

**PARISH OF CORIO/LARA**  
**ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH, CORIO**  
**ST ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH, LARA**  
**ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA**



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

**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.*

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**FIRST READING** *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2: 14, 36- 41*

**God has made him both Lord and Christ**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number. *The Word of the Lord*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Psalm 22: 1-6*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**SECOND READING** *A reading from the first letter of St Peter 2: 20-25*

**You have come back to the shepherd of your souls**

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. *The Word of the Lord*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10: 1-10*

**I am the gate of the sheepfold**

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.' *The Gospel of the Lord*

**Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year A (Vocation View):** This is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. “The harvest is great but the labourers are few. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into the Harvest.”

**Pope’s Prayer Intention:**

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

**Message From Fr Rojan:** Please give a warm welcome to our newly appointed administrator Fr. Daryl Montecillo, who will be joining the Parish on the 6th May 2020. Fr. Daryl is a priest from the Archdiocese of Melbourne, who most recently has been serving as a Chaplain to the Royal Melbourne Hospital. Prior to that he has been an Assistant Parish Priest at the Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Laverton and St. Monica's Catholic Church Monee Ponds. He moved to Australia, along with his Family from the Philippines at a very young age. He is a young talented Priest. Thank you for all your love and support, during my time in the Parish, it has been a pleasure to know all of you. Be assured of my prayers. Fr. Rojan George V.C.

*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, Bonnie Gilson

**Car Raffles:** At this stage, the car raffles are postponed. Still it will be good if you could return your raffle tickets ASAP. Please drop it off in the Parish office or in the Parish letter box. If any raffle book is lost or missing, please provide Statuary Declaration for the respective book. Your cooperation in this matter will be much appreciated. Please don't hesitate to call the Parish Office 0352754120.

**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

**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.*



**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES** – Thank you for the parishioners who drop their envelopes to the Parish office. The Parish Office is open during the week Monday - Friday from 9:00- 2:00, as the regular collections are not being taken up, we ask if you please drop off your envelopes to the Parish Post Box to continue your pledge, and keep it up to date. Alternatively, you can do an online transaction to the below details **Ac. Name: St Francis Xavier Church BSB: 083347 Ac. No- 543292126** Thank you.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** It's time to bring them back. If you have filled up your box and are looking to return it, please head in to the Parish Office. We are open during the week and look forward taking your donation on behalf of Caritas. If you need to make other arrangements you can call the Office on: 52754120 for help and advice.

**CATHOLIC CLUB AT DEAKIN** A Catholic friendship and faith formation group has now been established at Deakin University. Given the present Corona virus restrictions, the group will focus on presenting and discussing on-line a refresher course on the Catholic faith. If you are a student at Deakin and are interested in joining this group, or are simply seeking more information, please contact Len Monk, Chaplain – lenjmonk@gmail.com or 0402 082 937.

**Spiritual Care services at Barwon Health and Covid -19:** During the Covid-19 period Spiritual Care staff at Barwon Health continue to provide faith-based and non-faith-based care for patients, families and staff by distance support, and face to face in certain situations. There is a 24 hour pastoral care service with a staff member on call. There is the services of a Catholic chaplain provided by St. Mary of the Angel's Parish at the hospital who is able to facilitate the visit of a priest when requested and available. Spiritual care staff are able to provide support to patients, families, and staff by distance support and face to face in certain circumstances. Spiritual Care staff are able to respond to visits face to face where the referrals are urgent or high distress. Spiritual Care are able to facilitate the visit of a priest in cases of "end of life" and emergencies. If you are a patient and would like a visit from the chaplain, please chat to your nurse carer who will refer you to the Spiritual Care unit. If you know of someone who is going to hospital and would appreciate a visit from the chaplain, with their permission, you are able to contact the hospital and ask for the Spiritual Care unit. Keep well. Peter Sherman (*University Hospital/Barwon Health Catholic Chaplain*)

**A PRAYER FOR GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY** The Good Shepherd does not allow His sheep to wander into harm's way. Knowing we are heard, let us pray with confidence... We pray for the shepherds of our Church: our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Bishops and priests and for all who lead us in the ways of faith, hope and love; that they always reflect the Lord's deep love. May the people of every nation, live their lives with courage and find true peace in You, especially those persecuted for their faith. For those called to priestly and religious vocations and for those called to minister in the world as lay people, that they respond with generous hearts to Your voice. Open the hearts and minds of our young people to hear the call of the Good Shepherd to lay down their lives in love and service of God and neighbour. May those in our military services, who have generously made sacrifices to contribute to lasting peace and a better world for all of us, be filled with hope and the knowledge that You guide them on their way. We pray for our seminarians and all in formation to the priesthood and consecrated life: that they may persevere in lives of generosity and love. Generous God, you know us each by name. Hear our prayers and let your Holy Spirit fill our hearts and inspire us to do good things. We ask this in the name of the loving Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis  
to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020***

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

**Pope encourages faithful to pray Rosary at home** For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow. I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone. Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020

Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist

## **FIRST PRAYER**

O Mary,  
You shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus' suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.  
"Protectress of the Roman people",  
you know our needs,  
and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For he took upon himself our suffering,  
and burdened himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection.  
Amen.

*We fly to your protection,  
O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions  
in our necessities,  
but deliver us always  
from every danger,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

## **SECOND PRAYER**

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

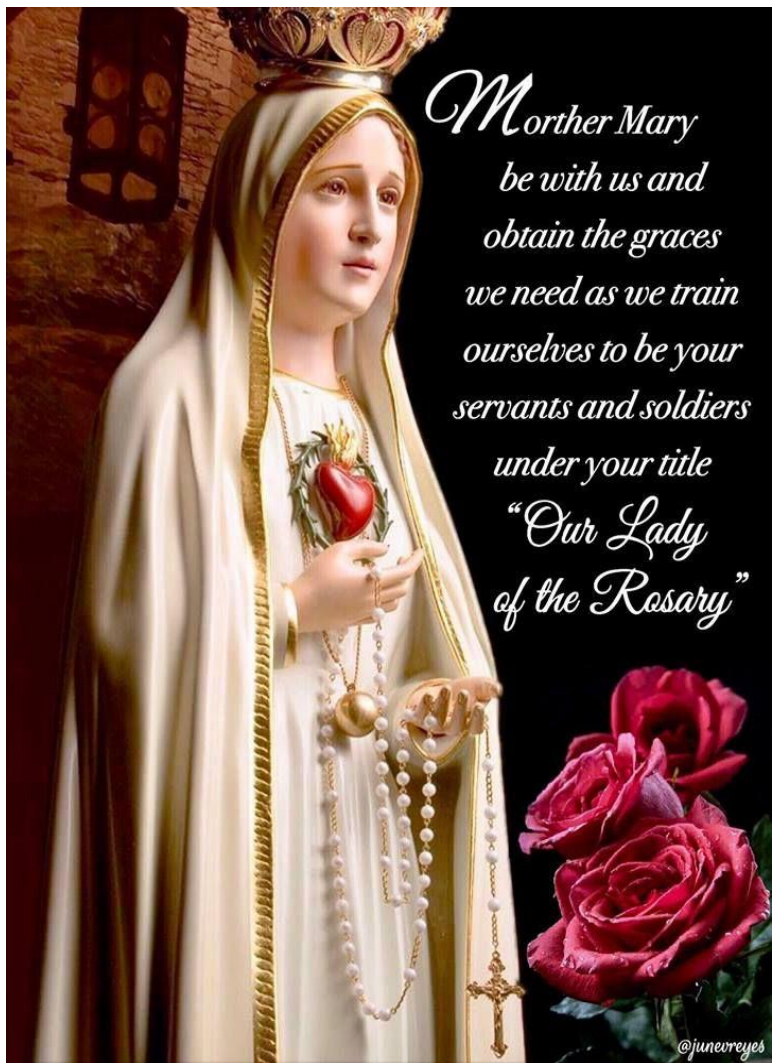
Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.



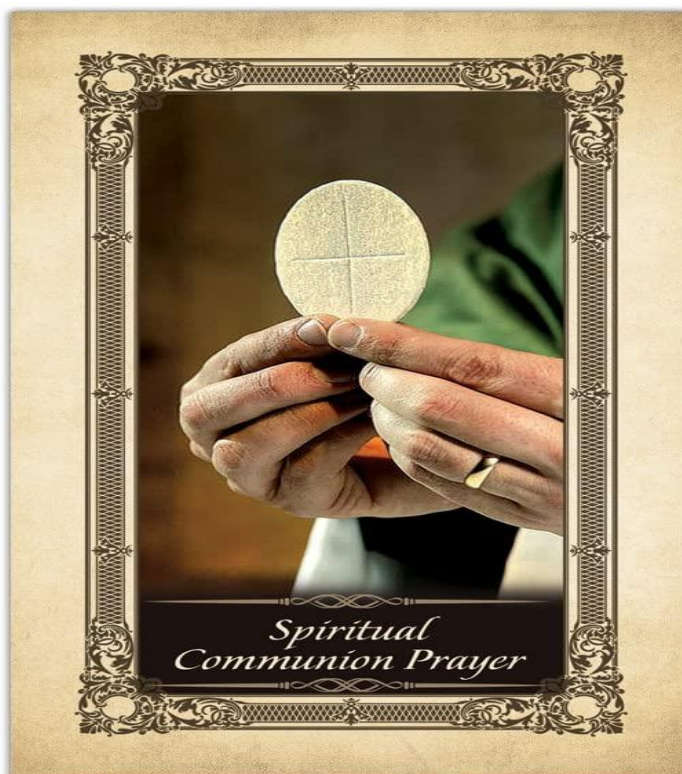
Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

**LIVE STREAM MASS- Fr Rojan:** Holy Mass on 26<sup>th</sup> April can be live streamed at 10:30am. Please follow this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwSvo9XQShs>

**ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE** Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne is available daily. The 1pm Mass is streamed live daily (Mon-Fri) and is then available as a recording on-demand until one hour prior to the next Mass. Sunday Mass is available, with the 11am Mass live streamed and it is also available as a recording on-demand. Watch here: <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> Other links recommended by the Melbourne Archdiocese <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand> [www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass](http://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass)

**POPE FRANCIS' DAILY MASS** Pope Francis' daily Masses are now available online through the Vatican's website and YouTube channel. They are expected to continue to be available throughout the upcoming weeks. Watch here: <https://www.vaticannews.va/.../mass-casa-santamarta.pagelist...>

**MASS FOR YOU AT HOME** This program has been allowing the faithful – particularly those with mobility problems – to participate in Mass from their homes for many years. Mass for You at Home is broadcast on Eleven and Network Ten on Sundays and Aurora Channel on Foxtel every day. Watch here: <http://www.mfyah.com/video.html> or <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>



## Spiritual Communion Prayer

My 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 moment 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 permit me to be  
separated from You.  
Amen.

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