

CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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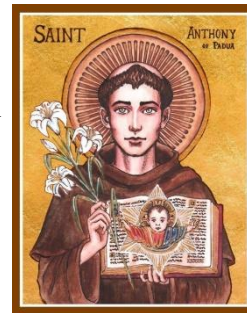
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Sunday 16th August 2020

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

On Saturday this weekend (15th August) we celebrate in our lockdowns the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven: that when her earthly life ended, she was taken soul and body into heaven. It's our destiny too. The invitation for us is to say yes to God as Mary did.

Honouring Our Lady as we do, seems quite a contrast to the conversation that Our Lord is having with the Canaanite woman in this Sunday's gospel. On the surface it's a pretty difficult gospel to preach on, and even harder for a bulletin front page! What we can remember though is that Jesus is God: he loves her with infinite love and knows what he's doing. He's moving into gentile territory; he knew he would encounter non-Jewish people. While it looks like she is making the initiative, Jesus was already making his way toward her. The exchange wasn't to put her down – we see she could hold her own! – but to draw out the great faith that she already had.

These difficult times that we're all experiencing might be an opportunity to again draw out our faith. Perhaps we might take a look at our friendship with God, to see how and where we might spend more time with him; to waste time with him just as we do with our closest friends. Just as we want to follow Mary to be with God in heaven, let's follow her example now and say yes to God.

Let's continue to keep each other in prayer. God bless you very much!

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 prophet Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7*

‘I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain’

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples. *The Word of the Lord*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8*

Let the people praise you O Lord, let all the people praise you.

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11: 13- 15, 29-32*

‘With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice’

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind. *The Word of the Lord*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 14: 22- 33*

‘The Canaanite woman debates with Jesus and saves her daughter’

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, ‘Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.’ But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. ‘Give her what she wants,’ they said ‘because she is shouting after us.’ He said in reply, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.’ But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. ‘Lord,’ she said ‘help me.’ He replied, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the house-dogs.’ She retorted, ‘Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master’s table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.’ And from that moment her daughter was well again. *The Gospel of the Lord*

Scripture Readings this week

Monday: Ezekiel 24:15-24 & Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ezekiel 28:1-10 & Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ezekiel 34:1-11 & Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday: **Memorial of St Bernard:** Sirach 15:1-6 & John 17:20-26

Friday: **Memorial of St Pius X:** 1Thessolonians 2:2-8 & John 21:15-17

Sat: **Memorial of The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** Isaiah 9:1-6 & Luke 1:26-38

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: 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.

Pope's Prayer Intention:

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

As a community we pray for

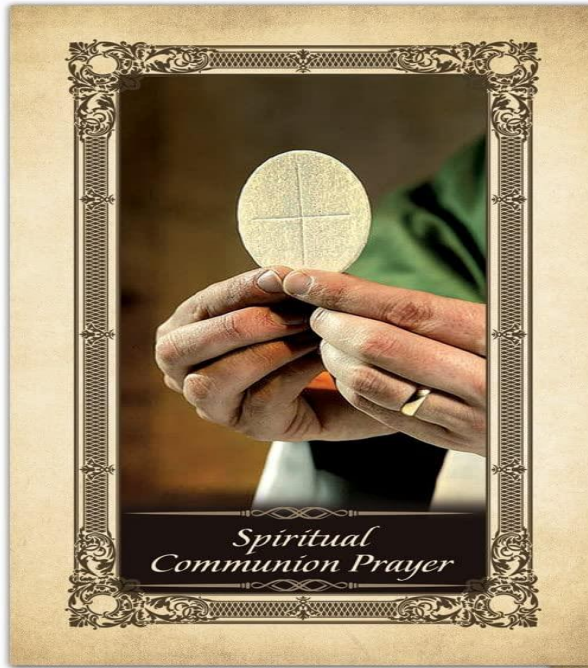
Sick: Maria do ceu Fernandes, Jessica De Grandis, Victor Lombo, Vince Marshall, John Thomas, Judith Cummins, Bill Rinaldi, Peter Franchina, Nicholas Francis, Bonnie Gilson, Mrs. Ibi Bolyos.

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 Facilities: With the latest restrictions both churches, as well as the Ron Lowe Room and the Xavier Centre are closed for public use. Apologies for any inconvenience and thank you for understanding.

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: **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



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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