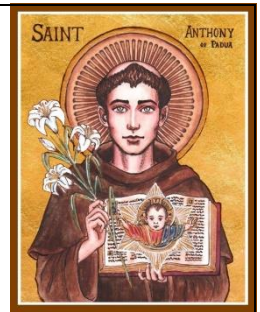


CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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 4th November 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



Feast of St Francis Xavier

Born to nobility in the Basque region of Spain in 1506, St. Francis Xavier began his renowned career by teaching philosophy at the University of Paris. An adventurous life found him performing sterling missionary work in India, Japan, and the East Indies for a decade along with helping found the Jesuit Order.

Francis Xavier was the first Jesuit missionary. He opposed slavery and spread the Gospel at the urging of his friend, St. Ignatius of Loyola. It was said he baptized as many as 10,000 Indians in a month and more than 40,000 in all. He helped lepers and taught catechism to Indian kids.

Prophet and healer, noted for missionary fervor, Francis Xavier died from a fever while performing missionary work in China in 1552. Pope Gregory V canonized him in 1622. Pope Pius X declared him patron of all foreign missions.

Biography from Catholic Saints & Medals

A prayer in honour of St Francis Xavier

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your servant St Francis Xavier, whom you called to preach the Gospel. Raise up, we pray, in this and every land, and among us, heralds and evangelists of your kingdom, that your Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Saviour Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

St Francis Xavier, Pray for us!

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

(11:1-10)

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict of hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 71* Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans* (15: 4-9)

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

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

(3:1-12)

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. The man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, "Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father,' because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out."

Next Sunday's Readings

Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Is 35:1-6, 10 | Second Reading: Jam 5:7-10 | Mat 11:2-11



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, Stella Rani

Anniversaries: Jim Robertson

Recently Deceased: Lou Schepers, Mervyn Finn, Francisco Villacrusis, Rodrigo Aala

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.

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 program will be adjusted in 2023 with available dates announced soon. Please email us at fxcorio@iinet.net.au for information.

Healing Mass (updated): This Wednesday 7th December, mass at St Anthony's will be celebrated at 11 am. 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. If anyone would like to assist, you would be most welcome. If you have, any queries please Phone Frank on 0418340492.

Working Bee: There will be working bee on Saturday, 10th December at St Francis Xavier, Corio from 9:00am- 12:00pm for a Christmas spruce up. BBQ lunch. All are welcome!

Columban Calendars: There will be Columban Calendars 2023 sold in piety stalls both at Corio & Lara. They are \$10 each.

Advent Dawn Mass (SIMBANG GABI): Dawn mass during advent will be held at St Francis Xavier Church, 143 Bacchus Marsh Road, Corio, starting from Dec 16-24, 2022 at 5:30 AM every morning. For more info, please contact Adela Buaya at 0409135589. All are welcome.

Lara Combined Churches Carols At Pirra Homestead – Sunday 11th 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. In addition, 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.

Geelong Catholic Diners Club: You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food and friends for our Christmas dinner for 2022. Tuesday, 13 December, 2022; 6.00 PM at The Bistro, Belmont Hotel, cnr High St & Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont. Purchase of meals and drinks at your own cost. If you wish to come to the dinner, please phone or text Michael 0431 959 584 or Joan 0429 215 111 by Friday, 9 December.

PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 5th Dec	TUESDAY 6th Dec	WEDNESDAY 7th Dec	THURSDAY 8th Dec	FRIDAY 9th Dec	SATURDAY 10th Dec	SUNDAY 11th Dec
	9.15am Mass Corio 6pm Holy Hour & Confessions	9.15am Mass Lara	9.15am Mass Corio 6pm Mass Corio (Immaculate Conception)	7.30am Mass Corio	6pm Confessions 7pm Vigil Mass Corio	8am Confession 9:00 am Mass, Lara 11:00am Mass, Corio

ROSTERS

TIME AND DATE	READER/COMMENTATOR	EUCHARIST MINISTERS
10th Dec 7:00pm, Corio	L Pankhurst K McCarthy	A Randall
11th Dec 9:00 am Lara	C Foley - C R Vasquez- R	L Kulic
11:00am Corio	YOUTH 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.