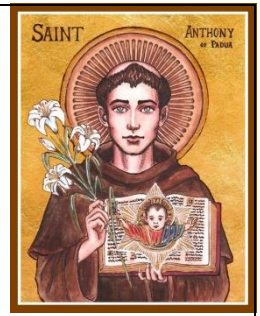




CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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 26th March 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Communion Antiphon

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die forever, says the Lord.

While our masses this weekend are for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Saturday is the Feast of the Annunciation, where Mary's 'yes' to God, changed the world. Here is an excerpt from a reflection on this joyful mystery of our faith and why we hold it in such high regard as Catholics...



...Why do Catholics insistently recall this singular moment and make such a big deal over it—even recalling it week after week (sometimes day after day) in the praying of the Rosary?

Well, we make a point of remembering this day because this single moment of encounter between the young Mary and a messenger of the Almighty contains within it the first and foremost lesson of Christianity, the one around which every other lesson whirls: *Our salvation hinges upon our consent to being saved.* And this is a consent that must be given over and over again, day-by-day, sometimes minute-by-minute. Just as God's own intention—his own great Word of assent—was necessary for the creation and sustained expansion of the universe, so was Mary's "yes" necessary to its salvation...

"Yes . . ." ; "Be it done . . ." ; "Let it be . . ." These are the words that permit life rather than refuse it. Creation and sustenance are born of positive assent, of pure affirmation. "God created us without us, but he will not save us without us," wrote Augustine in one of his sermons, and the Annunciation demonstrates this, fully. ...

From that, all else follows. That is why, even when it is sometimes difficult—even when I am tempted to fling myself headlong into my own fallenness and just wallow in it like a spiritual wanton—I consent to obedience and could never be anything but a Catholic. Because Catholicism is constantly calling us to remember who we are, recall our roots, and enter into the mystery of it all—of creation and consent and suffering and love. Day-by-sometimes-brutal-day. Minute-by-sometimes-glorious-minute, our salvation hinges upon our consent to being saved. Say yes.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Elizabeth Scalia, "Why recall the Annunciation? Because it teaches the Primary lesson" Word on Fire Blog

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from the prophet Ezekiel*

(37:12-14)

The Lord says this: "I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 129* With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

SECOND READING *A reading from the of St Paul to the Romans* (8: 8-11)

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

(11: 1-45)

The sisters sent this message to Jesus, "Lord, the man you love is ill." On receiving the message, Jesus said, "This sickness will end, not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified." Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus; yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, "Let us go to Judaea." On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God he will grant you." "Your brother" said Jesus to her "will rise again." Martha said, "I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said: "I am the resurrection, and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she said "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world." Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, "Where have you put him?" They said, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept; and the Jews said, "See how much he loved him!" But there were some who remarked, "He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?" Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, "Take the stone away." Martha said to him, "Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day." Jesus replied, "Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: "Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand around me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me." When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, "Lazarus, here! Come out!" The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them "Unbind him, let him go free." Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

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: Jenny Caldow

Anniversary: Michael Stellini

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 for information regarding having your child baptised at Corio and Lara Parish. Next Baptism Preparation meeting is Sunday, 20th May at St Francis Xavier Church, Corio. Preparation session starts at 11:00am Mass, followed Sausage sizzle and sessions afterwards.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Celebrated each year on the Sunday after Easter, we are pleased to host the special feast day celebrations in our parish once again. SFX Corio: Sunday 16th April 2pm Adoration, 3pm Mass.

Weekday mass/liturgies: This week there will be no Tuesday morning mass at Corio. Sincere apologies for the inconvenience.

Mass of the Oils (Chrism mass): Will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne next Saturday at 10am. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

Sacramental Program for non-Catholic school students:

Congratulations to the students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week. Our Confirmation program will begin in May and registrations are now open.

Help Marnie & Darcey get to World Youth Day. The wider parish has begun to meet Marnie and Darcey, our eager and excited young parishioners who will be making the World Youth Day pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Portugal in July/August this year. They are busy looking for ways to fundraise for the journey and have started washing cars after some of the masses at Corio and hope to introduce themselves to Lara in the coming weeks. If anyone would like to join them and their support team in helping their efforts, please let Fr Daryl know after mass. They have also set up a bank account that people can send donations to: BSB: 733-226 and Acc no: 833 804.

Alpha: A experience where you can 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 **4th 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.



**SACRAMENTAL
PREPARATION**

Reconciliation
First Eucharist
and Confirmation

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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Next Sunday's Readings

Palm Sunday

First Reading: Is 50: 4-7 | Second Reading: Phil 2: 6-11 | Mt 26:14-27.66

PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 27 th March	TUESDAY 28 th March	WEDNESDAY 29 th March	THURSDAY 30 th March	FRIDAY 31 st March	SATURDAY 1 st April	SUNDAY 2 nd April
	No Mass	9.15am Mass Lara	9.15am Mass Corio	7:30am Mass Corio 6.30pm Stations Corio	7:00 pm Mass Corio	9:00am Mass, Lara 11:00am Mass, Corio

ROSTERS

TIME AND DATE	READER/COMMENTATOR	EUCCHARIST MINISTERS
1st April 7:00pm, Corio	L Pankhurst K McCarthy	M Delac
2nd April 9:00 am Lara	R Vasquez – C A Pearson- R	D Whelan
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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Bulletin by Cecilia Lawrence.*

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