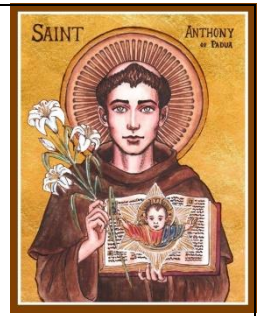


CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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 22nd January 2023

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

A reflection on today's gospel...

In today's liturgy the Evangelist Matthew, who will accompany us throughout this liturgical year, presents the beginning of Christ's public mission. It consisted essentially in preaching the Kingdom of God and healing the sick, showing that this Kingdom is close at hand and is already in our midst.

The "Good News" which Jesus proclaims is summed up in this sentence: "The Kingdom of God - or Kingdom of Heaven - is at hand" (cf. Mt 4: 17; Mk 1: 15). What do these words mean? They do not of course refer to an earthly region marked out in space and time, but rather to an announcement that it is God who reigns, that God is Lord and that his lordship is present and actual, it is being realized.

The newness of Christ's message, therefore, is that God made himself close *in him* and now reigns in our midst, as the miracles and healings that he works demonstrate. God reigns in the world through his Son made man and with the power of the Holy Spirit who is called "the finger of God" (Lk 11: 20). Wherever Jesus goes the Creator Spirit brings life, and men and women are healed of diseases of body and spirit. God's lordship is thus manifest in the human being's integral healing. By this, Jesus wanted to reveal the Face of the true God, the God who is close, full of mercy for every human being; the God who makes us a gift of life in abundance, his own life. The Kingdom of God is therefore life that asserts itself over death, the light of truth that dispels the darkness of ignorance and lies.

Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus Address, 27th January 2008

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

(8: 23, 9:3)

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 26* The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Paulk to the Corinthians* (1: 10-13, 17)

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: "I am for Paul," "I am for Apollos," "I am for Cephas," "I am for Christ." Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

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

(4: 12-23)

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand."

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

Next Sunday's Readings

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13| Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:26-31| Mt 5: 1-12

Memorial Mass for Cardinal Pell

A mass for the repose of the soul of Cardinal Pell, our former archbishop, will be celebrated by Archbishop Comensoli on Friday 3rd February 6.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.

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, Alwyn Hayes, Stella Rani

Recently Deceased: Graham Noel Knight and Daniel Gong Jing De

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.

Weekday Liturgies: The Tuesday evening Holy Hour will return this week: 6pm at Corio. Confessions will be available during this time. The Tuesday morning mass will return on February 7th.

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 for information regarding having your child baptised at Corio and Lara Parish. Next Baptism Preparation meeting is Sunday, 12th Feb at St Francis Xavier Church, Corio. Preparation session starts at 11:00am Mass, followed Sausage sizzle and sessions afterwards.

“**CATHOLICARE VICTORIA** need Volunteer Tutors to assist newly arrived refugee students at Northern Bay College –on Thursday afternoons during school terms, commencing on 28th February 2023. We are seeking qualified and experienced Volunteer Tutors for Secondary College students in Years 11 and 12 to support and improve their study in the following subjects: **General Maths, Chemistry, Physics, English or Biology**. This opportunity may suit retired teachers or university students studying these subjects, or anyone with expertise in one of these areas. Students are from Refugee, Non English speaking backgrounds and tutors will assist the students to engage homework & learning activities. Training sessions will be provided about the school curriculum and working with students who have English as a second language. This provides a rewarding volunteer experience within the refugee settlement and education environments. For further details please contact Mandi Hyland (Volunteer Engagement Partner) on (03) 5337 8926 or email: Mandi.Hyland@catholiccarevic.org.”

World Youth Day Fundraising: Some of our Parish's young people have made the decision to attend the WYD Pilgrimage to Portugal in August this year. Over the coming months, they will run fundraising initiatives to support their pilgrimage. The first of this will be on Sunday 29th Jan, where they will run a car wash after the 11am mass at Corio. This will be repeated at the fellowship weekends (2nd and 4th Sundays). More details to come.

Adult Confirmations for Parishioners: A program for any adult parishioners who regularly attend mass but for whatever reason, never received the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held during the Easter Season with a view to celebrate the Sacrament at Pentecost. This is separate from the RCIA programme which is for those who are being introduced to the Catholic faith. Please see the flyers in the church foyers for more information.

Opportunity to Support Asylum Seeker Students: MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE, is recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese and in particular Geelong and surrounding areas. Volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for 4 school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement in 2023. Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) or Tel: 9326 1895

PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 23 rd Jan	TUESDAY 24 th Jan	WEDNESDAY 25 th Jan	THURSDAY 26 th Jan	FRIDAY 27 th Jan	SATURDAY 28 th Jan	SUNDAY 29 th Jan
		9.15am Mass Lara	9.15am Mass Corio		7:00pm Mass Corio	9:00am Mass, Lara 11:00am Mass, Corio

ROSTERS

TIME AND DATE	READER/COMMENTATOR	EUCCHARIST MINISTERS
28 th Jan 7:00pm, Corio	J Forssman B Watson	L Pankhurst
29 th Jan 9:00 am Lara	T Prott - C N Meade- R	B Hyland
11:00am Corio	G Peters- C S Peters- R	M Neri M Leszyk

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.