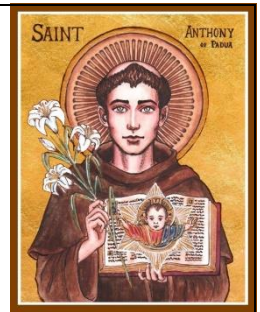


CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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



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Holy Hour & Confessions: Tuesday 6pm (Corio)

Sunday 16th May 2021

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

From a homily on the Ascension by Pope Francis

Jesus departs, he ascends to Heaven, that is, he returns to the Father from whom he had been sent to the world. He finished his work, thus, he returns to the Father. But this does not mean a separation, for he remains forever with us, in a new way. By his ascension, the Risen Lord draws the gaze of the Apostles — and our gaze — to the heights of Heaven to show us that the end of our journey is the Father. He himself said that he would go to prepare a place for us in Heaven. Yet, Jesus remains present and active in the affairs of human history through the power and the gifts of his Spirit; he is beside each of us: even if we do not see him with our eyes, He is there! He accompanies us, he guides us, he takes us by the hand and he lifts us up when we fall down. The risen Jesus is close to persecuted and discriminated Christians; he is close to every man and woman who suffers. He is close to us all; he is here... the Lord is with us! Do you believe this? Then let's say it together: the Lord is with us!

Covid Latest

This week the Victorian government announced changes regarding 'checking in' to various businesses. Churches have been included in these latest changes. From the end of the month, all businesses (and churches) must use the government's designated QR Code provider, and we will no longer be able to use pen and paper sign-up sheets to register our attendance at mass. Everyone must sign in using the QR Code and the government has announced new fines for those who don't follow it.

To facilitate the change, we're going to ask for able volunteers to help our more techno-challenged parishioners to check in at our various masses. If you do not have a phone or simply struggle with the whole QR thing, please do not stress! There will be people to help and no technological hurdle should ever get in the way of our celebration of Holy Mass!

A happier announcement

At the Vigil Mass of Pentecost on Saturday evening next week, Chloe King and her son Jai, will be baptised and received into the family of the Church. Chloe has been making the RCIA journey over the last couple years but with everything that's happened over the last year, was not in a position to be received earlier. A cuppa will be held after the vigil mass to celebrate. Let's pray for Chloe, Jai and all our RCIA candidates as they continue to respond to the Lord's invitation to follow him.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

(1: 1-11)

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. "It is," he had said, "what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit." Now having met together, they asked him, "Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth." As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, "Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 46* God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians*

(4: 1-13)

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all. Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would: When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men. When it says, "he ascended", what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

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

(16: 15-20)

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, "Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover." And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.



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

Next Week's Roster

TIME AND DATE	READER/COMMENTATOR	EUCARIST MINISTERS
22 nd May, 7pm, Corio	L Pankhurst A Beachell	F Moloney A Randall
23 rd May, 9:00am, Lara	FAMILY MASS	L Kulic
23 rd May, 11:00am, Corio	S Peters G Peters	A Buaya R Buaya S Grootveld

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

Recently Deceased: Niksan Selvaraja, Bill Rinaldi, Pat Yacques

Anniversaries: Daniel Stolk, Claire Muhlebach, Kathleen Rinaldi

The Pope's Prayer Intention for April: *For the world of Finance.* Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Vocations! This week's Vocation View: Who shall come forward to explain the love God has for His people who should be one in faith? We need more faith-filled, prayerful and spirited people to make the Vine and the Branches One again. How about you?

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.

May Mass Count: Each year over the Sundays in May, the number of attendees at each mass are recorded and sent to the National Centre for Pastoral Research. The numbers will be compiled and the statistics released later in the year. This year the Research team have requested a few changes to the compiled statistics. These will be explained at our masses.

Working with Children Checks: All Parish volunteers in the Archdiocese must have a current WWCC. The Parish Office will be updating our files and contacting volunteers to make sure checks are up to date. If anyone would like any assistance with updating their WWCC, please contact the Parish Office.

Infant Baptism: Baptism Formation Meetings for infant baptisms will be on the Tuesday, 18th May 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- If you have children attending non-Catholic schools, or know of anyone who does, who are eligible for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation, please be advised that enrolments are now open for First Eucharist and Confirmation. The children need to have been baptised and are in at least grade 3. Should you have any queries regarding date and time please contact the Parish Office.

Anchor: Young Adults Ministry This new group for Young Adults (18-30) in our Parish is finally launching. It will be held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month with one meeting focussing on church teaching and the other, a social gathering. The first meeting will be this Friday 14th May. Contact Fr Daryl for more details.

May Rosary During this month dedicated to Our Lady, the Rosary will be prayed before our Sunday masses. It will start 30 minutes before each mass and will be lead by members of the Legion of Mary in our Parish.

Next Sunday's Readings

The Solemnity of Pentecost

First Reading: Gen 11: 1-9| Second Reading: Exo 19: 3-8, 16-20| Eze 37: 1-14

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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