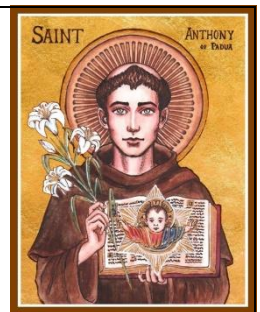


**CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH**  
ST FRANCIS XAVIER, CORIO | ST ANTHONY OF PADUA, LARA



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Saturday 7pm Vigil (Corio) | Sunday 9am (Lara) 11am (Corio)  
Holy Hour & Confessions: Tuesday 6pm (Corio)

*Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022*  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Entrance Antiphon*

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

*Communion Antiphon*

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

*Celebrating  
the birth of Christ*  
at the parish of  
St Francis Xavier and  
St Anthony of Padua

**Christmas Mass Times**  
Dawn Masses (Daily from 16-24 Dec):  
**5.30am - Corio**  
Christmas Eve:  
**7.00pm - Lara** (Carols from 6.30pm)  
**Midnight - Corio**  
Christmas Day:  
**10.30am - Corio** (Carols from 10.00am)  
New Years Eve (Sat 31 Dec):  
**5.30pm - Corio**  
New Years Day (Sun 1 Jan):  
**9.00am - Lara 11.00am - Corio**

**ADVENT DAWN MASSES**

5:30am each morning until Christmas eve | Corio | All Welcome

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **FIRST READING** *A reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

(7:10-14)

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, "Ask the Lord your God for a sign from yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above." "No," Ahaz answered "I will not put the Lord to the test." Then Isaiah said: "Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'."

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 23* Let the Lord enter, he is king of Glory.

### **SECOND READING** *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans* (1:1-7)

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a Son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL** *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew*

(1: 18-24)

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins." Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will name him Emmanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us". When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

### **Next Sunday's Readings**

*The Nativity of the Lord*

First Reading: Is 62:1-5| Second Reading: Acts 13:16-17, 22-25| Mat 1: 1-25



#### **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.*

## As a community we pray for

**A Prayer Intention for December: Volunteer not-for-profit Organisations:** We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

**Vocations! This week's Vocation View:** "As your models in suffering hardships and in patience, friend, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord." (James 5:10) A vocation is responding to the call of God.

**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

**Anniversaries:** Jack Watson

**Recently Deceased:** Josephine Saliba, Francisco Villacrusis, Rodrigo Aala

*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.*

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**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.

**Infant Baptisms:** Our baptism programme will resume in February. More info: [fxcorio@iinet.net.au](mailto:fxcorio@iinet.net.au)

**Columban Calendars:** There will be Columban Calendars 2023 sold in piety stalls both at Corio & Lara. They are \$10 each.

**Feast of Infant Jesus** – The 10th Annual Geelong *Sinulog* celebrating the feast of Infant Jesus: Santo Nino (also known as the Infant of Prague) is happening in the parish from the 5-14th of Jan 2023. • 9-day novena at 6pm on the 5th-13th January 2023 at St Francis Xavier • The feast day celebration is on the 14th of January at 10 am at St Francis Xavier Church Corio. There is Filipino cultural dance, and fellowship with all the different parish communities in Geelong and Melbourne. Please contact Robert/Lina at 0411839827 for more information

**Geelong Catholic Diners Club:** You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food and friends for our Christmas dinner for 2022. Tuesday, 13 December, 2022; 6.00 PM at The Bistro, Belmont Hotel, cnr High St & Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont. Purchase of meals and drinks at your own cost. If you wish to come to the dinner, please phone or text Michael 0431 959 584 or Joan 0429 215 111 by Friday, 9 December.

**January Mass Timetable:** There will be no weekday masses/liturgies from the 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> January. For the other weeks of January, we will use a reduced timetable with no masses on Tuesdays or Fridays. Wednesday & Thursdays will be celebrated as usual. **This schedule will also be used in the week between Christmas and New Year.** The full weekday mass schedule will resume in the first week of February.

**Chairs at St Francis Xavier:** The seating at Corio has been set out in preparation for the Christmas masses. Please do not move any of the chairs in the body of the church. This applies especially to the assisted seating (with armrests) as they're placed where those who need them are best assisted. Thank you for your cooperation.

**New Year's Eve/Day:** A reminder that the 31<sup>st</sup> December (Saturday) Vigil Mass on NYE will be **celebrated at 5.30pm** and resume at the usual 7pm from the following week. At our masses on New Year's Day, we will be unveiling the new statue and votive candle stand at Lara; and crowning our new statue at Corio. The Sunday masses will be at the usual times.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

| <b>MONDAY<br/>19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> | <b>TUESDAY<br/>20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>  | <b>WEDNESDAY<br/>21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>        | <b>THURSDAY<br/>22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>          | <b>FRIDAY<br/>23<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b>            | <b>SATURDAY<br/>24<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>                                  | <b>SUNDAY<br/>25<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>        |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| 5.30am<br>Mass Corio                  | 5.30am Mass<br>Corio<br><br>9.15am Mass<br>Corio<br><br>6pm Holy<br>Hour &<br>Confessions<br>(Final 2022) | 5.30am<br>Mass Corio<br><br>9.15am<br>Mass Lara | 5.30am Mass<br>Corio<br><br>9.15am Mass<br>Corio | 5.30am Mass<br>Corio<br><br>7.30am Mass<br>Corio | 5.30am<br>Mass Corio<br><br>See front<br>page for<br>Christmas<br>Masses | See front<br>page for<br>Christmas<br>Masses |

**ROSTERS**

| <b>TIME AND<br/>DATE</b>                    | <b>READER/COMMENTATOR</b>    | <b>EUCCHARIST MINISTERS</b> |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>24<sup>th</sup> Dec</b><br>7:00pm, Corio | A Randall<br>J Forssman      | L Pankhurst                 |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup> Dec</b><br>9:00 am Lara  | B Hyland - C<br>A Pearson- R | D Whelan                    |
| 11:00am Corio                               | E Samalca-C<br>S Grootveld-R | A Buaya<br>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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*Icons in the header of our Parish Bulletin by Cecilia Lawrence.*

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*Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.*