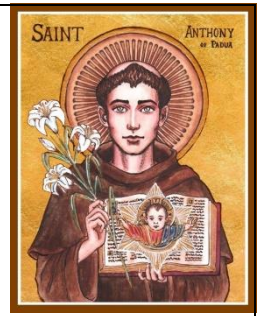


CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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Sunday 7th March 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he recues my feet
from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I
am alone and poor.

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her
young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my
God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever
singing your praise.

From a reflection on the Third Sunday of Lent

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

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Some Lenten Opportunities

As mentioned in the bulletin over the last few weeks, the regular mass timetable has returned. In addition to these, the Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday evening, 6.30pm at Corio and confessions will be available from 5.30pm. There will also be a Parish Penitential Service on Thursday 18th March, 7pm at Corio.

Vocations Support Update

With Project Compassion underway, the vocations donation box will be put away for the time being. After Easter, we'll have a vocations focus on the first Sunday of each month and contributions can be made then. Those who signed up to the Initiative will be receiving the first update in the coming weeks. Sign up forms are available in the foyers of the churches.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from book of Exodus*

(20: 1-17)

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 18:8-11* Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

(1: 22-25)

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in Him might have eternal life. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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

(2: 13-25)

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.



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

As a community we pray for

The Sick: Jessica De Grandis, Vince Marshall, John Thomas, Judith Cummins, Bill Rinaldi, Peter Franchina, Nicholas Francis, Bonnie Gilson, Ibi Bolyos, Pat Yacques, Dee Tetzloft, Michael Watson, Gerry Hoogaerts, Rachael Ash

Recently Deceased: Warwick Taylor

Anniversaries: Marie Schepers, Sabina Duffy

The Pope's Prayer Intention for this month: *Violence against Women.* We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Vocations! This week's Vocation View: Jesus cleaned out the temple of money changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He was authoritative. He was doing what He had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a vocation.

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.

Working with Children Checks: All Parish volunteers in the Archdiocese must have a current WWCC. The Parish Office will be updating our files and contacting volunteers to make sure checks are up to date. If anyone would like any assistance with updating their WWCC, please contact the Parish Office.

Coming Audit: The State Government's Commission for Children and Young People has informed the Archdiocese that it will begin its audit of child safety standards in parishes in May or June. We will be looking closely at our own practices and ensuring that we meet the standards over the next few weeks.

Infant Baptism: Baptism Formation Meetings for infant baptisms will be on the Tuesday, 16th March 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.

Car Raffles: Tickets will be sold from 14th March onwards, every weekend after the mass at Corio and Lara. There will be **more prizes** (20 instead of 14 prizes) which means there'll be more winners, plus an increased chance of winning for each ticket purchaser due to the reduced participating parishes, but we are down to one car instead of three. The 1st prize- Car worth over \$20,000; 2nd Prize Voucher- \$5000; 3rd Prize- Voucher \$ 2000; 4th – 6th Prize Voucher \$1000; 7th – 20th Voucher \$ 500.

Thanksgiving Envelopes – Thank you to all who have been dropping their envelopes off at the Parish Office. While these are unprecedented times, please prayerfully consider if you are able to keep your pledges and contributions. Online donations are also available at the following: **Account Name: St Francis Xavier Church BSB: 083347 Account Number: 543292126.** Thank you.

Parish Thanksgiving: Please consider joining the Parish Thanksgiving Programme. To set up the thanksgiving by direct debit/ credit card please contact the parish office on 0342120791 or email fxcorio@inet.net.au

Next Sunday's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,9-23 | Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10 | Gospel: John 3:14-21

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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