

CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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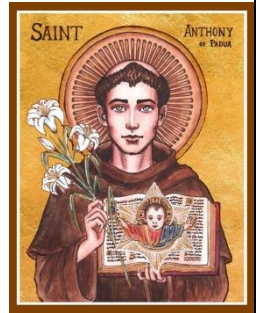
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Sunday 20th September 2020

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

This week we received the welcome and long awaited announcements of the easing of restrictions in regional Victoria. It's great to see things opening up around us again and people being able to gather, even if only small groups for now. Sadly, opening up of churches for mass is not yet included.

The latest guidelines allow increases for attendance at weddings and funerals but information for regular worship is not clear. The current step allows for 'ten people to gather next to (not inside) a church, but not for a ceremony' (ie. Mass). The Archbishop's Office is seeking clarification from the government on this and we'll pass that on as soon as we hear it.

The uncertainty continues to frustrate but there have been some good news stories in the midst of all this. Allow me to share two stories that parishioners have shared with me. One couple said that prior to lockdowns, while they both prayed, praying together was something mostly done at mass each Sunday, whereas now, they pray together every day, setting aside time for the rosary and finding novenas to share with each other. Another family with young children said that this time has allowed the parents to really get to know each of their children as individuals and recognising ways to help them grown in their prayers and studies. If you would like to share some of your stories from lockdown, or maybe even send a photo of a home altar or prayer table, please send us an email or give us a call at the parish house.

These are strange times but this weekend's gospel parable might be summed up with the old adage that God's ways are not our ways. We might not see or understand it but we hold in faith that everything is in God's hands and loving heart. Let's seek God in all the experiences that we have and make the beautiful prayer in this Sunday's gospel acclamation our own: Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

God bless!

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from Prophet Isaiah 55: 6-9*

‘My thoughts are not your thoughts’

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 144*

The Lord is close to all who call him.

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1: 20-24, 27*

‘Life to me is Christ; but death would bring me more.’

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 20: 1-16*

‘Why be envious because I am generous?’

Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, ‘You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.’ So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’ ‘Because no one has hired us’ they answered. He said to them, ‘You go into my vineyard too.’ In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.’ So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. ‘The men who came last’ they said ‘have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.’ He answered one of them and said, ‘My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?’ Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.” *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

Monday: **Feast of St Matthew:** Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13 & Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday: Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13 & Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday: **Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio):** Proverbs 3:5-9 & Luke 8:19-21

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 & Luke 9:7-9

Friday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 & Luke 9:18-22

Saturday: Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8 & Luke 9:43-35

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. It's available 7 days, from 9AM – 6PM. The latest bulletin goes out on Sundays.

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.

Anniversaries: Leo De Grandis

Recently Deceased: Denise Kol

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@iinet.net.au



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