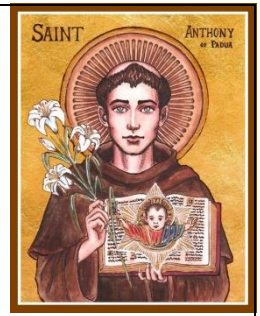




CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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 September 2022

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

A reflection on this weekend's gospel

The steward in today's Gospel confronts the reality that he can't go on living the way he has been. He is under judgment. He must give account for what he has done. He is no model of repentance. But he makes a prudent calculation—to use his last hours in charge of his master's property to show mercy to others, to relieve their debts. ...

He is a child of this world, driven by a purely selfish motive—to make friends and be welcomed into the homes of his master's debtors. Yet his prudence is commended as an example to us, the children of light. We too must realize, as the steward does, that what we have is not honestly ours, but in truth belongs to another, our Master.

All the mammon in the world could not have paid the debt we owe our Master. So He paid it for us. He gave His life as a ransom for all, as we hear in today's Epistle.

God wants everyone to be saved, even kings and princes, even the lovers of money. But we cannot serve two Masters. By His grace, we should choose to be, as we sing in today's Psalm, "servants of the Lord."

We serve Him by using what He has entrusted us with to give alms, to lift the lowly from the dust and dunghills of this world. By this we will gain what is ours and be welcomed into eternal dwellings, the many mansions of the Father's house.

Scott Hahn, The St Paul Center for Biblical Theology

Bacchus Marsh Roadworks

The roadworks in front of the church are beginning this week and expected to last 3-4 weeks. The workers will be on site from 7am - 4pm. Due to this, we will cancel our weekday morning masses at Corio on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday during this time. The Tuesday evening Holy Hour will instead be a mass from 6.30pm. Attendees are asked to enter/park their car in the carpark. The weekend masses will continue as usual, as will the Wednesday morning mass at Lara.

More information on the whole project is available at www.geelongaustralia.com.au and the reference for the Bacchus Marsh Rd shared path is NG6.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from the Prophet Amos*

(8: 4-7)

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, “When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.” The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, “Never will I forget a single thing you have done.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 112* Praise the Lord who lifts up the Poor.

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy* (2: 1-8)

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and humankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

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

(16: 1-13)

Jesus said to his disciples, “There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, ‘What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer.’ Then the steward said to himself, ‘Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes.’ “Then he called his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ‘One hundred measures of oil’ was the reply. The steward said, ‘Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty.’ To another he said, ‘And you, sir, how much do you owe?’ ‘One hundred measures of wheat,’ was the reply. The steward said, ‘Here, take your bond and write eighty.’ ”The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. “And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things can be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? “No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.”

Next Sunday’s Readings

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time

First Reading: Amos 6: 1, 4-7| Second Reading: 1 Tim 6: 11-16| Luke 16: 19-31



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 September: True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Vocations! This week is Vocation View: You cannot serve two masters. Whom do you choose to follow? You have to make a choice. (Luke 16:1-13)

The Sick: Jessica De Grandis, Vince Marshall, John Thomas, Peter Franchina, Nicholas Francis, Bonnie Gilson, Ibi Bolyos, Dee Tetzloff, Michael Watson, Katareena Cabretti, , Mark Tetzloff and Eva Watson, Michael Cabretti.

Recently Deceased: Bridgett Bradley, Ruby Watson.

Anniversaries: Ivy Marie Skeats, Leo De Grandis

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.

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. **Thanksgiving Envelopes will be available in the Church Foyer.**

Infant Baptism: Please email us at fxcorio@iinet.net.au for information regarding having your child baptised at Corio and Lara Parish. Next Baptism Preparation meeting is 20th Sep 2022, 7:30pm, Corio.

Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle: The annual raffle has come around again and tickets will be available after each of the weekend masses from next weekend until 31st October. Please join in, as this is one of our major fundraising opportunities for the parish. 1st Prize- New Kia Picanto S Auto, 2nd Prize- Gift Card of \$5000, 3rd Prize- Gift Card of \$2000, 4th Prize- Gift Card of \$1000 and 5th & 6th Prize of \$500

Volunteer Opportunity with Catholic Care: Volunteer Tutors are needed to assist newly arrived refugee students at Northern Bay College –on Mondays (3:15- 4:30pm) during school term. The Refugee Homework Support Group provides Secondary College students with support to integrate into their school environment, develop their english language and study skills. Students are from Refugee, Non English speaking backgrounds and tutors will assist the students to engage in bilingual language learning, homework & learning activities.. Ph: 0352217055; Email: Nestor.Estampa@ccam.org.au

Marian Announcement: We will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady and the New Year (Sunday 1st January 2023) by blessing a new, larger statue and votive candle stand for St Anthony's and 'crowning' the statue in the Marian chapel at St Francis Xavier's at our masses on that day. A leaving collection will be held on the weekend after the 7th October: the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Offering envelopes will also soon be available for contributions.

Forge: Corio & Lara Men's Ministry: Launching on Friday 30th September, Forge nights will be held at on the last Friday evening of each month. 7pm Rosary, 7.30 Beer, Barbie, Bonfire. Speak to Shayne Lowther, Michael Neri or Fr Daryl or see the poster on the notice boards for more info. Ages 18+ (teenagers can come if with their dad).

Working Bee: There will be working bee from 9am – 2pm on Saturday, 24th September at St Francis Xavier, Corio. There will be barbeque lunch. All are welcome.

RCIA: Registrations for the coming year are now open. If you know anyone who is thinking of becoming Catholic, please give them one of the flyers available in the church foyers.

PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 19th Sep	TUESDAY 20th Sep	WEDNESDAY 21st Sep	THURSDAY 22nd Sep	FRIDAY 23rd Sep	SATURDAY 24th Sep	SUNDAY 25th Sep
	9:15am Mass, Corio 6pm, Corio Holy Hour (Benediction) Confessions	No Morning Mass (This week only)	9:15am Mass, Corio	7:30am Mass, Corio	7pm Vigil Mass Corio	9:00 am Mass, Lara 11:00am Mass, Corio

ROSTERS

TIME AND DATE	READER/COMMENTATOR	EUCCHARIST MINISTERS
24th Sep 7:00pm, Corio	A Randall J Forssman	L Pankhurst
25th Sep 9:00 am Lara	B Hyland - C A Pearson- R	D Whelan
11:00am Corio	E Samalca- C S Grootveld-R	A Buaya 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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Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.