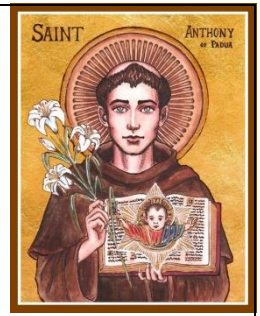


# CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022* **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

### *Entrance Antiphon*

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him  
and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

### *Communion Antiphon*

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that  
comes forth from the mouth of God.

### **A reflection for the First Sunday of Lent...**

With the traditional Rite of Ashes last Wednesday we entered Lent, a season of conversion and penance in preparation for Easter. The Church who is mother and teacher calls all her members to renew themselves in spirit and to turn once again with determination to God, renouncing pride and selfishness, to live in love. ... Lent is a favourable time for rediscovering faith in God as the basic criterion for our life and for the life of the Church. This always means a struggle, a spiritual combat, because the spirit of evil is naturally opposed to our sanctification and seeks to make us stray from God's path. For this reason the Gospel of Jesus' temptations in the wilderness is proclaimed every year on the First Sunday of Lent. ...

As the Fathers of the Church teach us, the temptations are part of Jesus' "descent" into our human condition, into the abyss of sin and its consequences; a "descent" that Jesus made to the end, even to death on the Cross and to the hell of extreme remoteness from God. In this way he is the hand that God stretches out to man, to the lost sheep, to bring him back to safety. As St Augustine teaches, Jesus took the temptations from us to give us his victory.

Therefore let us not be afraid either of facing the battle against the spirit of evil: the important thing is to fight it with him, with Christ, the Conqueror. And to be with him let us turn to his Mother, Mary; let us call on her with filial trust in the hour of trial and she will make us feel the powerful presence of her divine Son, so that we can reject temptations with Christ's word and thus put God back at the centre of our life.

\*Pope Benedict XVI (Angelus, 17 February 2013)

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Moses said to the people: “The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: ‘My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our Fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.’ You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.”

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 90* Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

**SECOND READING** *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (10: 8-3)*

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of eternal glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of eternal glory!

**GOSPEL** *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke* **(4: 1-13)**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.” But Jesus replied, “Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.” Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, “I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.” But Jesus answered him. “Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.” Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. “If you are the Son of God”, he said to him “throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.” But Jesus answered him, “It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.” Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

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

*Second Sunday of Lent*

First Reading: Gen 15: 5-12. 17-18| Second Reading: Phil 3:17-4:1| Lk 9: 28-36



### **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.

## The Pope's Prayer Intention for March: A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

**Vocations! This week is \*-Vocation View:** The world tempts us to grab all we can. Even food becomes more when it is given than when it is taken. Follow Jesus: be a giver.

### 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, Nick Vasilavis.

**Anniversary:** Leo Robles Sr. Genoveva Villacrusis, Marie Schepers

*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.*

**Sunday Collections:** A reminder that from this weekend, we will be returning to our previous practice of taking up two collections during mass. The first collection will be after the homily and the second after the Prayers of the Faithful. We are once again looking for volunteers to take up the collections.

**Lenten Movie Night:** As part of our Parish's Lenten opportunities, we will have a movie night on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30pm at St Anthony's, Lara. The movie will be: The Way (2010, starring Martin Sheen; PG Rating).

**Infant Baptism:** Please email us at [fxcorio@inet.net.au](mailto:fxcorio@inet.net.au) for information regarding having your child baptised at Corio and Lara Parish. Next Baptism Preparation meeting is 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 7:30pm, Corio.

**Advanced notice:** Fr Daryl will be away next weekend 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> March attending to vocations work. Fr Philip Gambin will celebrate the 9am mass at Lara and Fr Gerry Spillane will celebrate the masses at Corio.

**2022 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.

**St. Vincent de Paul Corio/Lara Conference:** Our Parish has an active St. Vincent de Paul Conference who regularly assists families in our area who are experiencing financial difficulties. We would like to thank you for your kind donations, especially over Christmas, when we packed over 50 food hampers. We are always looking for new members, so if you have a few hours to spare on a weekday, please contact the Parish Office and they will pass your details on to us.

**Palm Leaf Crosses:** Please join us to make palm leaf crosses on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 at 11:00am at St Anthony's Church, Lara and/or Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00am at the Ron Lowe room at St Francis Xavier, Corio. Also, watch

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=znDyR8\\_POCU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=znDyR8_POCU), an easy tutorial on how to make palm leaf crosses. Should you require any information regarding this, please contact Lorraine on 0412493433



### PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	12 <sup>th</sup> Mar

	9:15am Mass, Corio	9:15am Mass, Lara	9:15am Mass, Corio	7:30am Mass, Corio	7pm Mass Corio	9:00 am Mass, Lara
	6pm, Corio Holy Hour (Benediction) Confessions			<b>Station of Cross</b> 6:30pm, Corio		11:00am Mass, Corio

### ROSTERS

TIME AND DATE	READER/COMMENTATOR	EUCHARIST MINISTERS
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> 7:00pm, Corio	L Pankhurst K McCarthy	A Randall
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> 9:00 am Lara	C Foley- C R Vasquez- R	L Kulic
11:00am Corio	YOUTH MASS	S Grootveld M Lesyk

### 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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