

**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 10th May 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Message from Fr Daryl

Dear friends,

Peace be with you!

In these strange times where church doors – like much of society – are closed, we hunger and long for the Sacraments, but we remember that it is only a reflection of God's hunger and longing for us. We can't yet partake, but we rejoice remembering that nothing can separate us from the love of God: no height or depth, certainly no pandemic or lockdown! So let's not forget that this time is also a precious opportunity to know and receive His love, and to share it with those around us in new and creative ways.

Everything seems to have changed, and now Corio and Lara Parish experiences one more: a new pastor. I am Fr Daryl Montecillo and it's my great joy and privilege to join you as a fellow disciple, and by Archbishop Peter's appointment, the new Parish Administrator. I have a lot to learn but I'm eager to do so, with you. I will doubtless make mistakes and so I ask for your patience and forgiveness, when they come.

I very much look forward to meeting and knowing each of you, but for now, let's meet in prayer. From the moment that I heard of this appointment I have prayed for you and will do so every day in the Divine Office and each Sunday at the Altar. Perhaps you might join me in praying the Rosary every day for the people in our Parish who need it the most? We might not know who they are, but God does!

Let me also humbly ask for your prayers. The Lord knows how much I need them! Please pray that I may be a faithful shepherd to you, after the heart of the Lord Jesus.

While this lockdown continues, I'll look for ways to keep in contact. Perhaps firstly by giving attention to our Parish website and the weekly bulletin. Anyone needing the Anointing of the Sick or Confession can contact the Parish Office and we can make a suitable arrangement. Finally, if there is anything that I or the Parish Team might be able to help with, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish. Church doors might be closed but your Parish is open!

Let's pray for each other, and may God bless you and all your loved ones.

Yours in the Lord,

Fr Daryl

St Francis Xavier, Pray for us!

St Anthony of Padua, Pray for us!

FIRST READING *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 6: 1-7*

They elected seven men full of the Holy spirit

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. *The Word of the Lord*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 32: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19*

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*

Christ is the living stone, chosen by God and precious to Him

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.

The Word of the Lord

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*

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

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.' *The Gospel of the Lord*

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year A (Vocation View): The new ministry of "Deacon" is mentioned in today's Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational or liturgical needs of the Lord's People today.

Pope's Prayer Intention: That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

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
Recently Deceased: Roma Collins
Anniversary: Salvaltre Servello

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.

SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE ENROLMENTS ARE STILL BEING WELCOMED The closing date for enrolments has been extended to May 22, 2020. Please visit www.ignatius.vic.edu.au for enrolment information and how to apply for enrolment. Applications and supporting documents can be submitted to one of the following: 1. At the College Office: (27 Peninsula Drive, Drysdale, VIC. 3222) 2. By mail to the address listed above 3. By email to registrar@ignatius.vic.edu.au If you require more information please contact the College Registrar: Mrs Gail Myers either by email (above) or phone: 0429 962 259

A prayer for moms, for those who wait to be moms, and for all dear women who nurture and lead:

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of motherhood. Thank you for the blessing it is to be called "Mom." Thank you for the good plans you have in store for those who still wait to be a Mom. Thank you for the numerous spiritual children you have given to so many "spiritual moms" and mentors. We pray that you would fill this day with favor and grace as we honor Moms all around our nation.

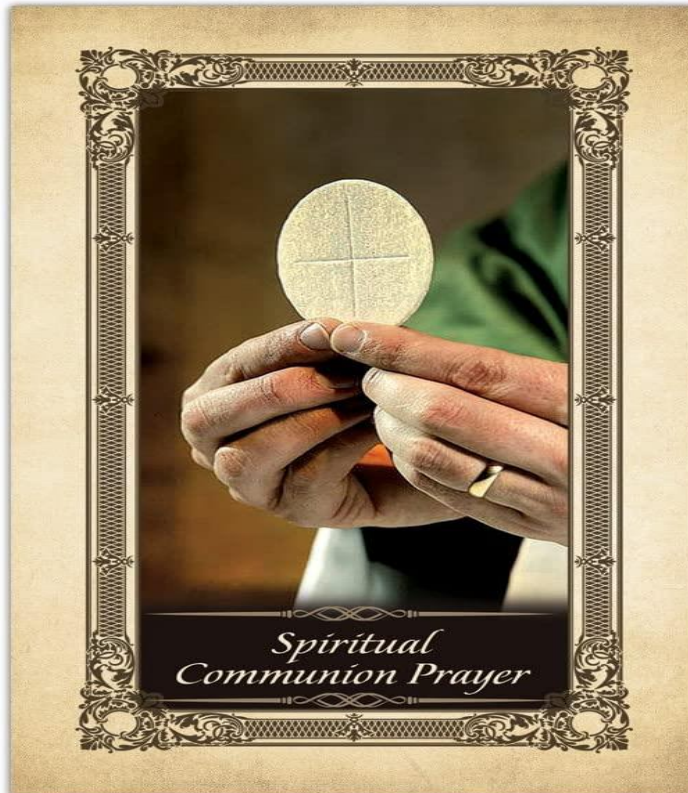
We ask for comfort for those who are grieving loss and heartache, especially on this day. We ask for strength for those who wait for children to come back home.



We ask for healing for those who have been hurt by relationships that were intended to be loving and nurturing. We ask for **faith** for those who will someday be Moms, who find themselves on a journey that seems so hard. We ask for great encouragement and grace to cover those who have made a brave and loving choice for adoption. We ask for incredible provision and care over every single parent mom who works so hard on behalf of her children. We ask that you would remind many of those who, though they do not have "physical" children, have the gift of being amazing hope-bringers to many spiritual children they've been blessed to nurture through these years.

God, thank you, for the gift of life. Thank you that your heart is for us, and that you are with us, in all our unique journeys and pathways. Thank you that you are Sovereign over every part of our lives. Thank you that your ways are perfect and you make our footsteps secure. Today we pray for refreshing, for joy, for grace, for wisdom, for great peace...for all moms, for moms to be, and for women who nurture and lead.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen.



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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