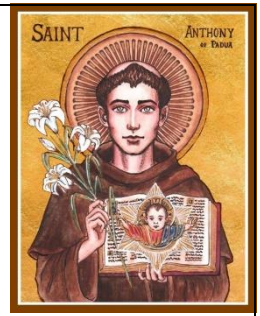


# CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023*

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

#### *Entrance Antiphon*

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him  
 and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

#### *Communion Antiphon*

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that  
 comes forth from the mouth of God.

#### ***From a homily of Pope Francis on the First Sunday of Lent***

The tempter seeks to divert Jesus from the Father's plan, that is, from the way of sacrifice, of the love that offers itself in expiation, to make him take an easier path, one of success and power. The duel between Jesus and Satan takes place through strong quotations from Sacred Scripture...

Jesus decisively rejects all these temptations and reiterates his firm resolve to follow the path set by the Father, without any kind of compromise with sin or worldly logic. Note well how Jesus responds. He does not dialogue with Satan, as Eve had done in the earthly paradise. Jesus is well aware that there can be no dialogue with Satan, for he is cunning. That is why Jesus, instead of engaging in dialogue as Eve had, chooses to take refuge in the Word of God and responds with the power of this Word. Let us remember this: at the moment of temptation, of our temptations, there is no arguing with Satan, our defence must always be the Word of God! And this will save us. In his replies to Satan, the Lord, using the Word of God, reminds us above all that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Mt 4:4; cf. Dt 8:3); and this gives us the strength, sustains us in the struggle against a worldly mind-set that would lower man to the level of his primitive needs, causing him to lose hunger for what is true, good and beautiful, the hunger for God and for his love. Furthermore, he recalls that "it is written, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God'" (v. 7), for the way of faith passes also through darkness and doubt, and is nourished by patience and persevering expectation. Lastly, Jesus recalls that "it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only you shall serve'" (v. 10); i.e., we must rid ourselves of idols, of vain things, and build our lives on what is essential.

Jesus' words will then be borne out in his actions. His absolute fidelity to the Father's plan of love will lead him after about three years to the final reckoning with the "prince of this world" (Jn 16:11), at the hour of his Passion and Cross, and Jesus will have his final victory, the victory of love!

Dear brothers and sisters, the time of Lent is a propitious occasion for us all to make a journey of conversion, by sincerely allowing ourselves to be confronted with this passage of the Gospel. Let us renew the promises of our Baptism: let us renounce Satan and all his works and seductions — for he is a seducer — in order to follow the path of God and arrive at Easter in the joy of the Spirit.

*Pope Francis,  
 Homily, First Sunday of Lent, 2014*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **FIRST READING** *A reading from the book of Genesis*

(2: 7-9, 3:1-7)

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, "Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, 'You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death.'" Then the serpent said to the woman: "No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil." The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 50* Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

### **SECOND READING** *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans* (5: 12-19)

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of "law-breaking", yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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

(4: 1-11)

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves." But he replied, "Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. "If you are the Son of God" he said "throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him, "Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test." Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. "I will give you all these," he said, "if you fall at my feet and worship me." Then Jesus replied, "Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone." Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings**

*Second Sunday of Lent*

First Reading: Gen 12: 1-4 | Second Reading: Tim 1: 8-10 | Mt 17: 1-9

## 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:** Leonard Manson, Audrey Murphy.

**Anniversary:** Frank Jones, Bridget Moloney, Sr Mary Padua Gleeson and Elizabeth Gleeson

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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.

**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](mailto:fxcorio@iinet.net.au) for information regarding having your child baptised at Corio and Lara Parish. Next Baptism Preparation meeting is Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> Feb at St Francis Xavier Church, Corio. Preparation session starts at 11:00am Mass, followed Sausage sizzle and sessions afterwards.

**Project Compassion 2023:** Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes or envelopes available now in the foyer, or by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**World Youth Day Fundraising.** If anyone would like to join the team in helping the young people from our parish to fundraise for the coming pilgrimage, let Fr Daryl know after mass. They have set up a bank account that people can send donations to: BSB: 733-226 and Acc no: 833 804.

**World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 3rd. Time: 1.30 pm:** This year St Anthony's Church, Lara, will host WDP and the country of interest is Taiwan. WDP is an ecumenical service worldwide. The churches of Lara meet each year to pray together on this day. All are welcome to join us including our fellow Corio parishioners. Please join us for the service and afternoon tea. Please bring a plate to share if possible.

**Craft Group:** On the 4<sup>th</sup> of March, Saturday there will be craft group from 9:00am – 3:00pm at St Francis Xavier Centre, Corio. Please bring any projects you are currently working on. BYO lunch.

## Holy Week & Easter Timtable

**Palm Sunday:** 2nd April – Usual weekend mass times

**Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) – 6<sup>th</sup> April 7pm at St Francis Xavier, Corio**

**Good Friday: Stations of the Cross – 7<sup>th</sup> April – 10.30am at St Francis Xavier, Corio**

**Liturgy of the Passion – 3pm at St Anthony's, Lara**

**Easter Vigil:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm at St Anthony's Lara

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Usual Sunday mass times

**Divine Mercy:** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Usual w'end mass times & **2pm Holy Hour; 3pm Mass (Corio)**

**PARISH CALENDAR**

| <b>MONDAY</b><br>27 <sup>th</sup> Feb | <b>TUESDAY</b><br>28 <sup>th</sup> Feb                        | <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>1 <sup>st</sup> March | <b>THURSDAY</b><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> March | <b>FRIDAY</b><br>3 <sup>rd</sup> March                  | <b>SATURDAY</b><br>4 <sup>th</sup> March | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>5 <sup>th</sup> March             |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|--|
|                                       | 9.15am Mass<br>Corio<br><br>6pm Holy<br>Hour &<br>Confessions | 9.15am<br>Mass Lara                       | 9.15am Mass<br>Corio                     | 7:30am Mass<br>Corio<br><br>6.30pm<br>Stations<br>Corio | 7:00 pm<br>Mass Corio                    | 9:00am Mass,<br>Lara<br><br>11:00am Mass,<br>Corio |

**ROSTERS**

| <b>TIME AND DATE</b>                         | <b>READER/COMMENTATOR</b> | <b>EUCHARIST MINISTERS</b> |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> March</b><br>7:00pm, Corio | F Moloney<br>A Randall    | R Demicoli                 |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b><br>9:00 am Lara  | T Prott - C<br>N Meade- R | B Hyland                   |
| 11:00am Corio                                | FAMILY MASS               | M Neri<br>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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