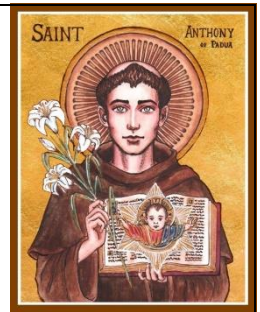


CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH
ST FRANCIS XAVIER, CORIO | ST ANTHONY OF PADUA, LARA

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Sunday 29th November 2020
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

***** New Parish Phone Number: 4212 0791 *****

SUNDAY MASS

The latest easing of restrictions were announced last Sunday and allow us to continue getting back to Mass. However, while the news headlines announced a cap of 150, **the 4m² rule limits our attendance to 65 people at Corio and 80 people at Lara.** This means that bookings are still essential for the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. Please continue to book your places using the booking mobile phone number (details are on p.3).

With the increase in numbers attending, we all need to be vigilant with keeping social distance. Mass cannot begin until everyone is in their seats and so please be reminded that the doors will be closed at the beginning of mass and there can be no entry after that time.

Weekday Mass / Holy Hour

We no longer need to book ahead for weekday liturgies and can simply register on arrival.

CHRISTMAS

This week the Parish Pastoral Council met to begin plans for our Christmas liturgies. With the indoor limits dependant on our building sizes, we made the significant decision, to move our Christmas masses outside this year, where the cap is 300 people (and likely 500 by Christmas). There will be one mass at each church.

In this Covid year, our Christmas Mass times will be:

Christmas Eve: St Anthony's Lara (Outdoors): 6:30PM Carols & 7PM Mass
Christmas Day: St Francis Xavier's, Corio (Outdoors): 10AM Carols & 10:30AM Mass

Bookings will still be required. To book a place at each Mass we will use Try Booking. Please see the separate sheet for booking details.

We are asking for volunteers to help us with bringing about our Christmas masses. If you're able to help please let us know at the Parish Office.

As a pastoral measure, we will also celebrate a **Christmas Eve Mass indoors at St Francis Xavier, Corio at 4PM, exclusively for Parishioners aged 70 or above.** As there is a limit of 65 people, we will not advertise this mass outside of our Parish. Bookings for this mass can be made at the Parish Office.

BOOKING A PLACE FOR MASS: DETAILS ON PAGE 3

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

(63: 16-17, 64: 1-3, 8)

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 79* God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING *A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians* **(1: 3-9)**

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.! Alleluia!

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

(13: 33- 37)

Jesus said to his disciples: “Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!”

Scripture Readings this week

Monday: **Feast of St Andrew:** Romans 10:9-18 & Matthew 4:18-22

Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10 & Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday: Isaiah 25:6-10 & Matthew 15:29-37

Thurs: **PARISH FEAST of ST FRANCIS XAVIER:** 1Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 & Mark 16:15-20

Friday: Isaiah 29:17-24 & Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday: Matthew 9:35-10:1,6-8



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.

Anniversaries: Francisco Ferrera & Maria Ferrera

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.

Working Bee, Lara: Saturday 12th December 9am-12pm. We're cleaning up in preparation for Christmas. The usual trimming of plants etc. So if you can lend a hand for an hour or two please come along. All going well we can hopefully wrap it up by 11.am. We need to trim a few high branches encroaching on the roof so any tools to suit will help.

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@iinet.net.au

BOOKING A PLACE FOR MASS

Mass times: Saturday Vigil 7PM (Corio); Sunday 9AM (Lara) & 11AM (Corio)
Tuesday & Thursday 9:15AM (Corio) & Tues 6PM Holy Hour (Corio)
Wednesday & Friday 9:15AM (Lara)

Attendance at a mass is by prior booking only. To book a place please call **0435 699 399** from **Tuesday to Friday: 12 Noon – 5PM.** If you're unable to call during these times, please contact the Parish Office and we can work something out, however a place is only assured once your name is recorded in the booking diary. Please note that as this phone will be transferred between volunteers after 5pm each night, voicemails will not be checked regularly and do not guarantee a place at 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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