

CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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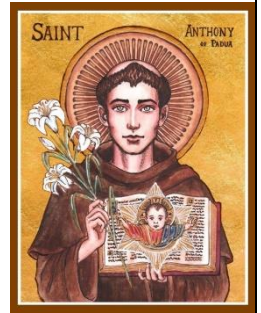
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Sunday 6th September 2020

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

A prayer for fathers...

God our Father, through the intercession of St Joseph, the foster-father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks and praise for all fathers in the world.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation. May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for older fathers too. We thank you for their generosity and example.

We pray for our own fathers around the world and those whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We pray for priests and monks who share your Fatherhood in the world.

We pray for our fathers, grandfathers and father-figures who are no longer with us but who live forever in your life and love.

Loving Father, bless them all. Amen.

(Adapted from *catholicsstrivingforholiness.org*)

We've all been adjusting to life in lockdown, separated from family and friends. Occasions such as Father's Day which we celebrate this weekend, can bring those separations into sharp focus.

One experience came to mind preparing for this weekend. One role I've had was to be on the roster to celebrate mass in prisons and the first mass I was rostered on for was Father's Day. Speaking with the men beforehand, what came up was that while some missed their fathers, others had difficult relationships, some estranged for many years (of course, something not exclusive to prisons). As we prayed together, we reflected on the ideal, the father we each wished we could be, and quite a few of us had tears as we thanked God. It certainly wasn't the experience I expected going 'inside' for the first time. Praying the Lord's Prayer: *Our Father*, certainly had a deeper sense that day.

As we celebrate fathers this weekend – our own and those who have been fatherly to us – let's recognise the One from whom all Fatherhood comes. By calling God our Father, we not only honour Him, but recognise the goodness of each other, we are all his children. God has no grandchildren!

As we await this weekend's announcements regarding the lockdowns, and go from there, let's continue to keep each other in prayer. God bless you all!

Fr Daryl

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from prophet Ezekiel 33: 7-9*

‘If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death’

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 95: 1-2, 6-9*

O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts.’

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 13: 8-10*

‘Your only debt should be the debt of mutual love.’

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments. *The Word of the Lord*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 18: 15-20*

‘If your brother listens to you, you have won back our brother’

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector ‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. ‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’ *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: 1Corinthians 5:1-8 & Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday: **Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady:** Romans 8:28-30 & Matthew 1:1-16,18-23

Wednesday: 1Corinthians 7:25-31 & Luke 6:20-26

Thursday: 2Corinthians 8:1-7,11-13 & Luke 6:27-38

Friday: 1Corinthians 9:16-19,22-27 & Luke 6:39-42

Saturday: **Optional Memorial of the Holy Name of Mary:** 1Corinthians 10:14-22 & Luke 6:39-42

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.

Anniversary: This Saturday on the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary (12th September), Fr Daryl celebrates his fifth anniversary of priestly ordination. Please keep him in prayer.

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

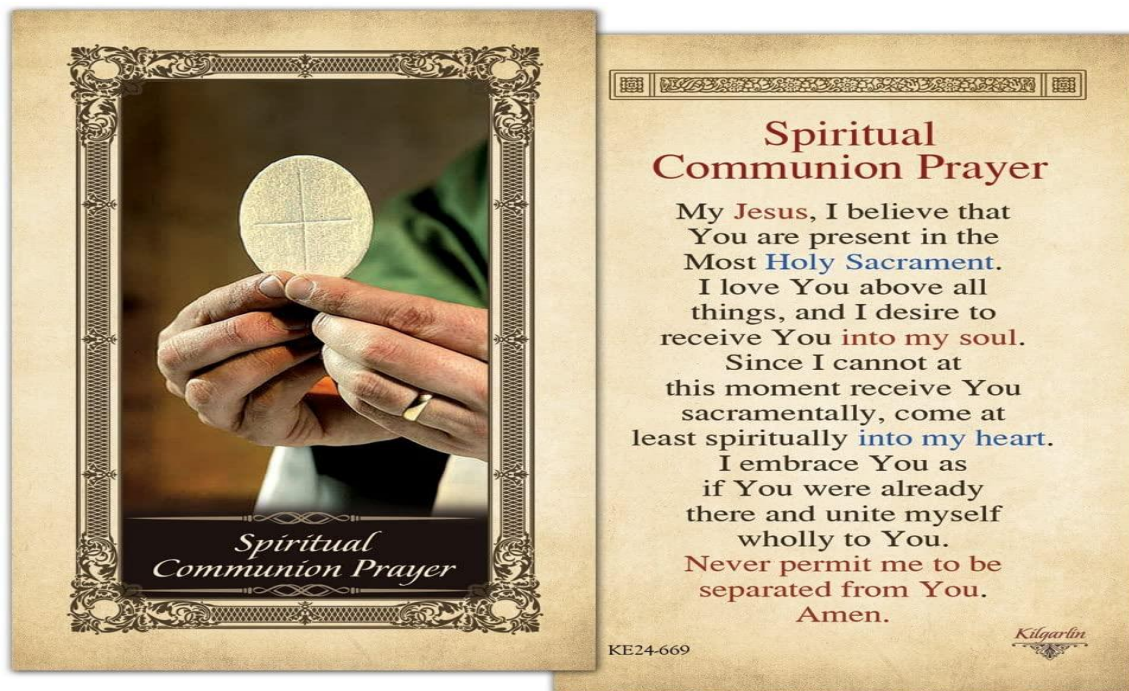
Sick: Maria do ceu Fernandes, Jessica De Grandis, Victor Lombo, Vince Marshall, John Thomas, Judith Cummins, Bill Rinaldi, Peter Franchina, Nicholas Francis, Bonnie Gilson, Mrs. Ibi Bolyos.

Recently Deceased: Ilham Rahemo, Ivan Loudas, Sue Sherman, 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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