER COUNT

Q: What is the person's
religion?

A: Catholic

Next Sunday's Readings

The Assumption

First Reading: Chron 15: 3-4, 15-16; 16: 1-2| Second Reading: 1 Cor 15: 54-57| Luke 11: 27-28

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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