

CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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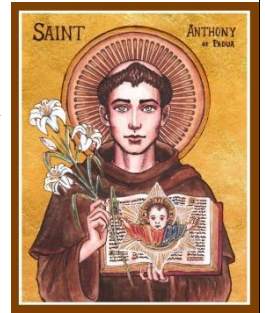
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Sunday 18th October 2020

TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Father, I pray for those who will believe in me, that they may be one in us, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.

Communion Antiphon

Go into all the world, and proclaim the Gospel, says the Lord. I am with you always.

Normally we'd be at that time of year when things start to move pretty quickly. The shops have already started filling with Christmas decorations and gift ideas and we're told this year especially to get in early to avoid big crowds and the last minute rush. It's been so long since we've been able to gather together that we might have forgotten that we're also moving towards the end of the Church year when we proclaim Christ the King of the Universe. This weekend's readings give us a timely and fitting reminder to place all the hecticness that we're going through into a larger context: to remember God through it all and to place it in his hands.

We read the famous line in the gospel "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and give to God what belongs to God." It's no longer Caesar but our legitimate leaders whose images appear on the various currencies and so as Christians we should strive to be model citizens of our nation and in the world. However, we remember and proclaim the deeper reality that God's image and likeness is found in every person... including our Caesars. So just as we give the coin to Caesar, let's give ourselves and each other to God in prayer, and kindness and love.

At the time of writing, there's nothing new regarding the easing of restrictions however any announcements will be put up on our website as they come to hand and will be included in next week's bulletin.

The 'equality for faith' petition was well received and quickly gathered over ten thousand signatures and was tabled in both houses of the Victorian Parliament this week. It is still available at <https://www.equalityforfaith.com.au/> for your consideration and if you would like to add your name.

The supply station with hard copies of the bulletin and little devotional articles at the front door of the Parish Office has been slightly rearranged and is now available 24 hours.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from Prophet Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6*

‘I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him’

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: ‘It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.’

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 95*

Give the Lord glory and power.

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1: 1-5*

‘We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope’

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonica which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 22: 15- 21*

‘Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar’

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man’s rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?’ But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, ‘You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.’ They handed him a denarius, and he said, ‘Whose head is this? Whose name?’ ‘Caesar’s’ they replied. He then said to them, ‘Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.’

The Gospel of the Lord



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

Scripture Readings this week

Mon: **Optional Memorial of Ss John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues:** Ephesians 2:1-10 & Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday: Ephesians 2:12-22 & Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday: Ephesians 3:2-12 & Luke 12:39-48

Thursday: **Optional Memorial of St John Paul II:** Ephesians 3:14-21 & Luke 12:49-53

Friday: Ephesians 4:1-6 & Luke 12:54-59

Saturday: Ephesians 4:7-16 & Luke 13:1-9

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

Home Altar Supplies: A reminder that there is a small stand at the front door to the Parish House, where you can find bottles of holy water, rosaries and prayer cards, mass offering envelopes as well as hard copies of the bulletin. The latest bulletin goes out on Sundays.

If you have empty holy water bottles, please drop them off at the parish house/supply station. They will be sterilised, refilled and put back out for people to take.

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.

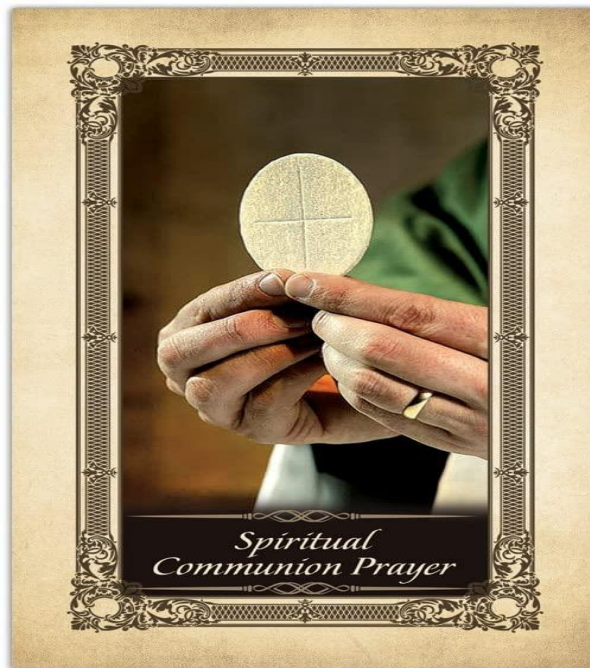
As a community we pray for

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.

BULLETIN PRAYER INTENTIONS for any parishioners who are seriously ill, recently deceased or coming anniversaries: Please contact the Parish Office to include names in a future bulletin.

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@inet.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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