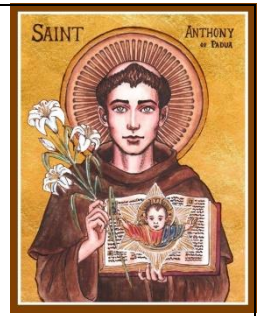


CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Sunday 8th December 2023

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Communion Antiphon

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.



Epiphany means 'appearing' or 'manifestation.' This solemn feast celebrates Jesus being revealed to the world and commemorates the arrival of the three *Magi* or wise men. The following day, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and with that, the return to Ordinary Time. As we pack up our Christmas trees and decorations, we ourselves look for and become ways of God's appearing in the world.

Unveiling of the new statues of Our Lady: After sadly having to postpone our plans for last week, at our Sunday masses this weekend we will unveil and bless the new statue and candle stand for Lara and crown the new statue at Corio. Thanks again for the generosity of all who contributed to this project.

January Mass Timetable: A reminder that we are currently using our reduced timetable for weekdays. Mass at Lara is 9.15 Wednesdays and Corio: 9.15 Thursday. The full weekday mass schedule as well as the First Saturday morning mass will resume in February.

Feast of Infant Jesus ("Sinulog"): The Feast Day Mass will be celebrated at 10am on Saturday 14th January. Festivities after the mass will include Filipino cultural dancing, food and fellowship with other devotees from around Geelong and Melbourne. Leading up to the Feast, will be nine days of prayer held at 6pm each night from 5th – 13th January. All the events will be held at Corio. More info: Robert/Lina 0411 839 827.

Please 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, Alwyn Hayes, Stella Rani

Recently Deceased:, Rodrigo Aala, Pros Batan.

Anniversaries: Jack Watson

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

(60: 1-6)

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 71* Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians* **(3: 2-3, 5-6)**

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

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

(2: 1-12)

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. "Where is the infant king of the Jews?" they asked. "We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. "At Bethlehem in Judaea," they told him "for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. "Go and find out all about the child," he said "and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage." Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way

Next Sunday: First Reading: Is 49: 3, 5-6 | Second Reading: 1 Cor 1: 1-3 | Jn 1: 29-34

TIME AND DATE	READER/COMMENTATOR	EUCCHARIST MINISTERS
14th Jan 7:00pm, Corio	R Demicoli M Drake	F Moloney
15th Jan 9:00 am Lara	B Hyland - C N Meade- R	T Mc Manus
15th Jan 11am Corio	J Lenders- C L Victoria- R	A Buaya R Buaya

Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.