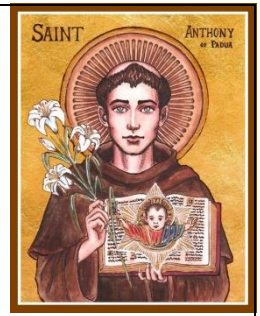




CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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 7th May 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds; he has revealed to the nations his saving power,
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; he who lives in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

MAY: MONTH OF OUR LADY



The fifth month of the year is one dedicated in particular prayer to Our Lady. Trusting in her powerful intercession, we ask her to lead us to Jesus.

We are blessed to have multiple Legion of Mary groups (*'praesidia'*) in our Parish. They will be particularly active during this month. From this weekend and throughout May, they will be leading the Rosary (thirty minutes) before each of our weekend masses. All are welcome to this wonderful way for us to prepare for the celebration of holy mass.

Later this month, the Pilgrim Statue of Mary will return for the first time since the covid disruptions. Families can sign up for a particular week, and members of the Legion will drop off the statue at their homes. They are encouraged to pray together as a family and perhaps invite others to pray the rosary with them in their home.

May is also (more often than not) the month of Pentecost. The arrival of God the Holy Spirit who is always present to the Church. Through his power, Mary's yes changed the world. God knows what could be brought about if we also say yes. We use this month to renew our yes and really be intentional in how we live out our friendship with God, Our Lady, and all those who have gone before us and also said yes.

Holy Mary Mother of God: Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death! Amen!!

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from the Acts of Apostles*

(6: 1-7)

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

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

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Peter* (2: 4-9)

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: *See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed.* That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

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

(14: 1-12)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works because I am going to the Father.'

Next Sunday's Readings

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8.14-17 | Second Reading: 1Pet 3:15-18 | Jn 14: 15-21

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: Carlo DiGiandomenico

Anniversary: Mary Formosa, Virginia Ocampo, Wallace Pereira, Alfredo Arillo Sr.

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: Please email us at fxcorio@iinet.net.au for information regarding having your child baptised at Corio and Lara Parish. Next Baptism Preparation meeting is Sunday, 7th May at St Francis Xavier Church, Corio. Preparation session starts at 11:00am Mass, followed Sausage sizzle and sessions afterwards.

Permanent Deacon Information Session: An information day is being held for men aged 30 – 60 who might sense that God is calling them to serve in this way: Saturday 3 June 2023, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne. Wives are most welcome to come along.

And a further link on the Permanent diaconate: [Melbourne Archdiocese Deacons - YouTube](#)

Help Marnie & Darcey get to World Youth Day. An immense thank you to everyone who has generously contributed to sending our young pilgrims to World Youth Day later this year. While the weather is no longer ideal for carwashes, donations are still gratefully received. They have also set up a bank account that people can send donations to: BSB: 733-226 and Acc no: 833 804.

WYD Fundraiser: Mother's Day Stall: After our masses this weekend, Marnie and Darcey will be holding a stall in conjunction with the Hoppers Crossing Young Adults to raise funds for their coming pilgrimage. The stall will offer unique Catholic gifts for Mother's Day.

Adult Confirmation: Final call for any adult parishioners who practice their faith but for whatever reason have not been confirmed. Please speak to Fr Daryl after mass or contact the Parish Office if you wish to register for confirmation which will be celebrated at the 11am mass on the feast of Pentecost.

May Mass Count: As we do each year across the Archdiocese, the mass attendance will be counted during each week throughout this month. This will be done discreetly during each mass.

Alpha: This launched successfully this week with nearly thirty people taking up the wonderful opportunity to connect / reconnect with the faith and explore the big questions of meaning in life. If anyone would like to help the organising committee on one of the evenings with setting/packing up, or even cooking or contributing towards a meal for the attendees, please contact Ken on 0403 074 407.

Fellowship Sundays: The church café will be run after next weekend's 11am mass for Mother's Day but the sausage sizzle will be postponed until the 4th Sunday for Pentecost. A big thanks to Claudia, Louie and their teams who bring these special ministries to us each month.



Please keep in your prayers our sacramental program candidates as they prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation

Please also note that registrations are now open for Confirmation commencing May 2023 & Eucharist commencing August 2023

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PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 8th May	TUESDAY 9th May	WEDNESDAY 10th May	THURSDAY 11th May	FRIDAY 12th May	SATURDAY 13th May	SUNDAY 14th May
	9.15am Mass Corio 6pm Holy Hour, Corio	9.15am Mass Lara	9.15am Mass Corio	7:30 am Mass Corio	7:00 pm Mass Corio	9:00am Mass, Lara 11:00am Mass, Corio

ROSTERS

TIME AND DATE	READER/COMMENTATOR	EUCHARIST MINISTERS
13th May 7:00pm, Corio	M Drake R Demicoli	F Moloney
14th May 9:00 am Lara	N Meade – C A Pearson- R	T McManus
11:00am Corio	YOUTH MASS	T Van Der Hoeven T Van Der Hoeven

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.