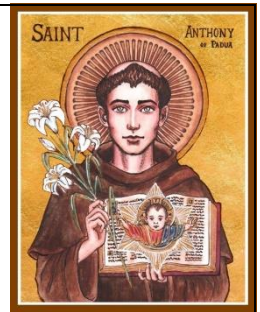


# CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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## *Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021* THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### *Entrance Antiphon*

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

### *Communion Antiphon*

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

## THE EASTER SEASON CONTINUES

As a liturgical season, Easter lasts fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection through to Pentecost. We might say it has two fundamental elements: living with the Risen Lord and praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit. We're nearly halfway through the Season, but as Christians, those two elements can and should be a part of our everyday lives. Let's invite the Holy Spirit to fall afresh on us and lead us to new and deeper encounters with Jesus.

## A JOYFUL NOISE

As we continue the slow march to 'normal' with our masses and liturgies, one of the lovely things to see is the return of younger families and new families too. Naturally, from time to time, some of the children become a bit restless and upset throughout mass. If you find yourself in this situation, I know it can be unsettling and embarrassing, but please know: **you and your little ones are welcome and you are wanted!** It is good that you are here and it's an encouragement to others. It can also be an opportunity to teach our little ones about prayer and what is going on at mass, so please don't feel you have to step outside as soon as your little one becomes a little rowdy. God bless your perseverance!

## CHURCH CAPACITIES

Last week the National Cabinet announced that seated venues can move to a '1 square metre rule' and there are reports the MCG will be allowed 100% capacity for ANZAC day. Frustratingly **churches have again not been included in these changes** and we remain with the 2sq.M rule. The Archbishop has contacted both Federal and State Governments urging for equal treatment for Faith Communities. Until we hear anything further our capacities remain unchanged with Corio: 120 & Lara:150.

## NEXT WEEKEND

ANZAC Day falls next Sunday and so The Last Post will be sounded at the end of our weekend masses to honour our service men and women. Next weekend is also Good Shepherd Sunday and the world day of prayer for vocations. We will be visited by seminarian Joshua McDermid who will share his vocation story at our weekend masses.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

(3: 13-15, 17-19)

Peter said to the people: “You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. “Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.”

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 4* Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord

**SECOND READING** *A reading from the first letter of St John*

(2: 1-5)

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, “I know him”, and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

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

(24:35-48)

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you!” In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, “Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.” And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, “This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.” He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.”

### **Next Week's Roster**

TIME AND DATE	READER/COMMENTATOR	EUCHARIST MINISTERS
24 <sup>th</sup> April, 7pm, Corio	F Moloney B Watson	K McCarthy M Delac
25 <sup>th</sup> April, 9:00am, Lara	FAMILY MASS	S Jackson
25 <sup>th</sup> April, 11:00am, Corio	T Van Der Hoeven T Van Der Hoeven	S Grootveld A Buaya M Leszyk



### **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*

## As a community we pray for

**The Sick:** Jessica De Grandis, Vince Marshall, John Thomas, Bill Rinaldi, Peter Franchina, Nicholas Francis, Bonnie Gilson, Ibi Bolyos, Pat Yacques, Dee Tetzloft, Michael Watson, Gerry Hoogaerts, Rachael Ash, Katareena Cabretti

**Anniversaries:** Francis Moloney, Mary Moloney, Brian Herbert, Denise Watson, Vince Pegan, John Fromholtz

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for March: *Sacrament of Reconciliation.*** Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

**Vocations! This week's Vocation View:** When we are 'born again' in baptism, we really become a new creation, fired with a new love, and aimed in a new direction - heaven. Let Jesus talk with you. Let Jesus challenge 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.*

**Flowers in the Church:** Due to the dwindling number of helpers and the ageing of our volunteers, both St Francis Xavier and St Anthony's Lara, have stopped providing fresh flowers in their Churches each week. Fresh flowers will only be provided for Easter and Christmas plus other special occasions. A huge **Thank You** to anyone who has assisted on the rosters over the years. Your time and help has been greatly appreciated. If anyone wishes to donate fresh flowers or money to purchase them for the special occasions, please contact the Parish Office at Corio Ph 4212 0791 or Val Brennan at Lara Ph 0437 132 049.

**Catholic Students at Deakin:** Deakin Students are invited to register their interest in joining the Catholic Club at Deakin – for friendship and faith sharing. Contact Len Monk, Catholic chaplain [lenjmonk@gmail.com](mailto:lenjmonk@gmail.com). PS The Club will explore Plenary Council developments which offer great hope for the Australian Church and for the world.

**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.

**Coming Audit:** The State Government's Commission for Children and Young People has informed the Archdiocese that it will begin its audit of child safety standards in parishes in May or June. We will be looking closely at our own practices and ensuring that we meet the standards over the next few weeks.

**Infant Baptism:** Baptism Formation Meetings for infant baptisms will be on the Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 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.

**Car Raffles:** Tickets will be sold from 14<sup>th</sup> March onwards, every weekend after the mass at Corio and Lara. There will be **more prizes** (20 instead of 14 prizes) which means there'll be more winners, plus an increased chance of winning for each ticket purchaser due to the reduced participating parishes, but we are down to one car instead of three. The 1<sup>st</sup> prize- Car worth over \$20,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Voucher- \$5000; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize- Voucher \$ 2000; 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Prize Voucher \$1000; 7<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Voucher \$ 500.

**Thanksgiving Envelopes** – Thank you to all who have been dropping their envelopes off at the Parish Office. While these are unprecedented times, please prayerfully consider if you are able to keep your pledges and contributions. Online donations are also available at the following: **Account Name: St Francis Xavier Church BSB: 083347 Account Number: 543292126.** Thank you.

**Parish Thanksgiving:** Please consider joining the Parish Thanksgiving Programme. To set up the thanksgiving by direct debit/ credit card please contact the parish office on 0342120791 or email [fxcorio@inet.net.au](mailto:fxcorio@inet.net.au)

## Next Sunday's Readings

*Third Sunday of Easter (B)*

First Reading: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19 | Second Reading: 1John 2: 1-5 | Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48

## 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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