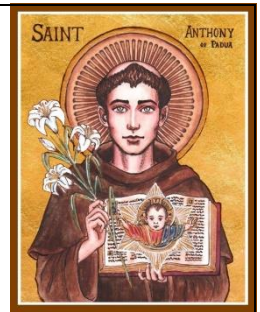


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Sunday 20th December 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour

Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel

“Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than the whole world” – CS Lewis

With everything we've all been through this year and with all the hustle and bustle of the Season, let's hold on to the great joy of what it's ultimately about: God with us. He comes to us as the helpless baby in the manger perhaps asking us to put the other things down for a while and spend time with him, just as a crying baby can ask the same of their mum or dad. In this last week of Advent, I'm going to really challenge myself to be with Him, who wants to be with me... both in finding quiet time but also in how I face everything this week. Perhaps you might join me in the challenge?

As this weekend's bulletin will be the last one for a few weeks, I'll take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy, safe and blessed Christmas. It has been a strange and challenging year but also truly wonderful, slowly getting to meet more and more of you. Thank you for all your support and for welcoming me into the Corio & Lara Parish Family. Let's continue to pray for each other.

God bless you and your loved ones.
Fr Daryl

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions will be available this week at the usual time during Holy Hour & Benediction on Tuesday evening from 6-7PM. In addition to this, I will be available in the confessional from 4:30 - 6PM Tuesday & 4:30 - 6:30PM Wednesday at St Francis Xavier church. (Registration at the door is only required for anyone who stays in the church longer than 15 minutes).

January Mass Times

Sunday masses during January will continue at their usual times (Saturday Vigil 7PM; Sunday 9AM (Lara) & 11AM (Corio).

On weekdays, we'll reduce our schedule, pausing one mass at each church, as well as the Tuesday evening Holy Hour. Weekday mass will be 9:15am Wednesday (Lara) & 9:15am Thursday (Corio). Confessions will be available for 30 minutes before each mass or contact the Parish Office to arrange another suitable time.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from the Second book of Samuel*

(7:1-5. 8-12,14,16)

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you." But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.'"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 88*

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING *A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Romans* (16:25-27)

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

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

(1:26- 38)

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, "Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you." She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, "Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end." Mary said to the angel, "But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?" "The Holy Spirit will come upon you" the angel answered "and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God." "I am the handmaid of the Lord," said Mary "let what you have said be done to me." And the angel left her.



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, Pat Yacques, Dee Tetzloft, Noel Watson, Michael Watson.

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.

Advanced notice: Fr Daryl will be away for a few days from 25th – 29th January. There will be no weekday masses that week but Sunday Masses will not be affected.

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@inet.net.au

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Places are very limited and prior booking is essential. This year our Christmas masses are outside to help us manage the constantly changing Covid regulations.

Christmas Eve: St Anthony's (Outdoors) 6:30PM Carols & 7PM Mass

To book places: www.trybooking.com/BNFWY

Christmas Day: St Francis Xavier's (Outdoors) 10:00AM Carols & 10:30AM Mass

To book places: www.trybooking.com/BNFYC

As a pastoral initiative, we'll also celebrate a Christmas Eve Mass indoors, 4PM at St Francis Xavier, Corio for Parishioners aged 70 years and above. To book places for this mass, please contact the Parish Office. Parishioners have priority access to this mass.

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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