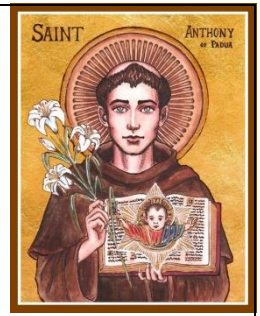




CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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 18th July 2021

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Lockdown announced

With the current lockdown, **all masses, baptisms, holy hours and prayer groups must be cancelled until the restrictions are eased.** If the lockdown ends as scheduled at 11.59PM on Tuesday evening, the Wednesday morning mass at Lara will go ahead and our regular mass time table will continue. As with previous lockdowns, it is unlikely that our permitted numbers in church will spring back to what they were, so we'll have a better picture on Wednesday regarding masses next Sunday.

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In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to come away to a lonely place. It was an invitation to retreat, recuperate and then return to the hustle and bustle. With Victoria returning to lockdown – and everything happening so quickly – many may find themselves in a lonely place, with isolation and disconnection having been some of the sad consequences of the various health measures. While it is certainly a difficult time, perhaps we can also use it for some rest and recollection. As Jesus saw the crowds and took pity on them, so he sees us and loves us. In the 'holy darkness' of our struggles, the Lord, our Good Shepherd, meets us and walks with us. Let's listen for his voice and follow him.

We also share his love with each other, reaching out to those around us, perhaps making those phone calls or checking in on a sick or elderly neighbour. As we keep each other in prayer, let's be especially mindful of parishioners who live alone and those significantly affected, such as the students who were beginning to prepare for First Holy Communion and the Sharmoa and Pleseh families who were finally supposed to be baptised at the 11am mass this weekend. This was possibly the fifth rescheduling of their baptisms due to the various restrictions and sadly we must do so again. Though we don't know exactly where the Lord is leading us in times like these, we can have great confidence knowing that following our Good Shepherd, there is nothing we shall want.

Fr Daryl

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

(23: 1-6)

“Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! “See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 22* The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians* (2: 13-18)

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

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

(6: 30- 34)

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, “You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while”; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

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

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this time receive you Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never let me be separated from you. Amen.

As a community we pray for

The Sick: Jessica De Grandis, Vince Marshall, John Thomas, Peter Franchina, Nicholas Francis, Bonnie Gilson, Ibi Bolyos, Dee Tetzloff, Michael Watson, Rachael Ash, Katareena Cabretti, Bridgett Bradley, Kate Connors, Mark Tetzloff and Eva Watson, Michael Cabretti, Wilma Quiamco

Anniversary: Ricky Stolk

Recently Deceased: Rose Pirece, Wies Cuypers- Meesen

The Pope's Prayer Intention for July: *Social Friendship*. We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Vocations! This week's Vocation View: When the apostles were trying to reflect on their ministry, Jesus asked them to "come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place." Listening to God in quiet prayer is very important in vocational discernment. Listen to God's voice in an out-of-the-way place.

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.

2021/2022 THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE SETS : Thanksgiving envelopes are available for pickup in the foyer after Masses, and during the week after weekday mass. Otherwise please call the Parish Office during the week, to make other pick-up arrangements.

Parish Thanksgiving: People who reside in our parish zone, kindly register with parish and kindly join the thanksgiving to support our parish. 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 Baptism: Baptism Formation Meetings for infant baptisms will be on the Tuesday, 20th July 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 First Eucharist, please be advised that enrolments are now open for First Eucharist. Should you have any queries regarding date and time please contact the Parish Office.

Note on masses: Due to Fr Daryl's work with the Vocations Office, sometimes our weekday masses may need to be cancelled or our weekend masses will have a visiting priest.

Next Sunday's Readings

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42-44| Second Reading: 2 Eph 4: 1-6| John 6: 1-15

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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