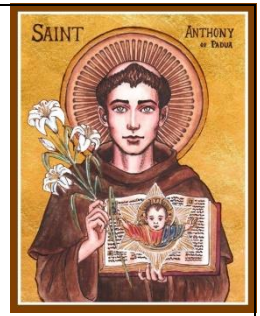


CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH
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Saturday 7pm Vigil (Corio) | Sunday 9am (Lara) 11am (Corio)
Holy Hour & Confessions: Tuesday 6pm (Corio)

Sunday 20th March 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet
from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I
am alone and poor.

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her
young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my
God. Blesses are they who dwell in your house, for ever
singing your praise.

A reflection on the Sunday Gospel

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance...

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

Loyola Press: Sunday Connection Reflections

Parish Lenten opportunities

Stations of the Cross: Friday evenings 6.30pm at Corio

Lenten Movie Night (The Way starring Martin Sheen): Thursday 24th April 6.30pm at Lara

Penitential Service (Second Rite of Reconciliation): Thursday 7th April 7pm at Corio

Palm Sunday Cross folding: Sat 2nd April 11am Lara & Sat 9th April 11am Ron Lowe room

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. "I must go and look at this strange sight," Moses said, "and see why the bush is not burnt." Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. "Moses, Moses!" he said. "Here I am," he answered. "Come no nearer" he said. "Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers," he said, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, "I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow." Then Moses said to God, "I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?" And God said to Moses, "I Am who I Am. This" he added "is what you must say to the sons of Israel: 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come."

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

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (10: 1-6. 10-12)*

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke* *(13: 1-9)*

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, "Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did." He told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for the fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, 'Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

Next Sunday's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Josh 5: 9-12| Second Reading: 2 Cor 5: 17-21| Lk 5:1-3.11-32



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 March: A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Vocations! This week is Vocation View: The world tempts us to grab all we can. Even food becomes more when it is given than when it is taken. Follow Jesus: be a giver.

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, Katareena Cabretti, Bridgett Bradley, Kate Connors, Mark Tetzloff and Eva Watson, Michael Cabretti, Nick Vasilavis.

Anniversary: Josephine Catania, Leo Robles Sr. and Genoveva Villacrusis

Recently Deceased: Rachael Ash, Charles Mallia, Madeleine McGrath, Jill Inch, Wilma Midge Reid. Michael Stellini

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.

Wilma 'Midge' Reid's funeral: Midge's funeral will be held at St Francis Xavier, Corio this Tuesday 22nd March. 10.30 Rosary & 11am Mass.

Sunday Collections: A reminder that we have returned to the previous practice of taking up two collections during mass. The first collection will be after the homily and the second after the Prayers of the Faithful. We are once again looking for volunteers to take up the collections.

Lenten Movie Night: As part of our Parish's Lenten opportunities, we will have a movie night on Thursday 24th March, 6.30pm at St Anthony's, Lara. The movie will be: The Way (2010, starring Martin Sheen; PG Rating).

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 19th April 2022, 7:30pm, Corio.

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.

PARISH CALENDAR

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

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| | 9:15am Mass, Corio | 9:15am Mass, Lara | 9:15am Mass, Corio | 7:30am Mass, Corio | 7pm Vigil Mass Corio | 9:00 am Mass, Lara |
| | 6pm, Corio Holy Hour (Benediction) Confessions | | | Station of Cross 6:30pm, Corio | | 11:00am Mass, Corio |

ROSTERS

| TIME AND DATE | READER/COMMENTATOR | EUCHARIST MINISTERS |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 26th Mar 7:00pm, Corio | A Randall J Forssman | L Pankhurst |
| 27th Mar 9:00 am Lara | C Wilson- C B Rainbow- 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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