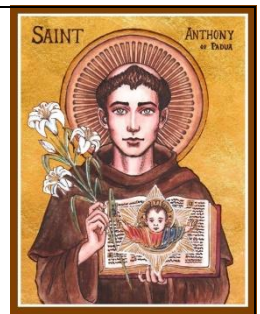


CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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



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

Sunday 20th February 2022

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.

Likely changes...

We welcome a further easing of restrictions beginning this weekend. The most relevant of the changes for us is that "QR code check-in requirements will no longer be in place at retail venues, schools (including childcare and early childhood) and for employees at many workplaces." At the time of writing, it is not clear if this will also apply to places of worship. We anticipate that it will, but are currently awaiting clarification from the Archdiocese. If it is the case, then the QR codes will all be removed by the weekend masses, conversely, if they are there, then please continue to check in. (Please note that masks continue to be required unless you have a medical exemption). Regardless of the outcome, this presents an opportunity to sincerely thank all those who have helped as check-in marshals over the last few months. It was certainly not an easy task for them especially in the early days as we all got used to the QR system.

Another restriction that seemed to be changed without announcement in recent weeks regards the use of ceiling fans in venues. They were previously not permitted but the latest advice says that they are now recommended (as long as we also have the windows open when we use them).

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The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday in a couple weeks' time. The regular Wednesday morning mass will be celebrated, 9.15am at Lara and an evening mass will be celebrated, 7pm at Corio.

Stations of the Cross will be held at St Francis Xavier church on the Friday evenings of Lent at 6.30pm. Please see the flyer in our churches for further details regarding our Lenten timetable.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

(26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23)

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, "Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice." David answered Abishai, "Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?" David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, "Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed."

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

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (15: 45-49)*

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

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

(6: 27-38)

Jesus said to his disciples: "I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back."

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.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for February: Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Vocations! This week is Vocation View: Try not to pray for an easy life; instead, pray to be a strong person. Strong in trust, hope, care, love. Follow the Master.

As a community we pray for

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

Anniversary: Bridget Moloney, Sr Mary Padua Gleeson, Elizabeth Gleeson

Recently Deceased: Michael Rogers, Katie Vella

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.

Sunday Collections: An advanced notice that from the First Sunday of Lent, we will be returning to our previous practice of taking up two collections during mass. We are once again looking for volunteers to take up the collections.

Shrove Tuesday Holy Hour: On the eve of Ash Wednesday (Tuesday 1st March), after the regular 6pm Holy Hour (Benediction), there will be a cuppa with pancakes served. All are welcome.

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 15th March 2022, 7:30pm, Corio.

World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 4th, 2022 A service will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Lara, on Friday, March 4th to celebrate World Day of Prayer. Time 1.30 pm. The theme includes three United Kingdom countries - England, Wales and Northern Ireland. All are welcome to attend the service (Masks must be worn) and the Covid safe afternoon tea. For those who would rather watch the service join through Zoom, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82715954960>. Contact Val, Ph 0437132 049, for any further details.

2022 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.

St. Vincent de Paul Corio/Lara Conference: Our Parish has an active St. Vincent de Paul Conference who regularly assists families in our area who are experiencing financial difficulties. We would like to thank you for your kind donations, especially over Christmas, when we packed over 50 food hampers. We are always looking for new members, so if you have a few hours to spare on a weekday, please contact the Parish Office and they will pass your details on to us. We continue to provide material assistance for families in our area and gratefully appreciate any donation you may be able to make to the Poor Box in either of our churches.

Next Sunday's Readings

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time

First Reading: Ecc 27:4-7| Second Reading: 1 Cor 15: 54-58| Lk 6: 39-45

PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
21st Feb	22nd Feb	23rd Feb	24th Feb	25th Feb	26th Feb	27th Feb

	9:15am Mass, Corio	9:15am Mass, Lara	9:15am Mass, Corio	7:30am Mass, Corio	7pm Mass Corio	9:00 am Mass, Lara
	6pm, Corio Holy Hour (Benediction) Confessions	6:30pm, Corio. Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help				11:00am Mass, Corio

ROSTERS

TIME AND DATE	READER/COMMENTATOR	EUCCHARIST MINISTERS
26th Jan 7:00pm, Corio	A Randall F Moloney	R Demicoli
27th Feb 9:00 am Lara	B Hyland- C T Prott- R	D Saliba
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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