

**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 17th May 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Message from Fr Daryl

Our first steps back to Mass

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As you will know, on Wednesday this past week (the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima!), some of the Covid-19 restrictions were relaxed. This means that churches may reopen under certain strict conditions, which will be in place for at least, the next three weeks. They include:

- A limit of 10 people in attendance, with strict monitoring of numbers
- All present must leave contact details (for possible contact tracing)
- 1.5m social distancing & sanitiser/hygiene practices
- Full clean and sanitising of the church after each opening time

The question that immediately arises is 'when can we start returning to mass?!' Some parishioners have already contacted the Parish asking, and some have offered suggestions on ways that we can begin to move forward. With you, I am excited at the possibility and look forward to meeting you and most importantly joining together in the public celebration of the Faith.

Weekday Masses

Starting Tuesday, the opportunity to attend weekday morning mass will be available. St Francis Xavier, Corio on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. St Anthony of Padua, Lara on Wednesday and Friday. **Mass will be at 8:30AM.** This allows us to move into the church prior to the school children drop off time.

Weekday Adoration

A further opportunity for prayer over these three weeks will be Eucharistic Adoration between **5:30 – 6PM:** St Francis Xavier, Corio on Tuesday and Thursday. St Anthony of Padua, Lara on Wednesday and Friday. Confessions will be available at this time also.

Registering attendance

To register your attendance for either mass or adoration, please **ring the Parish Office between 10AM and 3PM the day before** you wish to attend. Registration will close once the limit of 10 people has been reached. If for some reason, we can't answer the phone, leave your details on the voicemail. The timestamp will show us your place in line. Sadly, only those on the list for a specific day will be allowed in the church at that time.

While we will observe all the guidelines and protocols, the risk of contracting coronavirus still remains. **If you are vulnerable, immuno-compromised or feeling unwell, please stay at home.**

Sunday Masses Our Parish is blessed with an average attendance in excess of 650 people across the Sunday masses each weekend. This fact, along with the strict conditions above, means that we can't yet return to Sunday Mass at this stage. I acknowledge that this will be both disappointing and frustrating, which I very much share with you. We're reminded that the exemption from the Sunday obligation continues and I encourage you to continue to find ways to 'keep the Lord's day holy.'

The above conditions are in place until 31st May. When the next steps are outlined, we will look again at how we can continue to move forward.

Thank you for your patience. Let's continue to support each other in prayer every day during these trying times. God bless!

Fr Daryl

FIRST READING *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 8: 5-8; 14-17*

They lay hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 65: 1-7, 16, 20*

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Peter 3: 15-18*

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14: 15- 21*

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another advocate

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A (Vocation View): That Jesus rose from the dead is our Faith. That we can be reborn in the Spirit is our Hope. That we can do God's work is our Love. Follow God's Call.

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.

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: Kathleen Rinaldi, Daniel Stolk, Claire Muhlebach

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@inet.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.

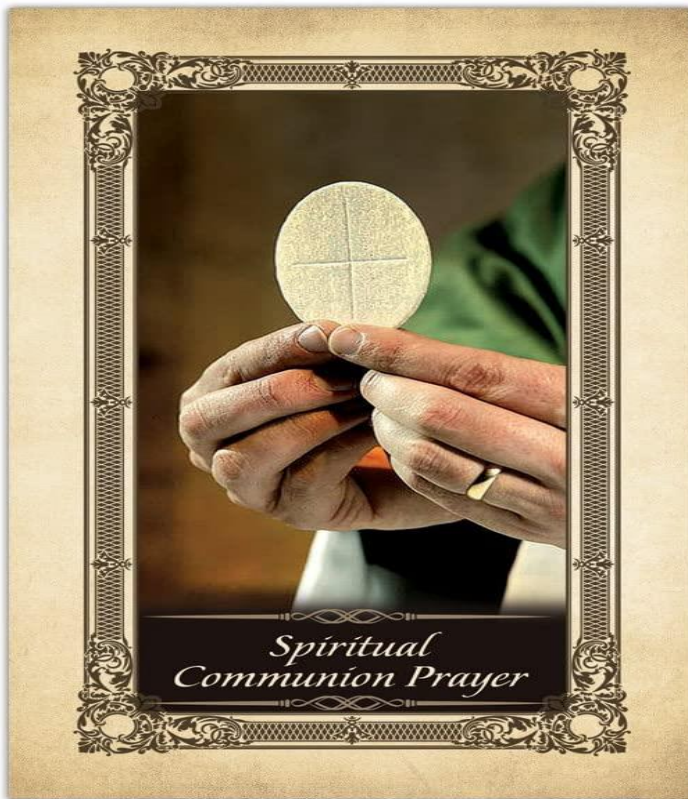


THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES – Thank you for the parishioners who drop their envelopes to the Parish office. The Parish Office is open during the week Monday - Friday from 9:00- 2:00, as the regular collections are not being taken up, we ask if you please drop off your envelopes to the Parish Post Box to continue 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.

Parish Thanksgiving: People who reside in our parish zone, kindly register with our parish to join the thanksgiving a way to support our parish. Parishioners who doesn't have envelopes for thanksgiving and would like to join our new thanksgiving campaign for the next financial year, or to set up the thanksgiving by direct debit/ credit card please contact the parish office on 0352754120 or email fxcorio@inet.net.au

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 Deakin Catholic Club has now been established. At this stage, it is an on-line formation, friendship, and support group and we will gather when restrictions are lifted. For Deakin students who would like to join or would like further information, please contact Len Monk, Deakin Catholic Chaplain: lenjmonk@gmail.com or 0402082937.



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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