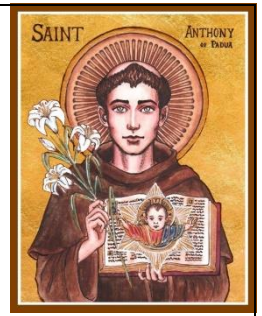


# CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022* FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### *Entrance Antiphon*

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

### *Communion Antiphon*

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

With the First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new Church year. Throughout this year we will be hearing from Matthew's Gospel at our Sunday masses. Scholars tell us that Matthew's initial target audience were Jewish converts to Christianity. This is evident in the genealogy (the long list of names/family tree) at the beginning of his gospel. While Luke's traces Jesus back to Adam, telling his readers that God really is *with us* in Jesus, Matthew traces Jesus to Abraham and David. He's telling us that Jesus is *the fulfilment* of what we call the Old Testament. He is the long-awaited Messiah. He is the same for us. Both God with us and the Messiah who saves us from the power of sin.

With the new Church year, let's start afresh with Jesus and with each other. Moving beyond the struggles of these last couple Covid years walking with Jesus (and each other) sharing the Good News with all around us that He is with us. This weekend also marks the end of the dispensations put in place during the last couple years regarding Sunday masses. Catholics are once again invited to be present each and every Sunday unless for illness or personal difficult circumstances. It is real opportunity to welcome each other as well as any visitors, home, each weekend.

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### **A prayer of blessing for an Advent Wreath at Home**

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Saviour of every nation.  
Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.  
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.  
May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*The First Candle:* All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **FIRST READING** *A reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

(2:1-5)

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem." He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 121* Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

### **SECOND READING** *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans* (13:11-14)

You know "the time" has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

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

(24: 37-44)

Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. "So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

## **Next Sunday's Readings**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

First Reading: Is 11:1-10| Second Reading: Rom 15:4-9| Mt 3:1-12



### **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.*

## As a community we pray for

**A Prayer Intention for November: Children who suffer:** We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

**Vocations! This week's Vocation View:** In our materialistic society, someone must stand up to speak for our spiritual heritage. Could that be you?

**The Sick:** Jessica De Grandis, Vince Marshall, John Thomas, Peter Franchina, Nicholas Francis, Bonnie Gilson, Ibi Bolyos, Dee Tetzloft, Michael Watson, Katareena Cabretti, Mark Tetzloff and Eva Watson, Michael Cabretti, Alwyn Hayes.

**Anniversaries:** Jocelyn Molina, Molly Hartshorne

**Recently Deceased:** Lou Schepers, Mervyn Finn

*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.*

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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:** Places for baptisms in our parish are full for the rest of this year. The baptism programme will be adjusted in 2023 with available dates announced soon. Please email us at [fxcorio@iinet.net.au](mailto:fxcorio@iinet.net.au) for information.

**Healing Mass (updated):** On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, mass at St Anthony's will be celebrated at 11am. There will be no 9.15 mass that morning. There will be a special blessing for the sick. There will be no morning tea held after that mass.

**Notice of pre-Christmas Working Bee: Dec 17th. 9.00 - 12.00, Lara:** It's that time of year again! We need to get the Church and grounds spruced up for Christmas. A general cleanup outside ...just cutting back some shrubs etc and general cleanup. Also some cleaning tasks inside such as cleaning the EXIT signs lights.If anyone would like to assist you would be most welcome. If you have any queries please Phone Frank on 0418340492.

**LARA COMBINED CHURCHES CAROLS AT PIRRA HOMESTEAD** – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Gates open 6.30pm, Pre-Show kids entertainment 7pm – 7.30pm. Food Stalls, Petting Zoo & Photo booth. Main show from 8pm – 9.30pm. Bring your chair/rug. Battery candles available to buy. Also assistance required with Set-up from 3-5pm on the day and pack up at the end. See Diane Saliba if you are able to assist.

**MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE** is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for 4 school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement in 2023. Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact) Tel: 9326 1895

**Feast of St Francis Xavier: 3<sup>rd</sup> December:** We will celebrate his feast on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at the 11am Mass. The usual sausage sizzle for the second Sunday of each month will be brought forward to that week. This will be a good opportunity to highlight the great growth of this particular mass over the last few months. Do invite your friends and family to join in the festivities.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

<b>MONDAY</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>TUESDAY</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>THURSDAY</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	<b>FRIDAY</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	<b>SATURDAY</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	<b>SUNDAY</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec
	9.15am Mass Corio  6pm Holy Hour & Confessionas	9.15am Mass Lara	9.15am Mass Corio	7.30am Mass Corio	8.30am Confessions 9.30am Mass  5.30 Vietnamese Mass  7pm Vigil Mass Corio	9:00 am Mass, Lara  11:00am Mass, Corio

**ROSTERS**

<b>TIME AND DATE</b>	<b>READER/COMMENTATOR</b>	<b>EUCCHARIST MINISTERS</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b> 7:00pm, Corio	F Moloney A Randall	R Demicoli
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> 9:00 am Lara	T Prott - 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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*Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.*