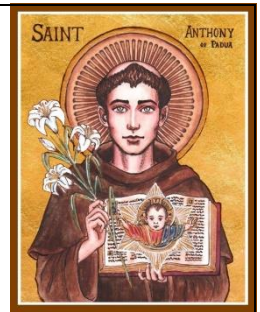


# CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Entrance Antiphon

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure,  
 spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation,  
 alleluia.

### Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not  
 be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

### *A reflection on this Sunday's Gospel*

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.

*Loyola Press: Sunday Connections*

### *Vale Peggy Crompton*



As mentioned at the masses last week, our well-known and much-loved eldest parishioner, Margaret 'Peggy' Crompton passed away last week, a few weeks after her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday. Her funeral will be at St Anthony's on Thursday at 1pm. May God grant her eternal rest.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **FIRST READING** *A reading from the Acts of Apostles*

(2: 14, 22-23)

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 15* Lord you will show us the path of life.

### **SECOND READING** *A reading from the first letter of St Peter* (1:17-21)

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with Love when you speak. Alleluia!

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

(24: 13-35)

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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## Next Sunday's Readings

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41 | Second Reading: 1Pet 2: 20-25 | Jn 10: 1-10

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### 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:** Peggy Crompton, Jim Porter

**Anniversary:** Mary McAuley, Robert McAuley and Carmen Atonosio

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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@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, 7<sup>th</sup> May at St Francis Xavier Church, Corio. Preparation session starts at 11:00am Mass, followed Sausage sizzle and sessions afterwards.

**Church Café & Sausage Sizzle Special Announcements:** We've been saving up the generous tips that people have given to our church café and with them have now been able to purchase a brand-new coffee machine as a permanent fixture in our kitchen. A very big thank you to Claudia and her team who have organised the purchase and the Handley family who have been bringing their machine each café weekend since we started up the project. We'll soon be looking to train up some baristas so see Claudia if you're interested or want to join the team.

Also, Long time parishioner Louie Rea is now also going coordinate our monthly sausage sizzles. Catch him behind the BBQ if you want to join his team of master snag chefs! A reminder that the monthly BBQ after the 11am mass is being held this week. All are welcome! A big thank you to Winston who is sponsoring for this month.

**Help Marnie & Darcey get to World Youth Day.** An immense thank you to everyone who has generously contributed to sending our young pilgrims to World Youth Day later this year. While the weather is no longer ideal for carwashes, donations are still gratefully received. They have also set up a bank account that people can send donations to: BSB: 733-226 and Acc no: 833 804.

**Adult Confirmation:** At the 11am mass on Pentecost Sunday, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for adult parishioners who practice their faith but for whatever reason, never received this Sacrament. Three preparation sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings leading up to Pentecost. Please speak to Fr Daryl after mass or contact the Parish Office if you wish to register.



Please keep in your prayers our sacramental program candidates as they prepare for the sacrament of reconciliation

Please also note that registrations are now open for Confirmation commencing May 2023 & Eucharist commencing August 2023

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**Alpha:** An experience to explore the deeper questions of life and meaning in casual setting while getting to know a whole bunch of new people. Alpha will commence at **St Anthony's Lara** on Thursday evenings beginning **4<sup>th</sup> May** from 7-9pm. Scan the QR code to register. Places are limited so register early. See the church noticeboards or speak to Deacon Royden or Ken McCarthy for more information.



#### PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 24 <sup>rd</sup> April	TUESDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> April	WEDNESDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> April	THURSDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> April	FRIDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> April	SATURDAY 29 <sup>th</sup> April	SUNDAY 30 <sup>th</sup> April
	9.15am Mass Corio  6pm Holy Hour, Corio	9.15am Mass Lara	9.15am Mass Corio	7:30 am Mass Corio	7:00 pm Mass Corio	9:00am Mass, Lara  11:00am Mass, Corio

#### ROSTERS

TIME AND DATE	READER/COMMENTATOR	EUCARIST MINISTERS
29 <sup>th</sup> April 7:00pm, Corio	J Forssman B Watson	L Pankhurst
30 <sup>th</sup> April 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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*Icons in the header of our Parish  
Bulletin by Cecilia Lawrence.*

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*Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.*