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**Corio & Lara Catholic Parish**

St Francis Xavier, Corio **|** St Anthony of Padua, Lara

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9 AM – 2 PM

Mass Times: Tuesday & Thursday: 9.15am (Corio) **|** Wednesday: 9.15 (Lara) **|** Friday: 7.30am (Corio)

Saturday 7pm Vigil (Corio) **|** Sunday 9am (Lara) 11am (Corio)

Holy Hour & Confessions: Tuesday 6pm (Corio)

***Sunday 31st July 2022***

**Eighteenth Sunday in ordinary time**

With our gifts we create a Parish that welcomes all people.

***Communion Antiphon***

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

***Entrance Antiphon***

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**A reflection on today’s readings**

What are we living for? What are we working for? Today St. Paul tells us in the second reading how to become rich in what pertains to God. He begins with reminding us that we have been raised by Christ. Eternal life with God is not just possible but will happen provided that we do not squander this incredible gift and inheritance through a life of vanity. Becoming rich toward God means, he says, that we “seek the things that are above” and “set our minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth.” Do we? Pope Benedict [has said] that one of the greatest illnesses plaguing even good and moral people today is that we seek only after “lesser hopes,” or this-worldly goals, many of which are good and fine, but limited: we hope for good grades, a good college, a good job, a good husband or wife, good kids, good friends, a good home and what the world thinks is a good life. None of these is bad, but even all of them together are insufficient. He says that our life should be marked above all by the “great hope,” which he says is the hope for an eternal life of love with God in heaven. And if that is our hope, if that is the goal of our life, then we must choose the path here on earth that will lead us there.

***Fr Roger J Landry***

***St Antony’s Parish, New Bedford MA (USA)***

**Welcome Fr Gerry Spillane**

This weekend, we welcome back Fr Gerry who is celebrating our masses with us. Last week, Fr Gerry celebrated his Golden Jubilee of priestly ordination. We thank him for being with us and wish him every blessing. Ad multos Annos!

This Thursday (4th August) is the Feast of St John Mary Vianney. He is the Patron Saint of priests. It is a good opportunity for us to pray in a special way for Fr Gerry, Fr Daryl and all priests.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING *A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes (1:2,2:21-23)***

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM  *Ps 89 In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge***.

**SECOND READING** ***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians (3:1-5,9-11)***

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** ***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (12:13-21)***

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, “Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.” “My friend,” he replied “who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?” Then he said to them, “Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man’s life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.” Then he told them a parable: “There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, ‘What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops.’ Then he said, ‘This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?’ So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.”

**Next Sunday’s Readings**

 *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary time*

First Reading: Wis 18:6-9| Second Reading: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19| Luke 12:32-48



**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**

**The Pope’s Prayer Intention for July:The Elderly**
We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

***Vocations!* This week is Vocation View:** Jesus desires that we, like his friend Mary, would spend time in his presence. Take time regularly to be with Jesus and listen to his living word. (Luke 10:38-42)

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

***Recently Deceased:*** Ernest Kinsey and Branko Vlajankov

***Anniversaries***: Norma Wilkie

*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. **Thanksgiving Envelopes will be available in the Church Foyer.**

**New Thanksgiving Envelopes:** To help with our record keeping, please use the newly released sets of envelopes. Kindly discard any unused envelopes from the previous set.

**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 16th Aug 2022, 7:30pm, Corio.

**2022 Parish Sacramental Program**: **FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** Enrolments are now open for First Eucharist. Should you have any queries regarding date and time please contact the Parish Office.

**Geelong Welsh Ladies Choir:** Geelong Welsh Ladies Choir with Mornington Peninsula Welsh Ladies Choir will be having a concert on Sunday, 14th August at 2:30pm in Waurn Ponds Community Church, Belmont, 43 Waurnvale Dve, Belmont. Tickets- $25 (Concession- $20). Contact- 0409964682. All are welcome!

**Archdiocese Winter Fiesta:** After the 6.30 Holy Hour on Thursday 4th August at St Patrick’s Cathedral (East Melbourne), the Archbishop will be hosting a fiesta for young people and officially launching the WYD 2023. Pilgrimage. Over two hundred young people are expected to attend. It would be great to have some representation from our parish too.

**RAT Tests:** Our Parish has a small supply of Rapid Antigen Tests available if anybody needs some. Please contact the Parish Office if you need one.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

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| **MONDAY****1st Aug** | **TUESDAY****2nd Aug** | **WEDNESDAY****3rd Aug** | **THURSDAY****4th Aug** | **FRIDAY****5th Aug** | **SATURDAY****6th Aug** | **SUNDAY****7th Aug** |
|  | 9:15am Mass, Corio6pm, CorioHoly Hour(Benediction)Confessions | 9:15am Mass, Lara | 9:15am Mass, Corio | 7:30am Mass, Corio | 7pm Vigil Mass Corio | 9:00 am Mass, Lara11:00am Mass, Corio |

**ROSTERS**

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| **TIME AND** **DATE** | **READER/COMMENTATOR** | **EUCHARIST MINISTERS** |
| **6th Aug**7:00pm, Corio | L PankhurstK McCarthy | A Randall |
| **7th Aug**9:00 am Lara | C Foley – CR Vasquez- R  | L Kulic |
| 11:00am Corio | FAMILY MASS | S GrootveldM Leszyk |

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**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*

**Our Parish Schools**

**Enrolments now open for 2023**

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