



CORIO LARA

CATHOLIC PARISH

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B) 28th April 2024

Planned adjustment to Vigil Mass time from Saturday 1st June

Over recent months, the Parish Mission Team (parish council) and I have been discussing the idea of moving the Vigil Mass to an earlier time. The Mission Team have been very supportive of the idea. I am aware that such a change has been considered before.

There are three key reasons for changing the Vigil Mass time:

- First, by comparison, 7.00pm is the latest Vigil Mass time of any parish in the Archdiocese.
- Second, the lateness of the time presents challenges for observing the Eucharistic fast. Catholics are obliged to fast for one hour before receiving Holy Communion (except those who are sick or advanced in age). In order to observe the Eucharistic fast for a 7.00pm Mass, people therefore need to be eating before 6pm or after 8pm.
- Third, the current Mass time seriously limits our ability to hold parish activities on Saturday evenings or for me to visit parishioners for dinner. Some of the opportunities that the Mission Team would like to offer on Saturday evenings but cannot provide while the Mass is at its current time are youth groups, movie nights and parish dinners (such as trivia nights etc).

The most important group to consult about the feasibility of a change to the Vigil Mass time is the people who regularly attend the Vigil Mass. On 13/4 I invited attendees at the Vigil Mass to a discussion forum on 20/4 after Mass so that I could share the reasons why a change in time is worth considering, canvas possible alternative times, and hear from parishioners who attend the Mass about how a change would affect them. It was a well-attended and fruitful conversation.

The vast majority of attendees indicated by show of hands that they were supportive of a change in Mass time to 5.00pm. Some parishioners did indicate a preference for the Mass to remain at its current time, while other parishioners shared factors to be considered in settling on an alternative time. All attendees demonstrated good will and readiness to accept a change in time, even if the chosen time was not their personal preference.

Grateful for this support, and having prayerfully weighed the various considerations, **I have settled on 5.00pm as the new time for the Vigil Mass. The change in Mass time will take effect on Saturday 1st June 2024**, which is the first day of Winter. Whilst 5.00pm is substantially earlier than the current time, it will provide the parish with maximum flexibility to offer activities on Saturday evenings.

Whilst this change will not affect the majority of parishioners, I do understand that adjusting Mass times is never easy. Our preferred Mass time is an important part of our weekly routine, and change can upset other routines that we have built around Mass. During this time of transition, it is important to remember that the Mass is the most important event of our week, when we come to receive God's love and offer our love to Him. With this in mind, it is easier to adjust our schedules and navigate the temporary inconvenience of change.

Thank you to those who attend the Vigil Mass for your consideration and willingness to support a change, even if it is not your first preference. I am confident that this adjustment will ultimately serve the long-term growth and life of Corio Lara Catholic Parish. Please feel free to contact me or speak with me after Mass if you would like clarification or have any relevant considerations to share.

Fr Marcus Goulding, Administrator

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MASS TIMES

Tue. 9.15am | Corio
W. 9.15am | Lara
Th. 9.15am | Corio
F. 9.15am | Corio
Sat. 7pm (Vigil) | Corio
Sun. 9am | Lara
11am | Corio

CONFESSIONS

Tue. 7.30pm – 8.30pm | Corio
Sun. 8.30am – 8.55am | Lara

THE ROSARY

8.50am | Prior to weekday Masses

HOLY HOUR

Tue. 7.30pm – 8.30pm | Corio

FIRST SATURDAYS

8.30am Confessions | Corio
9.30am Mass of Saturday | Corio
5.30pm Viet. Vigil Mass | Corio

PRESBYTERY GIVING (1st Collection)

St Francis Xavier Presbytery Account
BSB 083 347
ACC 674 963 655

CHURCH GIVING (2nd Collection)

St Francis Xavier Church Account
BSB 083 347
ACC 543 292 126

Mass Readings

Entrance Antiphon | *Cf. Ps 97:1-2*

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading | *Acts 9:26-31*

Responsorial Psalm | *Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32*

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading | *1 John 3:18-24*

Gospel Acclamation | *John 15:4-5*

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel | *John 15:1-8*

Communion Antiphon | *Cf. Jn 15:1,5*

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 | 1 Jn 4:7-10 | Jn 15:9-17

MASS ROSTER NEXT WEEKEND 4th & 5th May 2024

7.00pm Corio	<i>Reader</i> EMHC	Reno Demicoli Marina Delac
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9.00am Lara	<i>Reader</i> EMHC	Ana Cesar Sarah Jackson
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11.00am Corio	<i>Reader</i> EMHC	Kim Tancio Adela Buaya Vicky Neri
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PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick:

The faithful departed: Bill Rinaldi

Pray for vocations to the priesthood!

Seminarians: Rhys Lowther, Greg Lewis

Parish Notices

PRESENCE: THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST. 7pm-9pm in the Xavier Centre over four Thursdays, commencing Thursday 2nd May 2024. Registration essential. Register at coriolaracatholicparish.com.au/formation or by phone at the Parish Office. Course costs \$30 to cover the workbook. Join Fr Marcus for this series that will explore Catholic teaching on the Eucharist, the biblical foundations of the Eucharist, and the place of the Eucharist in our lives.

SUNDAY ROSARY IN MAY. The rosary will be prayed 30 minutes before the 7pm Vigil Mass as well as the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses throughout May to honour the month of Our Lady. In preparation, rosaries will be blessed and distributed this weekend. We thank the parishioners who have donated the rosaries. Come and join in praying the rosary before Mass for the needs of the world, the parish, and your family.

TRAINING SESSION FOR CURRENT AND NEW READERS. The session will provide training for reading God's Word at Mass. New readers are most welcome. Readers should be comfortable in front of large crowds and should be able to read English clearly and competently. All current readers who want to continue reading at Mass are required to attend. The same training will be offered on two different dates. Attend whichever suits.
Readers Training Session at Corio | 9.30am Saturday 11th May 2024
Readers Training Session at Lara | 9.30am Saturday 18th May 2024

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SEEKING DONATIONS. Our parish St Vincent de Paul Conferences are seeking donations of long-life food items for their regular hamper distribution. If you can pick up an extra item or two during your next shop, drop them into the large boxes in the foyer of each church.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS. For more information and to enrol, visit coriolaracatholicparish.com.au/children.

'SPARK' U18 YOUTH GROUP. Open to high-school-aged youth. Next meeting 6.00pm - 8.30pm on Sunday 14th April 2024 in the Xavier Centre. Pizza dinner provided. Donations appreciated. Contact Gudrun for more information: gudrun.philipp@cam.org.au.

CHURCH CAFÉ. Every Sunday after the 11am Mass at St Francis Xavier. First and third Sundays of the month after the 9am Mass at St Anthony of Padua.

PARISH BBQ. Second Sunday of the month after the 11am Mass at Corio. Next BBQ on Sunday 12th May.

SATURDAY SUPPER. Third Saturday of the month after the 7pm Vigil Mass at St Francis Xavier. Next Supper on 18th May.



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