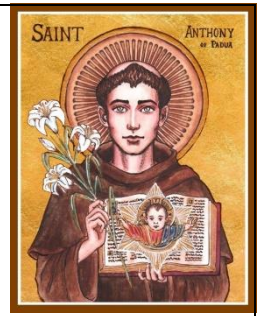


CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

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Sunday 7th February 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God
who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for
the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and
the hungry he fills with good things.

Liturgy Roster Sign-up sheets

The Sign-up sheets for the New Rosters will be available in the churches until next weekend. The new rosters will be drawn up after that and will be made available from the weeks after.

Weekday Masses

Our full weekday mass timetable returns from this week. Mass times are:

Tuesday: Mass 9:15 (Corio) & 6PM Holy Hour (Corio)

Wednesday: Mass 9:15 (Lara)

Thursday: Mass 9:15 (Corio)

Friday: Mass 9:15 (Lara)

Confessions are available during the 6PM Holy Hour or by appointment. Scheduled times will be increased soon.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The Wednesday evening Devotions including the Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help – which paused due to Covid – return this week. 6:30PM at St Francis Xavier church. All Welcome!

Vocations Support

The new Initiative was well received with many pledging to pray for our three seminarians and their fellow students. Quite a few have also pledged to help build up a little kitty for the initiative.

A big thank you to everyone for their generosity in contributing to a Parish present for Greg Lewis who begins on 14th Feb. We wish Greg, Rhys and Chris all the best for their studies and discernment.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from the prophet Job*

(7: 1-4, 6-7)

Job began to speak:
Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 146: 1-6* Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted.

SECOND READING *A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians* (9: 16-19, 22-23)

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak: I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! He bore our sickness and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

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

(1:29- 39)

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.



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: Jessica De Grandis, Victor Lombo, 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: Josephine & John Caruana, Anthony Catania, Fr Leo Donnelly

Recently Deceased: Vera Lastavec, Noel Watson, Theresa Van Der Mey, Don Booth.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for this month: *Human Fraternity.* May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Vocations! This month's Vocation View: Let us not get confused that power and authority are two very different things. We must imitate Jesus and use these gifts in service of the poor. It is this power that is at work in us.

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.

Infant Baptism: Baptism Formation Meetings for infant baptisms will be on the Tuesday, 16th Feb 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.

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

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 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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