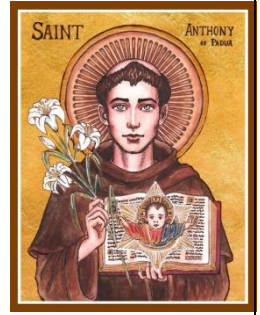


**CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH**  
ST FRANCIS XAVIER, CORIO | ST ANTHONY OF PADUA, LARA

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

*Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021*  
**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.

This Sunday we begin a new liturgical year. While our news feeds and mailboxes are flooded with Black Friday to Mad Monday sales advertisements sparking the pre-Christmas sales rushes, we are invited to truly prepare for Christmas by returning again, with these few weeks of preparation. Just as we make New Year Resolutions from January, perhaps we can use this weekend to make resolutions in our spiritual life to prepare both for Christmas and 2022. This weekend, we will light the first of the Advent Candles, which is traditionally called the candle of hope. Hope is certainly a virtue we can ask the Lord to give all of us after these difficult months. For those who are making a wreath at home, here is a prayer of blessing that you can use:

*Scripture Reading (Isaiah 9:1-2):*

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

*Prayer of blessing:*

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. Amen.

*Prayer for lighting 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.

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Our full mass schedule resumes this week. A reminder that bookings are no longer required for any masses. Weekdays and Saturday 5.30pm Vigil do not require disclosure of vaccination status but the main Sunday masses require proof of double vaccination status for anyone 12 years & 2 months or above.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **FIRST READING** *A reading from the prophet Jeremiah* (33: 14-16)

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: “In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.”

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 24* To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul..

### **SECOND READING** *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians* (3:12-42)

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL** *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke* (21:25-28, 34-36)

Jesus said to his disciples: “There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. “Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.”

Weekend masses: Sat 7pm, Sunday 9am & 11am: Double Vaccination required

Sat 5.30pm Vigil (and weekdays): Non-disclosure of vax status



### **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*

## 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.

### As a community we pray for

**The Sick:** Jessica De Grandis, Vince Marshall, John Thomas, Peter Franchina, Nicholas Francis, Bonnie Gilson, Ibi Bolyos, Dee Tetzloft, Michael Watson, Rachael Ash, Katareena Cabretti, Bridgett Bradley, Kate Connors, Mark Tetzloff and Eva Watson, Michael Cabretti, Wilma Quiamco

**Recently Deceased:** Margaret Purcell, Daniel Lee

**Anniversary:** Jim Robertson

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for November: *People who suffer from depression.*** We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

**Vocations! This week's Vocation View:** 'As I keep the Lord ever in my sight ... my heart rejoices, my soul is glad ... You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence.' Let our Vocation be, to be one with God - forever.

*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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**2021/2022 THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE SETS:** Thanksgiving envelopes are available for pickup in the foyer after Masses, and during the week after weekday mass. Otherwise please call the Parish Office during the week, to make other pick-up arrangements.

**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.

**Infant Baptism:** Please email us at [fxcorio@inet.net.au](mailto:fxcorio@inet.net.au) for information regarding having your child baptised at Corio and Lara Parish.

**November prayers and masses envelopes:** We traditionally pray for our deceased loved ones in a special way during this month. Our remembrance books are also available if you would like to write the names of your deceased loved ones for us to pray for at all our masses this month. November mass envelopes are available in the foyers if you would like to make a contribution for our November masses.

**St Anthony's Church Working Bee on Dec 11th from 9-12am:** After our long Covid hibernation, we need to get the Church and grounds tidied up for the Christmas season. A couple of hours should suffice as there are no major projects. So if anyone is able to assist even for a short time it will be appreciated. Any queries or suggestions call Frank on. 0418340492. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

## Next Sunday's Readings

*Second Sunday of Advent*

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9| Second Reading: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11| Lk 3: 1-6

### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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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