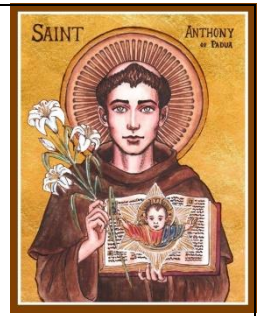


**CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH**  
ST FRANCIS XAVIER, CORIO | ST ANTHONY OF PADUA, LARA



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Saturday 7pm Vigil (Corio) | Sunday 9am (Lara) 11am (Corio)  
Holy Hour & Confessions: Tuesday 6pm (Corio)

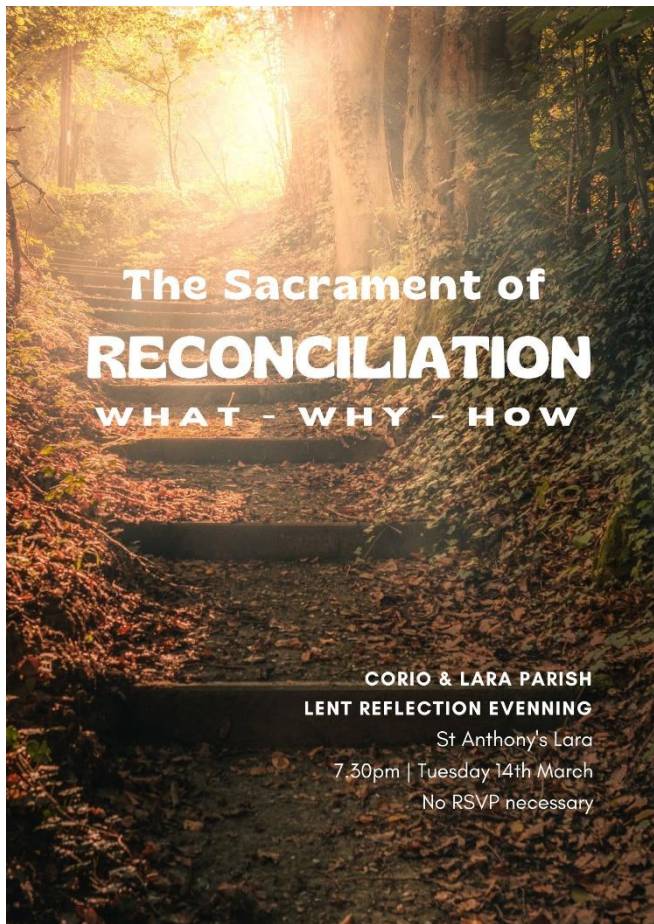
*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023*  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**Communion Antiphon**

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



**SOME LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES**

To help us get into this holy season, we will have a short reflection evening on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We'll consider it in a forum that allows for questions and a refresher for those who haven't been in some time. Also, as it was quite popular last year, we'll hold our palm cross making days – a nice and relaxing way to meet others and help the parish prepare for Holy Week.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING** *A reading from the book of Genesis*

(12: 1-4)

The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. "I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you." So Abram went as the Lord told him.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 32* Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**SECOND READING** *A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy* (1: 8-10)

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

(17: 1-9)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus, "Lord," he said "it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him." When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. "Stand up," he said "do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. "Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead."

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### **Next Sunday's Readings**

*Third Sunday of Lent*

First Reading: Ex 17:3-7 | Second Reading: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 | Jn 4: 5-42

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### **Holy Week & Easter Timetable**

**Palm Sunday:** 2nd April – Usual weekend mass times

**Mass of the Lord's Supper** (Holy Thursday) – 6<sup>th</sup> April 7pm at **St Francis Xavier, Corio**

**Good Friday:** **Stations of the Cross** – 7<sup>th</sup> April – 10.30am at **St Francis Xavier, Corio**

**Liturgy of the Passion** – 3pm at **St Anthony's, Lara**

**Easter Vigil:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm at **St Anthony's Lara**

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Usual Sunday mass times

**Divine Mercy:** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Usual w'end mass times & **2pm Holy Hour; 3pm Mass (Corio)**

## 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, Stella Rani

**Recently Deceased:** Leonard Manson, Ethel Lucas.

**Anniversary:** Frank Jones, Bridget Moloney, Sr Mary Padua Gleeson and Elizabeth Gleeson

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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.

**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](mailto:fxcorio@iinet.net.au) for information regarding having your child baptised at Corio and Lara Parish. Next Baptism Preparation meeting is Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> Feb at St Francis Xavier Church, Corio. Preparation session starts at 11:00am Mass, followed Sausage sizzle and sessions afterwards.

**Project Compassion 2023:** Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes or envelopes available now in the foyer, or by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**World Youth Day Fundraising.** If anyone would like to join the team in helping the young people from our parish to fundraise for the coming pilgrimage, 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.

**St Vincent de Paul:** The Corio/Lara Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank Parishioners for your ongoing support. All donations made to the Poor Box go directly to assisting people in need in our local community. We appreciate cash donations so we can tailor our assistance directly to the needs of the people we assist.

**GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB:** You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food and friends for our first dinner for 2023. Date: Tuesday, 14 March, 2023 Time: 6.00 PM Venue: The Bistro, Belmont Hotel, cnr High St & Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont Cost: 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, 10 March.

**Fr Daryl Annual Leave:** Archbishop Peter has asked Fr Daryl to attend World Youth Day as one of the chaplains. Instead of the normal four weeks of leave, he will take two weeks after the pilgrimage. He will be away from 20<sup>th</sup> July – 20<sup>th</sup> August.

**Mass of the Oils:** This year, the 'Chrism Mass' at St Patrick's Cathedral will be celebrated at 10am on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April. At that special event, the Archbishop blesses the new holy oils which are distributed to the parishes and the priests renew their ordination vows. All parishioners are warmly welcome to come along too.

**RCIA:** This year we are blessed to have nine people preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. As part of the RCIA programme, they will be presented to the Parish at the 11am mass next week, receiving a copy of the Creed and professing that with the parish family for the first time.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

<b>MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>
	9.15am Mass Corio  6pm Holy Hour & Confessions	9.15am Mass Lara	9.15am Mass Corio	7:30am Mass Corio  6.30pm Stations Corio	7:00 pm Mass Corio	9:00am Mass, Lara  11:00am Mass, Corio

**ROSTERS**

<b>TIME AND DATE</b>	<b>READER/COMMENTATOR</b>	<b>EUCHARIST MINISTERS</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> March</b> 7:00pm, Corio	L Pankhurst K McCarthy	A Randall
<b>12<sup>th</sup> March</b> 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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*Icons in the header of our Parish  
Bulletin by Cecilia Lawrence.*

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