

CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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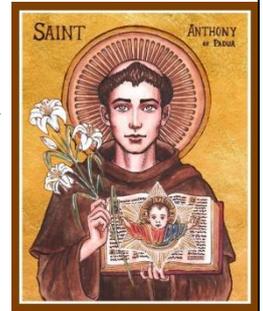
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Sunday 26th July 2020

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell
in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his
people.

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his
benefits

From a homily of Pope Francis...

The attitude of searching is the essential condition for finding. The heart must burn with the desire to reach the valuable good, that is, the Kingdom of God which is made present in the person of Jesus. He is the hidden treasure; he is the pearl of great value. He is the fundamental discovery who can make a decisive change in our lives, filling it with meaning. Faced with the unexpected discovery, both the farmer and the merchant realize that they are facing a unique opportunity which should not be missed; hence, they sell all that they own. Assessing the inestimable value of the treasure leads to a decision that also implies sacrifice, detachment and renunciation. When the treasure and the pearl are discovered, that is, when we have found the Lord, we must not let this discovery become barren, but rather sacrifice everything else in order to acquire it. It is not a question of disdaining the rest but of subordinating them to Jesus, putting him in first place; grace in first place. The disciple of Christ is not one who has deprived himself of something essential; he is one who has found much more: he has found the complete joy that only the Lord can give. It is the evangelical joy of the sick who have been healed; of the pardoned sinners, of the thief for whom the doors of heaven open.

Pope Francis, Homily for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 2017



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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from the first book of Kings 3: 5, 7-12*

‘Solomon chooses the gift of wisdom’

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, ‘Ask what you would like me to give you.’ Solomon replied, ‘O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?’ It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. ‘Since you have asked for this’ the Lord said ‘and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.’ *The Word of the Lord*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 118: 57, 72, 76-77, 127- 130*

Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8: 28- 30*

‘Those he called he justified’

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory. *The Word of the Lord*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 13: 44- 52*

‘He sells everything he owns and buys the fields’

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. ‘Have you understood all this?’ They said, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Liturgy this Week

Tuesday: 9:15 Mass & 5:30 Holy Hour with confessions (Corio)

Wednesday: Memorial of **St Martha**: 9:15 Mass (Lara)

Thursday: Memorial of St Peter Chrysologus 9:15 Mass (Corio)

Friday: Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola 9:15 Mass (Lara)

Saturday: 7PM Vigil (Corio)

Sunday: **9AM** (Lara) & **11AM** (Corio)

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

Vocation View: Finding our vocation in life is like finding a buried treasure. We will do whatever we have to in order to be able to possess it. Finding the treasure is a gift, possessing it is our vocation.

Pope's Prayer Intention: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

As a community we pray for

Sick: Maria do ceu Fernandes, Jessica De Grandis, Victor Lombo, Vince Marshall, John Thomas, Judith Cummins, Bill Rinaldi, Peter Franchina, Nicholas Francis, Bonnie Gilson, Mrs. Ibi Bolyos.

Anniversaries: Bernard Pallot, Madalena Ferraz, Jose Medeiros

Recently Deceased: Joan Marshall, Peter Murphy, Domingo Quiamco Sr.

NAMES OF RECENT DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES, and the UNWELL IN OUR PARISH FOR THE BULLETIN We still accept the names of those Recently Deceased, Anniversary of Death and the names of those who are sick within our Parish. Please call the Office on: 52754120 or email: fxcorio@iinet.net.au

Thanksgiving Envelopes – Thank you to all who have been dropping their envelopes off at the Parish Office. The Office is open Monday - Friday from 9:00- 2:00. 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: [Ac. Name: St Francis Xavier Church BSB: 083347 Ac. No- 543292126](#) Thank you.

Parish Thanksgiving: Please consider joining the Parish Thanksgiving Programme. If you would like to join our new thanksgiving campaign, or to set up the thanksgiving by direct debit/ credit card please contact the parish office on 0352754120 or email fxcorio@iinet.net.au

Car Raffles: The Raffle has been postponed but we still need the raffle tickets returned. Please drop them off at the Parish Office or in the Parish letter box. Please contact the Parish Office if any of the tickets have been lost.



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