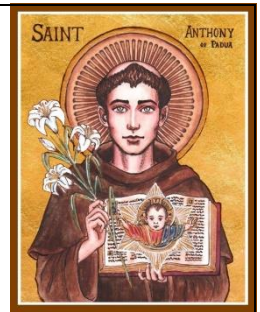


CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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 29th January 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

A reflection on today's gospel...

... "**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven**" (v. 3). The **poor in spirit** is he who has assumed the feelings and attitudes of those poor people who, in their state, do not rebel, but **who know how to be humble, meek, open to God's grace**. The happiness of the poor — of the poor in spirit — has a twofold dimension: **with regard to riches and with regard to God**. With regard to possessions, to material possessions, this **poverty in spirit is sobriety**: not necessarily sacrifice, but the ability to savour the essence, to share; the ability to renew every day the wonder at the goodness of **things**, without being weighed down in the obscurity of voracious consumption. **The more I have, the more I want; the more I have, the more I want: this is voracious consumption. This kills the soul**. Men or women who do this, who have this attitude, 'the more I have, the more I want', **are not happy and will not attain happiness**. With regard to **God**, it is **praising and recognizing that the world is a blessing and that at its origin is the creative love of the Father**. But it is also opening to Him, docility to his Lordship: **it is He, the Lord, He is the Great One. I am not great because I have so many things! It is He: He who wanted the world for all mankind, and who wanted it so that men and women might be happy**.

The **poor in spirit** is the **Christian who does not rely on himself, on material wealth, is not obstinate in his own opinions, but who listens with respect and willingly defers to the decisions of others**. If in our communities there were more of the poor in spirit, there would be fewer divisions, disagreements and controversies! Humility, like charity, is an essential virtue for living together in Christian communities. The poor, in this evangelical sense, appear to be those who keep alive the objective of the Kingdom of Heaven, offering a glimpse of it revealed as a seed in the fraternal community which favours sharing over ownership. I would like to emphasize this: **to favour sharing over ownership. Always having the heart and hands open (he gestures), not closed (he gestures). When the heart is closed (he gestures), it is a shrunken heart. It doesn't even know how to love. When the heart is open (he gestures), it is on the path of love**.

Pope Francis, Angelus Address, 29th January 2017

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from the prophet Zephaniah*

(2:3, 3:12-13)

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 145* Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians* (1: 26-31)

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

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

(5: 1-12)

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: "How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Next Sunday's Readings

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Is 58: 7-10| Second Reading: 1 Cor 2: 1-5| Mt 5: 13-16

Requiem Mass for Pope Benedict XVI

A Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Benedict XVI will be celebrated this Tuesday 31st January, 7pm at St Mary's Star of the Sea, West Melbourne. This will be a Traditional Latin Mass celebrated with the permission of the Archbishop. A choir and orchestra will sing Mozart's Requiem mass for the mass.

Memorial Mass for Cardinal Pell

A mass for the repose of the soul of Cardinal Pell, our former archbishop, will be celebrated by Archbishop Comensoli on Friday 3rd February 6.30 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.

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, Alwyn Hayes, Stella Rani

Recently Deceased: Graham Noel Knight and Daniel Gong Jing De. **Anniversary:** Tom Meade

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.

Weekday Liturgies: The Tuesday morning mass and 6pm Holy Hour will return on Tuesday 7th Feb (except there will be no Tuesday mass on 14th Feb). The First Saturday mass will also return next weekend. The 7.30 am Friday morning mass will return soon.

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 for information regarding having your child baptised at Corio and Lara Parish. Next Baptism Preparation meeting is Sunday, 12th Feb at St Francis Xavier Church, Corio. Preparation session starts at 11:00am Mass, followed Sausage sizzle and sessions afterwards.

“**CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA** need Volunteer Tutors to assist newly arrived refugee students at Northern Bay College –on Thursday afternoons during school terms, commencing on 28th February 2023. We are seeking qualified and experienced Volunteer Tutors for Secondary College students in Years 11 and 12 to support and improve their study in the following subjects: **General Maths, Chemistry, Physics, English or Biology**. This opportunity may suit retired teachers or university students studying these subjects, or anyone with expertise in one of these areas. Students are from Refugee, Non English speaking backgrounds and tutors will assist the students to engage homework & learning activities. Training sessions will be provided about the school curriculum and working with students who have English as a second language. This provides a rewarding volunteer experience within the refugee settlement and education environments. For further details please contact Mandi Hyland (Volunteer Engagement Partner) on (03) 5337 8926 or email: Mandi.Hyland@catholiccarevic.org.”

World Youth Day Fundraising: Our young adults who will be attending the WYD pilgrimage later this year will begin their fundraising efforts after the 11am mass this Sunday with a carwash held outside the parish house garage (entrance to carpark). This will be repeated on our fellowship weekends each month. If anyone would like to join the team in helping them fundraise, 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.

Adult Confirmations for Parishioners: A program for any adult parishioners who regularly attend mass but for whatever reason, never received the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held during the Easter Season with a view to celebrate the Sacrament at Pentecost. This is separate from the RCIA programme which is for those who are being introduced to the Catholic faith. Please see the flyers in the church foyers for more information.

Opportunity to Support Asylum Seeker Students: MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE, is recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese and in particular Geelong and surrounding areas. 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 (preferred for contact) or Tel: 9326 1895

PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 30 th Jan	TUESDAY 31 st Jan	WEDNESDAY 1 st Feb	THURSDAY 2 nd Feb	FRIDAY 3 rd Feb	SATURDAY 4 th Feb	SUNDAY 5 th Feb
		9.15am Mass Lara	9.15am Mass Corio		9:30 am Mass, Corio 7:00 pm Mass Corio	9:00am Mass, Lara 11:00am Mass, Corio

ROSTERS

TIME AND DATE	READER/COMMENTATOR	EUCCHARIST MINISTERS
4 th Feb 7:00pm, Corio	L Pankhurst K McCarthy	A Randall
5 th Feb 9:00 am Lara	C Foley – C R Vasquez- R	L Kulic
11:00am Corio	FAMILY MASS	S Grootveld 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.