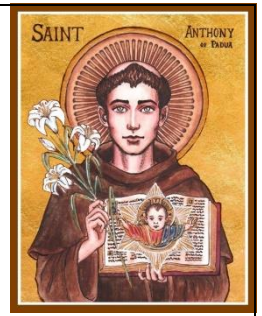




CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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 15th January 2023

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

A reflection on today's mass and the return to Ordinary Time...

The beauty of this season lies in the fact that it invites us to live our ordinary life as a journey of holiness, that is, of faith and friendship with Jesus continually discovered and rediscovered as Teacher and Lord, the Way, the Truth and the Life...

Two of [John the Baptist's disciples would follow Jesus], who asked them: "What are you looking for?" The two asked him: "Teacher, where do you stay?" And Jesus answered: "Come and see", that is, he invited them to follow him and stay with him for a while. They were so impressed in the few hours that they spent with Jesus that one of them, Andrew, said to his brother Simon: "We have found the Messiah." Here are two especially important words: "seek" and "find."

From the page of today's Gospel, we can take these two words and find a fundamental instruction in them for the New Year: we would like it to be a time when we renew our spiritual journey with Jesus, in the joy of ceaselessly looking for and finding him. Indeed, the purest joy lies in the relationship with him, encountered, followed, known and loved, thanks to a constant effort of mind and heart. To be a disciple of Christ: for a Christian this suffices. Friendship with the Teacher guarantees profound peace and serenity to the soul even in the dark moments and in the most arduous trials. When faith meets with dark nights, in which the presence of God is no longer "felt" or "seen", friendship with Jesus guarantees that in reality nothing can ever separate us from his love (*Rom 8: 39*).

To seek and find Christ, the inexhaustible source of truth and life: the Word of God asks us to take up, at the beginning of the New Year, this never-ending journey of faith. We too ask Jesus: "Teacher, where do you stay?" and he answers us: "Come and see." For the believer it is always a ceaseless search and a new discovery, because Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever, but we, the world and history, are never the same, and he comes to meet us to give us his communion and the fullness of life. Let us ask the Virgin Mary to help us to follow Jesus, savouring each day the joy of penetrating deeper and deeper into his mystery.

Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus Address, January 2006

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

(49: 3,5-6)

The Lord said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified"; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: "It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 39* Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Paulk to the Corinthians* (1: 1-3)

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! The word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

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

(1: 29-34)

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, "Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water." John also declared, "I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit.' Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God."

Vale Cardinal Pell

This week we heard the news of the death of George Cardinal Pell. For a time he was our Bishop here in the Archdiocese, and with us he is a brother Christian, whom we now commend to the eternal embrace of our loving God. Here is Archbishop Comensoli's statement on the Cardinal's passing.

It is with great sadness that I have learned that Cardinal George Pell, the seventh Archbishop of Melbourne, has died overnight from heart complications following hip surgery in Rome, Italy.

Cardinal Pell was a very significant and influential Church leader, both in Australia and internationally, deeply committed to Christian discipleship.

Cardinal Pell led the local Church of Melbourne from 1996 to 2001 with strong leadership in the Catholic faith and with good governance, before being transferred to Sydney and then to Rome.

At this immediate moment, let our prayers go out to the God of Jesus Christ, whom Cardinal Pell wholeheartedly believed in and followed, that he may be welcomed into eternal life.

Our prayers of comfort and condolence are also with his family, especially his only surviving sibling David Pell.

May eternal light shine upon him, and may he now rest in peace and rise to glory in the Lord.

Next Sunday's Readings

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Is 8:23.9:3| Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-13.17| Mt 4:12-23

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, Alwyn Hayes, Stella Rani

Recently Deceased: Brian Watts

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.

January Mass Timetable: During this month we are using a reduced weekday mass timetable. Mass is Wednesday 9.15 Lara and Thursday 9.15 Corio. The full schedule will resume in the first week of February.

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.

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.

“**CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA** need Volunteer Tutors to assist newly arrived refugee students at Northern Bay College –on Thursday afternoons during school terms, commencing on 28th February 2023. We are seeking qualified and experienced Volunteer Tutors for Secondary College students in Years 11 and 12 to support and improve their study in the following subjects: **General Maths, Chemistry, Physics, English or Biology**. This opportunity may suit retired teachers or university students studying these subjects, or anyone with expertise in one of these areas. Students are from Refugee, Non English speaking backgrounds and tutors will assist the students to engage homework & learning activities. Training sessions will be provided about the school curriculum and working with students who have English as a second language. This provides a rewarding volunteer experience within the refugee settlement and education environments. For further details please contact Mandi Hyland (Volunteer Engagement Partner) on (03) 5337 8926 or email: Mandi.Hyland@catholiccarevic.org.”

World Youth Day Fundraising: Some of our Parish's young people have made the decision to attend the WYD Pilgrimage to Portugal in August this year. Over the coming months, they will run fundraising initiatives to support their pilgrimage. The first of this will be on Sunday 29th Jan, where they will run a car wash after the 11am mass at Corio. This will be repeated at the fellowship weekends (2nd and 4th Sundays). More details to come.

PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 16 th Jan	TUESDAY 17 th Jan	WEDNESDAY 18 th Jan	THURSDAY 19 th Jan	FRIDAY 20 th Jan	SATURDAY 21 st Jan	SUNDAY 22 nd Jan
		9.15am Mass Lara	9.15am Mass Corio		7:00pm Mass Corio	9:00am Mass, Lara 11:00am Mass, Corio

ROSTERS

TIME AND DATE	READER/COMMENTATOR	EUCCHARIST MINISTERS
21st Jan 7:00pm, Corio	A Randall F Moloney	R Demicoli
22nd Jan 9:00 am Lara	R Vasquez – C B Hyland- R	D Saliba
11:00am Corio	T Van Der Hoeven- C T Van Der Hoeven- R	S Grootveld 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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Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.