



CORIO LARA

CATHOLIC PARISH

The Ascension of the Lord (B) | 12th May 2024

A very happy Mothers' Day to all our mums!
Let us pray for those doing it tough and those who have died.

The Rosary (Part 2): How the Rosary saved Europe

By the second half of the 1500s, Christian Europe was weakened and splintered by religious and political division. Meanwhile, the Ottoman Empire, with its capital in modern-day Istanbul (Turkey), was strong and growing. The Ottomans had established economic and military dominance across Eastern Europe and were making preparations to dominate Western Europe too. It was a moment of civilizational crisis. Pope Pius V recognised that Europe was facing both a natural and supernatural threat. Overcoming those threats would require both natural and supernatural means.

To this end, Pius V coordinated the re-formation of a forgotten military alliance: the Holy League. He invited Europe's Christian monarchs to put their differences aside and contribute to a common naval fleet. In the end, only Genoa, the Papal States, Spain and Venice answered the call. The navy of the Holy League was entrusted to the command of the twenty-six-year-old Don John of Austria, who had a distinguished military record. The Holy League's navy consisted of around 200 ships, whilst the navy of the Ottoman Empire numbered 280 ships. The Holy League navy sailed from Sicily on 16 September 1571 and headed directly east. The Ottoman navy came into sight on 7 October 1571 off the coast of Greece's Gulf of Patras.

At the same time, Pius V coordinated a spiritual campaign, centered on penance and the prayer of the Rosary. In the lead-up to the battle, Pope Pius urged the monasteries of Europe to intensify their life of prayer and penance. He, too, adopted penances. He exhorted the lay faithful to do their part by praying the Rosary, asking for Our Lady's assistance. In Rome, he organized a public rosary procession. Everything lay at Mary's feet.

The Battle of Lepanto was fought throughout the day on Sunday 7th October 1571. At the time, it was the single-largest naval battle in history. At the very moment the fleets came together, a miraculous change in wind threw the advantage in favour of the Christian fleet. Though the Holy League lost around 7,000 men, the Ottomans lost over 25,000. By 5pm, the Holy League had secured an against-the-odds victory.

In the evening of that day, Pius V was working through some administrative tasks. At around 5pm that evening, the moment of victory, he suddenly stood up and went to the window, moved by grace: "Let us concern ourselves with business no more," he exclaimed to his assistants. "Let us go and thank God, because at this very moment our armada has obtained victory." Official news of the victory finally reached Rome three weeks later, confirming the details of the Pope's supernatural intuition. In gratitude, Pius V dedicated the October 7 to Our Lady of Victories. Later, the day became known as the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Pope Pius V was convinced that human history lay primarily in the hands of the good God. He understood that prayer and penance were far more powerful weapons against evil than human strength. This conviction led him to turn to Our Lady and the Rosary for help. Remarkably, this same theme will be echoed by Our Lady herself during her apparitions at Fatima. Next week, we will see how, at another moment of civilizational crisis, Our Lady instructed humanity to turn again to penance and the prayer of the Rosary in order to obtain peace.

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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)

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BSB 083 347
ACC 674 963 655

CHURCH GIVING (2nd Collection)

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Mass Readings

Entrance Antiphon | *Cf. Isaiah 48:20*

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading | *Acts 1:1-11*

Responsorial Psalm | *Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9*

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets to the Lord.

Second Reading | *Ephesians 4:1-13*

Gospel Acclamation | *Matthew 28:19,20*

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel | *Mark 16:15-20*

Communion Antiphon | *Matthew 28:20*

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia,

NEXT WEEK: Acts 2:1-11 | Gal 5:16-25 | John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

MASS ROSTER NEXT WEEKEND 18th & 19th May 2024

7.00pm Corio	Reader EMHC	Larry Pankhurst Frank Moloney
9.00am Lara	Reader EMHC	Angela Pearson Di Whelan
11.00am Corio	Reader EMHC	Gren Peters Mercy Leszyk Johnny Gundayo

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick: Mark Gilson.

The faithful departed: John Farrugia, Claire Muhlebach, Adrian van Doren.

Pray for vocations to the priesthood!

Seminarians: Rhys Lowther, Greg Lewis

Parish Notices

PARISH BUS TO MELBOURNE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION. On Sunday 2nd June 2024, a Eucharistic Procession will take place from the seminary in Carlton to St Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ). The procession will be preceded by Solemn Mass at the seminary church and will conclude with Vespers and Benediction at the Cathedral. We are organising a coach to take parishioners from Corio to the procession and back again. **Booking is essential.** Bus tickets are \$15 for adults and \$30 for families. More information and booking at www.corioaracatholicparish.com.au/procession.

SUNDAY ROSARY IN MAY. The rosary will be prayed 30 minutes before all weekend Masses throughout May.

VIGIL MASS TIME CHANGING. Please note that the Vigil Mass will move to 5.00pm from Saturday 1st June.

TRAINING SESSION FOR CURRENT AND NEW READERS. 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 at least one session.

Readers Training Session at Lara | 9.30am Saturday 18th May 2024

ALPHA. A new daytime Alpha experience begins on Sunday 26th May running from 10am to midday at St Anthony of Padua Church, Lara. The sessions will commence with morning tea and fellowship after 9am Mass. First-time Alpha participants particularly welcome. Please register via the Parish website or chat to Ken McCarthy 0403 074 407 for more information.

THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC? Our next RCIA formation course for adults interested in becoming Catholic starts in September. Register at www.corioaracatholicparish.com.au/rcia.

'SPARK' U18 YOUTH GROUP. Open to high-school-aged youth. Next meeting 6.00pm - 8.30pm on Sunday 26th May 2024 in the Xavier Centre. Pizza dinner provided. Donations appreciated. Contact Gudrun for more information: gudrun.philipp@cam.org.au.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SEEKING DONATIONS. Please drop donations of long-life food items 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 corioaracatholicparish.com.au/children.

CHURCH CAFÉ. Every Sunday after the 11am Mass at Corio. 1st & 3rd Sundays after the 9am Mass at Lara.

PARISH BBQ. 2nd Sunday of the month after the 11am Mass at Corio. Next BBQ on Sunday 19th May.

SATURDAY SUPPER. 3rd Saturday of the month after the 7pm Vigil Mass at Corio. Next Supper on 18th May.



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