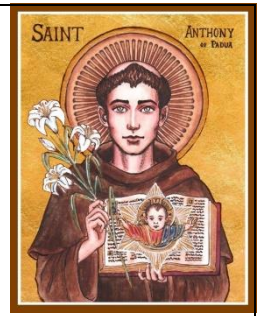




CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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Sunday 13th December 2020 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice.
Indeed the Lord is near.

Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Last week we received more positive news regarding the further opening up of parishes and churches. This will allow for a few long awaited changes with the celebration of masses.

Registering no longer required for weekend Mass!

From this week, churches may now operate under a **2m² rule**. This allows us to significantly increase the number of attendees at each mass, with limits at 120 at Corio and 150 at Lara. This means that **we will no longer need to book ahead to attend Sunday Mass (or Saturday Vigil)**. Simply register your details on arrival.

Attending Mass will be on a **first come: first served basis**. To ensure our compliance, we will close the doors once the capacity is reached or at the start of mass. We cannot allow entry once mass has begun because everyone must be seated to ensure social distancing.

The fine print on the 2m² rule however, is that to utilise it, we must use electronic record keeping (QR codes, etc.). We are working out a way that we can do this with minimum fuss for everyone.

Please note that prior booking for Christmas masses is still required.

A very big thank you to our volunteers Mary, Larry, Adela & Carolyn who have been taking the bookings over these last weeks, and thanks to all of you who have taken up the onerous but necessary system of calling in each week and dealing with the occasional mix-ups (usually my doing!).

Changes within Mass

While we are required to carry a mask on us at all times, we no longer need to wear it during mass or in the church. People are welcome to continue wearing masks throughout mass if they wish.

The prohibition on singing in churches has been lifted and we can joyfully take that up once again.

The Archbishop has also lifted the prohibition on the reception of Holy Communion on the tongue and the faithful are welcome to receive in this way if they wish.

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Dawn Masses

The dawn masses will go ahead this year, starting from this Wednesday at the usual time of 5:30am at Corio. Bookings are required for these masses and can be booked at trybooking.com/BNOGZ. Bookings for each mass close at 6PM the night before. Sadly there will be no refreshments served after each mass.

Finally a request for prayer...

Christmas is fast approaching and there is so much yet to organise. One thing out of our control is the weather. Given our masses will be outside this year, can we please as one Parish voice, pray for fine weather and that it all comes together in a way to fittingly celebrate Our Lord's birth. Please join me in praying a *Memorare* or Hail Mary every day for this intention.

Thanks again for all your support. Wishing you all a blessed Advent.
Fr Daryl

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

(61:1-2, 10-11)

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Lk1*

My soul rejoices in my God.

SECOND READING *A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians*

(5:16-24)

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor. Alleluia!

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

(1:6-8, 19-28)

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.



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

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Eucharist.
I love you above all things and 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 completely to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.*

As a community we pray for

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

Anniversaries: Herbert Rinaldi, Michael Gleeson & Jim Robertson.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for this month:

For all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Vocations! This month's Vocation View: Why is it that we lack real trust when the Lord calls us? We think we may drown, or have to give up too much, or fear failure. These attitudes can help to strengthen our faith in the Lord.

Please contact the Parish Office to have the names of any loved ones who are seriously ill, recently deceased or have coming anniversaries included in the bulletin.

Working With Children Checks: All Parish volunteers in the Archdiocese must have a current WWCC. The Parish Office will be updating our files and contacting volunteers to make sure checks are up to date. If anyone would like any assistance with updating their WWCC, please contact the Parish Office.

Columban Calendars: Now available from the piety stalls. They are \$10 each.

Working Bee, Lara: Saturday 12th December 9am-12pm. We're cleaning up in preparation for Christmas. The usual trimming of plants etc. So if you can lend a hand for an hour or two please come along. All going well we can hopefully wrap it up by 11.am. We need to trim a few high branches encroaching on the roof so any tools to suit will help.

Thanksgiving Envelopes – Thank you to all who have been dropping their envelopes off at the Parish Office. 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: **Account Name: St Francis Xavier Church BSB: 083347 Account Number: 543292126.** Thank you.

Parish Thanksgiving: Please consider joining the Parish Thanksgiving Programme. To set up the thanksgiving by direct debit/ credit card please contact the parish office on 0342120791 or email fxcorio@iinet.net.au

Mass times: Saturday Vigil 7PM (Corio); Sunday 9AM (Lara) & 11AM (Corio)
Tuesday & Thursday 9:15AM (Corio) & Tues 6PM Holy Hour (Corio)
Wednesday & Friday 9:15AM (Lara)

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

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