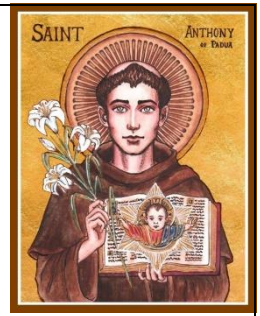


# CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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> September 2021* **23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### *Entrance Antiphon*

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

### *Communion Antiphon*

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

“Speak Lord, your servant is listening...” That Alleluia verse for this Sunday is a beautiful line that we might use to begin our periods of prayer each day. It’s only a few words but has many layers. It reminds us that prayer is a dialogue: a conversation between friends. It’s not a performance or saying the right thing but about sharing our heart with the One who made them and holds them in his own. As with any conversation, we can’t be the only ones doing the talking(!). I find it easy asking the Lord to speak when I’m struggling with something. It’s what comes next that is the hard part: listening. For some mystics they might hear a voice but for the most of us, it’s learning to be still, to be attentive, recognising when we’ve been distracted and bringing ourselves back to our Friend’s presence. We might ask that the Lord touch our hearts and offer the same word for us that he used in the gospel: *Ephphata*: Be opened. Open to his life and love.

September is sometimes called the Month of the Holy Cross (The Feast of the Holy Cross is 14<sup>th</sup> September). As we begin this new month, continuing our lockdown we know the reality of the cross. Each of us faces our own cross which we are invited to carry. The Cross is painful and frightening and lonely, but let’s never forget that Jesus is there too: God with us. And there on the Cross, he opened his heart for all of us. Following him, let’s open our hearts to God and to one another. Listening to him, because as the Alleluia verse continues: He has the words of eternal life.

Fr Daryl

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No changes have been announced yet regarding the easing of restrictions at this time. The Premier has flagged that the lockdown in Regional Victoria is being reconsidered this coming week. We will update our website with any changes as they come through.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **FIRST READING** *A reading from Prophet Isaiah* (35: 4-7)

Say to all faint hearts, "Courage! Do not be afraid. "Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 145* My Soul, give praise to the Lord.

### **SECOND READING** *A reading from the letter of St James (2: 1-5)*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, "Come this way to the best seats;" then you tell the poor man, "Stand over there" or "You can sit on the floor by my footrest." Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL** *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark* (7: 31 - 37)

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. "He has done all things well," they said "he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."



### **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 Tetzloff, Michael Watson, Rachael Ash, Katareena Cabretti, Bridgett Bradley, Kate Connors, Mark Tetzloff and Eva Watson, Michael Cabretti, Wilma Quiamco

**Recently Deceased:** Jordan Rosewarne, Leslie Labata

**Anniversary:** Rufo Emnas

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for September: *Environmental Awareness.*** We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

**Vocations! This week's Vocation View:** Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom? Chosen to be rich in faith. So take heart, be not afraid, consider your part in God's Kingdom.

*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:** Baptism Formation Meetings for infant baptisms will be on the Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> Aug at 7:30pm, St Francis Xavier Church, Corio. Candles and Stoles for the Baptism ceremony can be purchased after the 9:00am Mass at Lara & 11:00 am Mass at Corio on Sundays. For Baptism Bookings please contact the Parish Office on 42120791.

**2021 Parish Sacramental Program: FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS-** Due to the latest lockdowns, the First Communion program has been postponed. The new date for First Communion will be Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Enrolment for First Communion is still open.

**Recent House Fire:** A house on Bacchus Marsh Rd was destroyed by fire a couple weeks ago. Thankfully no one was hurt but the affected family are known to our Parish and have lost everything. Once we resume masses, we will look at ways that we as a parish can support them.

**Change to weekday mass schedule:** The Friday 9.15am mass at St Anthony's will not resume after the current lockdown. This will be reconsidered in due course.

## Next Sunday's Readings

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Is 50: 5-9| Second Reading: James 2: 14-18| Mk 8: 27-35

## The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. 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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*Icons in the header of our Parish Bulletin by Cecilia Lawrence*

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