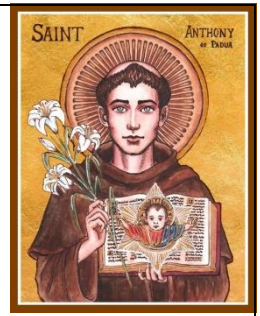


# CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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 19th February 2023*

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

### Communion Antiphon

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

## ASH WEDNESDAY: 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY



### Liturgy Times

9.15am Mass – St Anthony’s Lara

6 – 6.50pm Confessions – St Francis Xavier Corio

7pm Mass – St Francis Xavier Corio

Ash Wednesday this week marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent: our period of intentional preparation for Easter. We respond to the call to ‘Repent and Believe in the Gospel’ A reminder that Ash Wednesday (like Good Friday) is a day of fasting and self-denial where Catholics refrain from eating meat. There is a notice in the church foyers with the Lenten regulations that are given to us each year. As we reflected on last Sunday, these ‘laws’ are given to help free ourselves to give a whole hearted ‘yes’ to God’s great yes in the Easter Mysteries.

On the Fridays of Lent, **the Stations of the Cross** will also be prayed at St Francis Xavier at 6.30pm.

### Return of the Fellowship Sunday Sausage Sizzle

A very big thank you to all involved in making the fellowship around the 11am mass happen so successfully last weekend. Some have estimated over fifty new people visiting us for it. While it’s not about the numbers, it is about the invitation and openness. The newcomers were there because they were personally invited. With the steadily increasing numbers at the 9am mass, we’re going to look for ways to strengthen and engage there too.

Let’s continue to build the Lighthouse!

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING** *A reading from the book of Leviticus*

(19: 1-2, 17-18)

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: "Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. "You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.'"

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 102* The Lord is kind and merciful.

**SECOND READING** *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians* (3:16-23)

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it; if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and future are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

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

(5: 38-48)

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. "You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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

*First Sunday of Lent*

First Reading: Gen 2:7-9,3:1-7 | Second Reading: Rom 5:12,17-19 | Mt 4:1-11

## As a community we pray for

**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, Stella Rani

**Recently Deceased:** Mary Taylor, Audrey Murphy. **Anniversary:** Carlo Bisinella.

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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.

**2023 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 Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Should you have any queries regarding date and time please contact the Parish Office.

**Infant Baptism:** Please email us at [fxcorio@iinet.net.au](mailto:fxcorio@iinet.net.au) for information regarding having your child baptised at Corio and Lara Parish. Next Baptism Preparation meeting is Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> Feb at St Francis Xavier Church, Corio. Preparation session starts at 11:00am Mass, followed Sausage sizzle and sessions afterwards.

**GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB:** You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food and friends for our first dinner for 2023. Date: Tuesday, 14 February, 2023 Time: 6.00 PM Venue: The Bistro, Belmont Hotel, cnr High St & Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont Cost: 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, 10 February.

**World Youth Day Fundraising.** If anyone would like to join the team in helping the young people from our parish to fundraise for the coming pilgrimage, let Fr Daryl know after mass. They have set up a bank account that people can send donations to: BSB: 733-226 and Acc no: 833 804.

**World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 3rd. Time: 1.30 pm:** This year St Anthony's Church, Lara, will host WDP and the country of interest is Taiwan. WDP is an ecumenical service worldwide. The churches of Lara meet each year to pray together on this day. All are welcome to join us including our fellow Corio parishioners. Please join us for the service and afternoon tea. Please bring a plate to share if possible.

**Craft Group:** On the 4<sup>th</sup> of March, Saturday there will be craft group from 9:00am – 3:00pm at St Francis Xavier Centre, Corio. Please bring any projects you are currently working on. BYO lunch.

**CatholicCare Victoria Appeal:** Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Chaplaincy Appeal last week. With everything happening at the 11am mass, the leaving collection was missed. This will be held at the conclusion of mass this weekend (just the 11am).

**Holy Hour:** Refreshments will be served after the 6pm Holy Hour this Tuesday as we mark the eve of Lent/Ash Wednesday. All are welcome.

**7.30AM Friday Morning Mass Returns this Week:** Please enter via the small pedestrian gate directly into the church.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>21<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>
	9.15am Mass Corio  6pm Holy Hour & Confessions	9.15am Mass Lara  6pm Confessions  7pm Mass Corio	9.15am Mass Corio	7:30am Mass Corio  6.30pm Stations Corio	7:00 pm Mass Corio	9:00am Mass, Lara  11:00am Mass, Corio

**ROSTERS**

<b>TIME AND DATE</b>	<b>READER/COMMENTATOR</b>	<b>EUCHARIST MINISTERS</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> 7:00pm, Corio	J Forssman B Watson	M Delac
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> 9:00 am Lara	C Foley – C A Pearson- R	S Jackson
11:00am Corio	T Van Der Hoeven- C T Van Der Hoeven- R	R Buaya V Neri

**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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Bulletin by Cecilia Lawrence.*

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