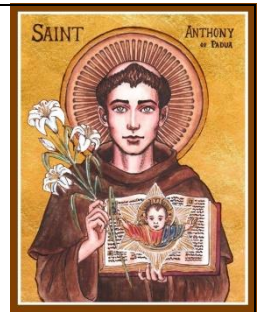


# CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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



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

*Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Entrance Antiphon

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

### Communion Antiphon

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

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This second Sunday of Easter is also celebrated each year as the Feast of Divine Mercy. While the Feast is only a relatively recent addition to the Church's calendar, God's infinite love and mercy is something that has been shown to humanity since the very beginning of time and culminates in the Paschal Mystery which we celebrated last weekend. The comments and feedback regarding our celebrations were overwhelmingly positive, particularly regarding the Easter Vigil. It was indeed strikingly alive and deeply beautiful and for those who were there, it offered a glimpse into what is possible and the direction our Parish liturgies might take. This gives us an opportunity to thank the many people involved in bringing together such wonderful celebrations. Not only the Vigil but all across the Triduum.

Firstly, many thanks to those who prepared our churches with cleaning and set-up. Particular thanks to Melinda Harrington, Zeny & Rudy, Ann & Bryan who did wonderful jobs cleaning the churches and then also Val and Noela, and Maria and Theresa who were responsible for all the decorations. A special thanks to Brian Murphy and Val who generously provided all the flowers for the weekend.

Thanks also to the Readers, Extraordinary Ministers, Sacristans and all those other tasks for their availability and generosity over the weekend. A special thanks also to Roger Buaya for looking after our sound systems across the weekend. Lastly, an immense thank you to our musicians who really enhanced our prayers over the various celebrations. Paul and Gary and their teams, the combined choir and especially the Young Adults choir led by Bianca and Mary who took on the Easter Vigil for the first time.

Finally a big thank you to all of you, parishioners, for your presence and persistence. Let's all keep each other in prayer over this great Festive Season. God bless and Happy Easter!

*Fr Daryl*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING** *A reading from the Acts of Apostles (5:12-16)*

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 117* Give thanks to the Lord for He is Good, His love is everlasting.

**SECOND READING** *A reading from the book of Apocalypse (1: 9-13, 17-19)*

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, "Write down all that you see in a book." I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come."

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (20:19-31)*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, "Peace be with you," and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you." After saying this he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. for those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained." Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, "We have seen the Lord", he answered, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe." Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. "Peace be with you" he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, "Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

### Next Sunday's Readings

*Third Sunday of Easter*

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 | Second Reading: Apo 5:11-14 | John 21:1-19



#### 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, well-being 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 April: Health Care Workers**

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

**Vocations! This week is Vocation View:** God continues to open a way for us. How is God doing something new in you life? Perhaps God is inviting you to be a priest or religious (Isa 43:16-21).

### **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, Mark Tetzloff and Eva Watson, Michael Cabretti, Nick Vasilavis

**Anniversary:** Mary McAuley & Robert McAuley

**Recently Deceased:** John Egan, Roy Maxwell Thiele

*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:** 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.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> May 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 First Eucharist and Confirmation. Should you have any queries regarding date and time please contact the Parish Office.

**Parish Thanksgiving:** People who reside in our parish zone, kindly register with parish and kindly join the thanksgiving to support our parish. 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.

**May Mass Count:** Each year over the Sundays in May, the number of attendees at each mass are recorded and sent to the National Centre for Pastoral Research. The numbers will be compiled and the statistics released later in the year.

**ANZAC Day:** In recognition of Anzac Day this week, we pray for all those women and men from Australia and New Zealand who lost their lives in the battles of the First World War. We pray for all who have fought on battlefields since then, especially those engaged in various places around the world today.



#### **PARISH CALENDAR**

<b>MONDAY</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>TUESDAY</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>THURSDAY</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>FRIDAY</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>SATURDAY</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>SUNDAY</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> May
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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					11:00am Mass, Corio

### ROSTERS

TIME AND DATE	READER/COMMENTATOR	EUCHARIST MINISTERS
<b>30<sup>th</sup> April</b> 7:00pm, Corio	J Forssman B Watson	L Pankhurst
<b>1<sup>st</sup> May</b> 9:00 am Lara	A Pearson- C N Meade- R	B Hyland
11:00am Corio	FAMILY MASS	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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