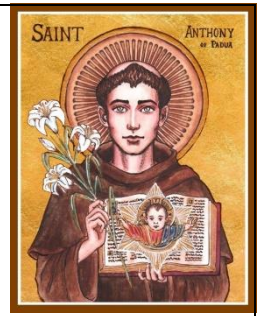


CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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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 25th April 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

ANZAC DAY

On Sunday 25th April 1915, ANZAC soldiers landed at Gallipoli. It began the Gallipoli campaign and marked Australia and New Zealand's first significant entry into World War One. Now, 106 years later, our nation celebrates the day as a commemoration of all the men and women who have served our nation in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. At our masses this weekend, we too will mark the day with the sounding of the Last Post.

This day is not a celebration of war but rather a celebration of the spirit of service that is exemplified in our servicemen and women. It's a beautiful juxtaposition that in this time as the world both grapples with and looks to move beyond the pandemic, ANZAC Day occurs on this same day the Church calls Good Shepherd Sunday: the world day of prayer for vocations.

As Christians, each of us has a vocation; A call from God that comes from our baptism. God knows us, loves us, and calls us. We are called to serve one another, to build up the world, so that all people will hear and know God's call. Two particular ways that God specifies this call to service is through Holy Marriage and Holy Orders (priesthood): the two Sacraments of service given to build up the world and the Church.

This weekend seminarians from Corpus Christi College are joining various parishes to share their own vocations stories. We welcome Josh McDermid, a seminarian from the Adelaide Archdiocese in his third year of study. He will speak at each of our masses.

Let's pray that all people will hear the call of the Good Shepherd and respond generously to serve.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

(4: 8-12)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: "Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps117* The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St John*

(3: 1-2)

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

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

(10: 11-18)

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father."

Next Week's Roster

TIME AND DATE	READER/COMMENTATOR	EUCARIST MINISTERS
1 st May, 7pm, Corio	M Drake R Demicolli	F Moloney D Rose
2 nd May, 9:00am, Lara	C Foley R Vasquez	T McManus
2 nd May, 11:00am, Corio	FAMILY MASS	S Grootveld A Buaya M Leszyk



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

As a community we pray for

The Sick: Jessica De Grandis, Vince Marshall, John Thomas, Bill Rinaldi, Peter Franchina, Nicholas Francis, Bonnie Gilson, Ibi Bolyos, Pat Yacques, Dee Tetzloft, Michael Watson, Gerry Hoogaerts, Rachael Ash, Katareena Cabretti, Bridgett Bradley and Eva Watson

Anniversaries: Mary McAuley, Robert McAuley & Wallace Pereira

The Pope's Prayer Intention for April: *For fundamental human rights.* For all who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis, that they may see their sacrifice and their work bear abundant fruit.

Vocations! This week's Vocation View: This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs worthy leaders, Good Shepherds of the 21st Century, caring unselfishly for the needs of God's people. Please, pray for Vocations.

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.

Flowers in the Church: A huge **Thank You** to anyone who has assisted on the rosters over the years. Your time and help has been greatly appreciated. If anyone wishes to donate fresh flowers or money to purchase them for the special occasions, please contact the Parish Office at Corio Ph 4212 0791 or Val Brennan at Lara Ph 0437 132 049.

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.

Working with Children Checks: All Parish volunteers in the Archdiocese must have a current WWCC. The Parish Office will be updating our files and contacting volunteers to make sure checks are up to date. If anyone would like any assistance with updating their WWCC, please contact the Parish Office.

Coming Audit: The State Government's Commission for Children and Young People has informed the Archdiocese that it will begin its audit of child safety standards in parishes in May or June. We will be looking closely at our own practices and ensuring that we meet the standards over the next few weeks.

Infant Baptism: Baptism Formation Meetings for infant baptisms will be on the Tuesday, 18th May at 7:30pm, St Francis Xavier Church, Corio. Candles and Stoles for the Baptism ceremony can be purchased after the 9:00am Mass at Lara & 11:00 am Mass at Corio on Sundays. For Baptism Bookings please contact the Parish Office on 42120791.

Car Raffles: Tickets will be sold from 14th March onwards, every weekend after the mass at Corio and Lara. There will be **more prizes** (20 instead of 14 prizes) which means there'll be more winners, plus an increased chance of winning for each ticket purchaser due to the reduced participating parishes, but we are down to one car instead of three. The 1st prize- Car worth over \$20,000; 2nd Prize Voucher- \$5000; 3rd Prize- Voucher \$ 2000; 4th – 6th Prize Voucher \$1000; 7th – 20th Voucher \$ 500.

Thanksgiving Envelopes – Thank you to all who have been dropping their envelopes off at the Parish Office. While these are unprecedented times, please prayerfully consider if you are able to keep your pledges and contributions. Online donations are also available at the following: **Account Name: St Francis Xavier Church BSB: 083347 Account Number: 543292126.** Thank you.

Parish Thanksgiving: Please consider joining the Parish Thanksgiving Programme. To set up the thanksgiving by direct debit/ credit card please contact the parish office on 0342120791 or email fxcorio@inet.net.au

Next Sunday's Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

First Reading: Acts 9: 26-31 | Second Reading: 1John 3: 18-24 | Gospel: Jn 15: 1-8

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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.

Amen

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