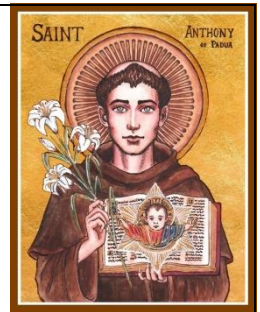


CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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Sunday 6th December 2020 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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With or without pandemics, this time of year is always hectic. It's certainly the case in our Parish as we continue to get back together for Mass both on Sundays and weekdays. As mentioned last week, given the limited places available, bookings are still required for weekends, and a sincere thank you to everyone for persisting with the rigmarole of calling ahead and following up when we miss your calls. I also acknowledge that there have been some errors and mix-ups with the lists over the last few weeks, I'm sorry for this and thank you for your patience with it all.

Amid the hustle and bustle of this time, some young members of our Parish are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. This occurred last Wednesday for students at St Francis Xavier and this coming Friday for students at St Anthony's. While the Bishop usually visits to confer the Sacrament, this year, Parish Priests are given delegation to celebrate it and it's my great privilege to do so for our students. As we congratulate them, let's keep our newly Confirmed members of our Parish Family in prayer!

Another important announcement and request for prayer is for Greg Lewis, a young man who joined our Parish earlier this year, after completing two years with the Royal Australian Air Force. He's mainly been attending weekday masses but has also been quite involved with our Parish Young Adults group. Greg has been accepted as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Melbourne and will begin studies for priesthood at Corpus Christi College next year.

Greg follows Chris Buaya from Corio and Rhys Lowther from Lara, as seminarians from our Parish. In the New Year, I hope to establish an initiative to support these men and further promote priestly vocations from our Parish. In the meantime, let's keep them and all the seminarians in our prayers.

Also, this Tuesday is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**. A reminder that there is a Holy Hour (with Benediction) 6pm at Corio on Tuesday evening, with confessions available, one way that we can celebrate this great Feast, as well as prepare for Christmas.

God bless you all.

Fr Daryl

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

(40:1-5,9-11)

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God. ‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’ Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 84*

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING *A reading from the Second Letter of St Peter*

(1: 3-9)

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

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

(13: 33- 37)

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, ‘Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’



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: Herbert Rinaldi, Michael Gleeson & Jim Robertson.

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)

Church numbers are subject to the 4m² rule (65 at Corio & 80 at Lara) and so attendance at weekend mass is by prior booking only. To book a place please call **0435 699 399** from **Tuesday to Friday: 12 Noon – 5PM**. 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. No booking necessary for weekday masses or Holy Hour.

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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