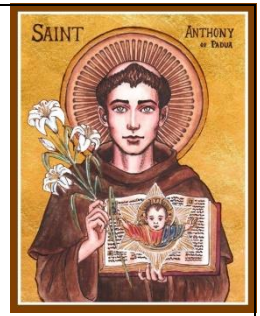


CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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Sunday 25th February 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Latest changes

On Friday the Premier announced the latest easing of restrictions. From this weekend, we return to the Covid-safe Summer restriction level. This means that we no longer need to wear masks in the church and throughout mass. We do however still need to carry one on us, for use if we cannot practice social distancing.

Numbers of attendees at churches continue to be limited according to their building size. At our Parish, it's 120 at Corio and 150 at Lara. At the 11am mass, overflow seating will be available under the portico and Holy Communion will be brought to those seated outside.

Project Compassion

The short lockdown meant that we had to adjust a few things at the beginning of Lent. The annual Project Compassion is now underway. Donation boxes and envelopes are now available for us to take home and contribute where we can throughout this holy season.

Parish Penitential Service

A reminder that we will hold our Lenten Penitential Service with an opportunity for Sacramental Confession with a visiting priest on Thursday 18th March, 7pm at Corio. Also, on Friday evenings in Lent, the Stations of the Cross, led by the Legion of Mary, will be held at 6.30pm at Corio. Confessions will be available for an hour prior.

Covid Vaccine

The Archbishop has written an important letter to all of us regarding the rollout of the Covid vaccine. Copies of the letter will be placed in the foyer of our churches.

New Rosters

This is the last weekend to put your name down for the new liturgical rosters. They will be drawn up and sent out in the coming weeks.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from book of Genesis*

(22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18)

God put Abraham to the test. "Abraham, Abraham" he called. "Here I am" he replied. "Take your son," God said, "your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you." When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. "Abraham, Abraham" he said. "I am here" he replied. "Do not raise your hand against the boy, the angel said. "Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son." Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. "I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 115*

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

(8: 31- 34)

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him." Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

(9: 2-10)

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. "Rabbi," he said "it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus. As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what "rising from the dead" could mean.



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

As a community we pray for

The Sick: Jessica De Grandis, Vince Marshall, John Thomas, Judith Cummins, Bill Rinaldi, Peter Franchina, Nicholas Francis, Bonnie Gilson, Ibi Bolyos, Pat Yacques, Dee Tetzloft, Michael Watson, Gerry Hoogaerts, Rachael Ash

Anniversary: Marie Schepers

Recently Deceased: Ellen Conway, Carlo Bisinella, Victor Lombo, Warwick Taylor

The Pope's Prayer Intention for this month: *Violence against Women.* We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Vocations! This week's Vocation View: If you need an example of a person responding to a vocational call, look at Abraham - called in old age to leave his country, father a child, then asked to sacrifice the child. What faith! Vocation is a risky response to a unique call from God.

Working with Children Checks: All Parish volunteers in the Archdiocese must have a current WWCC. If anyone would like any assistance with updating their WWCC, please contact the Parish Office.

Coming Audit: The State Government's Commission for Children and Young People has informed the Archdiocese that it will begin its audit of child safety standards in parishes in May or June.

Infant Baptism: The next Baptism Formation Meeting for infants will be on the Tuesday, 16th March at 7:30pm, St Francis Xavier Church, Corio. Candles and Stoles for the Baptism ceremony can be purchased after the 9:00am Mass at Lara & 11:00 am Mass at Corio on Sundays. For Baptism Bookings please contact the Parish Office on 42120791.

St Vincent de Paul: The Corio/Lara Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) would like to sincerely thank all those parishioners who generously donated food or other goods or made a financial contribution during 2020 and especially during the Christmas period. We were able to assist around 50 families with Christmas Hampers and a number of families with toys due to your kindness. We have returned to our daily visits to assist our clients in 2021. With the recent reduction in Job Seeker and the impending removal of Job Keeper we anticipate the demand for our assistance will increase. We would like to stock our pantry and are asking for donations of non-perishable food items especially pasta, rice, cereal, and tinned fruit and vegetables.

From Melbourne Catholic: Meet our six new seminarians! What a great joy to see them begin their studies at Corpus Christi College this week. Please pray for them and their vocation (whatever the Lord wills) and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our Archdiocese.

They are: Anthony Wright, Andrew Tran, Gerard Martin, Xavier Ryan, Greg Lewis and Jordan McBroom, here pictured with outgoing Vocations Director, Fr David Cartwright.



Thanksgiving Envelopes – A big thank you to all who have continued their contributions throughout these difficult times. 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@iinet.net.au

Next Sunday's Readings

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 | Second Reading: 1Corinthians 1:22-24 | Gospel: John 2:13-25

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. 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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