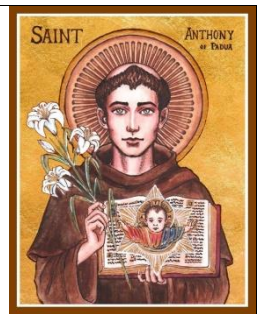


# CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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



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Mass Times: Tuesday & Thursday: 9.15am (Corio) | Wednesday: 9.15 (Lara) | Friday: 7.30am (Corio)  
 Saturday 7pm Vigil (Corio) | Sunday 9am (Lara) 11am (Corio)  
 Holy Hour & Confessions: Tuesday 6pm (Corio)

## *Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023*

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
 Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
 exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

#### Communion Antiphon

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,  
 I saw and I believed in God.

### LAETARE SUNDAY

This weekend we celebrate Laetare Sunday – ‘Rejoicing’ Sunday taken from the entrance antiphon to today’s mass and reminds us that while we’re in a penitential season, it is also a time of great joy knowing that the Lord Jesus has already defeated death and offers his life to us. This Sunday is also one of the two days each year that the liturgical colour is rose (not pink! 😊) and which we joyfully take up. We also joyfully welcome Deacon Royden who officially begins his time with us this weekend and will introduce himself to us at each mass.

This weekend is also framed by two great solemn feasts with St Patrick on Friday (17<sup>th</sup> March) and St Joseph (transferred to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March): a spiritual long weekend which allows us a little indulgence in the midst of our Lenten practices. St Patrick is a patron of our archdiocese as our cathedral is named in his honour and St Joseph is patron of the universal church. Just as he looked over the holy family on earth, he now looks over the whole family of the Church from heaven. St Joseph and St Patrick: Pray for us!

### Holy Week & Easter Timtable

**Palm Sunday:** 2nd April – Usual weekend mass times

**Mass of the Lord’s Supper** (Holy Thursday) – 6<sup>th</sup> April 7pm at **St Francis Xavier, Corio**

**Good Friday:** **Stations of the Cross** – 7<sup>th</sup> April – 10.30am at **St Francis Xavier, Corio**

**Liturgy of the Passion** – 3pm at **St Anthony’s, Lara**

**Easter Vigil:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm at **St Anthony’s Lara**

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Usual Sunday mass times

**Divine Mercy:** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Usual w’end mass times & **2pm Holy Hour; 3pm Mass (Corio)**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING** *A reading from the first book of Samuel*

(16: 1,6-7,10-13)

The Lord said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons." When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him," but the Lord said to Samuel, "Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart." Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." He then answered, "Are these all the sons you have?" He answered, "There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes." Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, "Come, anoint him, for this is the one." At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

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

**SECOND READING** *A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Ephesians* (5: 8-14)

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

(9: 1-41)

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name which means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God; he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was a disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

## As a community we pray for

**The Sick:** Jessica De Grandis, John Thomas, Peter Franchina, Nicholas Francis, Bonnie Gilson, Ibi Bolyos, Dee Tetzloft, Michael Watson, Katareena Cabretti, Mark Tetzloff and Eva Watson, Michael Cabretti, Stella Rani

**Recently Deceased:** Jenni McLean

**Anniversary:** Michael Stellini

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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 Baptism:** Please email us at [fxcorio@inet.net.au](mailto:fxcorio@inet.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.

**Fiat Prayer Weekend:** Archbishop Peter has asked every parish to unite together in prayer for the whole Archdiocese across the weekend from Friday 24<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Parishes are invited to take up this offer in particular ways.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Celebrated each year on the Sunday after Easter, we are pleased to host the special feast day celebrations in our parish once again. SFX Corio: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2pm Adoration, 3pm Mass.

**Alpha:** A programme where you can explore the deeper questions of life and meaning in casual setting while getting to know a whole bunch of new people. We'll hold it in our parish on Thursday evenings in school term 2 (from April 27). Registrations open soon. More info to come.

**Weekday mass/liturgies:** This week there will be no Tuesday Holy Hour or Thursday morning mass at Corio. There will also be no morning mass on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Sincere apologies for the inconvenience.

**Sacramental Program for non-Catholic school students:** Congratulations to the students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week. Our Confirmation program will begin in May and registrations are now open.

**Help Marnie & Darcey get to World Youth Day.** The wider parish has begun to meet Marnie and Darcey, our eager and excited young parishioners who will be making the World Youth Day pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Portugal in July/August this year. They are busy looking for ways to fundraise for the journey and have started washing cars after some of the masses at Corio and hope to introduce themselves to Lara in the coming weeks. If anyone would like to join them and their support team in helping their efforts, please let Fr Daryl know after mass. They have also set up a bank account that people can send donations to: BSB: 733-226 and Acc no: 833 804.

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## Next Sunday's Readings

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

First Reading: Ex 37:12-14 | Second Reading: Rom 8:8-11 | Jn 11:1-45

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**PARISH CALENDAR**

<b>MONDAY</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>TUESDAY</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>THURSDAY</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>FRIDAY</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>SATURDAY</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>SUNDAY</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> March
	9.15am Mass Corio	9.15am Mass Lara	No Mass	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>EUCCHARIST MINISTERS</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> March</b> 7:00pm, Corio	A Randall J Forssman	L Pankhurst
<b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b> 9:00 am Lara	B Hyland – C A Pearson- R	D Whelan
11:00am Corio	J Lenders-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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Bulletin by Cecilia Lawrence.*

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