



**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.*

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary time**

**FIRST READING** *A reading from the book of Genesis 18: 20- 32*

**Abraham negotiates with the Lord**

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

*The Word of the Lord*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Psalm 137: 1-3, 6-8*

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

**SECOND READING** *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 2: 12-14*

**Christ has brought you to life with him and forgiven us all our sins**

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

*The Word of the Lord*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 11: 1-13*

**How to pray**

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them: 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of

mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him”; and the man answers from inside the house, “Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you.” I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship’s sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. ‘So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary time, Year C (Vocation View):** God knows what we want before we ask. God knows who we are before we discern. God invites us to pray; to ask and to discern.

**Pope’s Prayer Intention:** That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

### Reflection

*Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.*



### 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.*



### PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 29th July	TUESDAY 30th July	WEDNESDAY 31st July	THURSDAY 1st Aug	FRIDAY 2nd Aug	SATURDAY 3rd Aug	SUNDAY 4th Aug
	9:00am Mass, Corio	9:15 Mass, Lara  6:30pm, Corio Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	9:00am Mass, Corio	10:00am, Hume Crt	9:30am Mass, Corio  7pm Mass Corio	9:00am Mass, Lara  10:30am Mass, Corio

**As a community we pray for**

**Sick:** Maria do ceu Fernandes, Jessica De Grandis, Victor Lombo, Vince Marshall

**Anniversary:** John Thomas

**Recently Deceased:** Ann Van Halen

**Special Collection:** On the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> August, there will be a special collection- **Melbourne Pilgrimage Appeal** towards Australian Catholic Youth Festival Supporting our youth. Please read letter from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli in the Parish notice board.

## ROSTERS

TIME AND DATE	READER/COMMENTATOR	EUCHARIST MINISTERS	FLOWERS, ST FRANCIS CHURCH CLEANERS
3rdAug 7pm Corio	R Demicoli L Pankhurst	D Rose	CORIO- LARA- D Whelan/ T McManus CLEANING- Tancio Family
4thAug 9:00 am Lara	B Lee K Crough-Reader Welcomer-M Plozza	B Lee L Kulic K Knight	
10:30am	<b>FAMILY MASS</b> Piety stall- F Geerts	T Van Der Hoeven T Van Der Hoeven K James	

**“Innovating for the Future Showcase”:** On Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> August all families and friends are invited to the inaugural Innovating for the Future Showcase at the Catholic Leadership Centre 576 Victoria Parade. This free event day runs from 10:00am to 4:00pm. It’s great chance to see 25+ Catholic Secondary schools all in one spot. Hear from expert panel, lots of interactive exhibits, food and giveaways. Please come and support Catholic Education! More information at [www.catholicschoolsguide.com.au/showcase](http://www.catholicschoolsguide.com.au/showcase)

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for Discernment** – How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal. Find out more at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage. Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! This weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. 2019 Victorian weekend dates: August 23 - 25, 2019 and November 15 - 17, 2019. Each weekend starts at 7.00pm on the Friday, and ends at 5.00pm on the Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information, or to book your place, please phone: Mercy & James on mobile: 0409 183 676 or email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

**Alight Family Fiesta- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019 (8:30am-4:30pm, St Bede’s College, Mentone):** The Alight Family Fiesta is a one-day event which aims to help the families of our Archdiocese grow in their appreciation of the part they have in our shared mission. The day will combine faith formation and a festival atmosphere. Rides, games & international food will be served along with creative engaging and spiritually nourishing faith formation. If you need any financial assistance for this program, please contact Life, Marriage & Family office on 92875587 or email [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au) Brochures are available at the church foyer.

**THE PERMANENT DIACONATE** The deacon is an active apostle of the new evangelization who leads everyone to Christ. Deacons are well-placed to bring to the Church’s leaders an awareness of the needs of the poor and of people distant from the Church. The deacon can be seen as a bridge or envoy, whose special ministry is to take the message into the heart of the world, and, by the same token, dedicating himself to pastoral care, to bring the needs and cares of the world into the heart of the Church’s worship and fellowship. Because of their diverse ethnic backgrounds, talents, skills and life experiences the deacon is ideally suited to contributing to the life of the diocese and parishes. The Archdiocese of Melbourne already has a number of men ordained as permanent deacons who serve in various parish and other ministries. There is an ongoing formation program. Please take few minutes to read the letter from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli in the Parish noticeboard or collect brochures from the Church foyer. For more information please visit <http://www.cam.org.au/permanent-diaconate> or call 0394125537- Office for Permanent Diaconate.

**CENSUS CARD:** Families who are new to our Parish Zone or parishioners who needs to update any change of contact details or residential address, please call the Parish Office 0352754120.

## PARISH GROUPS

PARISH PRAYER GROUP	Held every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, 2:30pm at Ron Lowe room, Corio
LEGION OF MARY	Corio- Meets every Sunday at Ron Lowe room 11:30am- 1:00pm & 5:15pm- 6:30pm Lara- Meets every Saturday at St. Anthony's, from 4:00pm- 5:30pm
BINGO	Happens every Friday night at 7:30pm in Xavier's Centre, Corio
YOUTH GROUP	Meets every Sunday at 5pm-7pm in Xavier's Centre, Corio
MENS GROUP	Meets on last Monday night each month at 6:30pm- 8:30pm. Alternates between Corio and Lara.
CRAFT GROUP	Meets on first Monday each month at 12:00pm- 3:00pm in Ron Lowe room, Corio.
PARISH SENIORS GROUP	Meets on 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday each month at 11:30am Mass, Lara followed by shared lunch
PARISH CARE GROUP	If you would like a carer to visit please ring Parish Office or contact Pam Fitzgerald 52752507, Corio or Dianne Whelan 52821251, Lara
ST VINCENT DE PAUL	Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday each month (Corio) at 7:00pm in Ron Lowe room. Meets 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday each month (Lara) at 7:00pm in St. Anthony's
SFX WORKING BEE	Meets third Saturday of the Month from 9:00am- 12:00pm. Cuppa, Chat & sausage in bread for lunch.
ST ANTHONY'S WORKING BEE	Meets 4-5 times per year from 9:00am till 12:00pm, dates will be advertised. All are welcome!

**Fr Pius Kodakkathanath**

**Arlean Alex**

**Maria Scala**

**Natalie Heard**

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**Office Hours: Mon- Fri: 8.00am - 1.00pm**

**Parish Priest**

**Parish Secretary**

**Principal, St Francis Xavier School, Corio Ph 52751974**

**Principal, St Anthony's School, Lara Ph 52821415**

**RECONCILIATION**-1<sup>st</sup> Sat of each month 10-10.30am and 6.15-6.45pm St Francis Xavier Church, Corio, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month- 8:15-8:45am St Anthony's Church, Lara

**Infant Baptism:** Baptism Formation Meetings for infant baptism will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> Aug 2019 at 7:30pm at Corio Church. Candles and Stoles for the Baptism ceremony can be purchased after the 9:00am Mass at Lara & 10:30 am Mass at Corio on Sundays. For further enquiries please contact the Parish Office.

Days	Mass Times
Saturday	7:00pm (Corio)
Sunday	9:00am (Lara); 10:30am (Corio)
Tuesday	9:00am (Corio)
Wednesday	9:00am (Lara)
Thursday	9:00am (Corio)
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday	10:00am (Hume Ct)
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Friday	9:00am (St Anthony, Lara)
4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	11:30am Senior Mass (Lara)
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	6:30pm Novena to St. Anthony of Padua (Lara)
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	6:30pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Corio)
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	9:30am Mass (Corio)

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