



CORIO LARA

— CATHOLIC PARISH —

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B) 5th May 2024

The Rosary (Part 1): Origins

The month of May is traditionally associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary. This association developed as a way of evangelizing pagan cultures. In the northern hemisphere, May is the last month of spring, a time of fruitfulness and new life. For this reason, many pagan cultures honored false gods of fertility at this time of year. The Greeks venerated Artemis, the goddess of fecundity, whilst the Romans venerated Flora, the goddess of floral blooms. By honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary in May, the Church helped these pagan cultures recognize that the life of sanctifying grace, by which our souls bear the fruit of charity, has come to us from Christ through Mary, not from any false gods.

The main Catholic devotion to Mary is the Rosary. Introduced by the Creed, Our Father, three Hail Mary's and the Glory be, and concluded by the Hail Holy Queen, the Rosary involves the recitation of five decades consisting of the Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and the Glory be. During this prayer, we meditate on the events of the lives of Our Lord and Mary. For a long time, there were three sets of mysteries (Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious), meaning that the complete rosary involved 150 Hail Marys. Pope St John Paul II added the Luminous Mysteries, which focus on the public ministry of Jesus.

The Rosary developed gradually over time. Its earliest predecessor was the 150 psalms (the Psalter). For much of the Church's history, monks would pray these 150 psalms in Latin in an ordered way each week. The purpose of praying of the psalms in this way was to sanctify time. Since the main prayers of the Rosary are biblical (the Our Father and the first half of the Hail Mary is from the Gospel), the Rosary became a way for the lay faithful to use scripture to sanctify their day. The Rosary can be prayed in the fields and factories, at home and while travelling – anywhere and everywhere!

In its current form, the Rosary was given by Our Lady herself to Saint Dominic in 1214AD. At the time, the Albigensian heresy was becoming popular amongst the lay faithful. It was damaging their faith and moral life. The salvation of many souls was at stake. During a time of intense prayer about this situation, Saint Dominic received a vision of Our Lady. She asked him, "Dear Dominic, do you know which weapon the Blessed Trinity wants to use to reform the world?" "Oh, my Lady," answered Saint Dominic, "you know far better than I do, because next to your Son Jesus Christ you have always been the chief instrument of our salvation." Then Our Lady replied, "I want you to know that, in this kind of warfare, the principal weapon has always been the Angelic Psalter (the Hail Mary), which is the foundation-stone of the New Testament. Therefore, if you want to reach these hardened souls and win them over to God, preach my Psalter (the Rosary)."

In our day, too, many people do not acknowledge God, many Catholics have stopped practising their faith, and even some of those who practise reject aspects of the Church's doctrinal and moral teaching. The negative effects of this rejection of God upon societies, families, and individuals are plain to see. Like Saint Dominic, let us be encouraged to take up the Rosary as our spiritual weapon for the reform of the world.

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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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ACC 543 292 126

Mass Readings

Entrance Antiphon | *Cf. Isaiah 48:20*

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading | *Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48*

Responsorial Psalm | *Psalm 97(98):1-4*

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading | *1 John 4:7-10*

Gospel Acclamation | *John 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel | *John 15:9-17*

Communion Antiphon | *John 14:15-16*

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

MASS ROSTER NEXT WEEKEND 11th & 12th May 2024

7.00pm Corio	<i>Reader</i> EMHC	Marlo Drake Frank Moloney
9.00am Lara	<i>Reader</i> EMHC	Bernie Hyland Anthony Buttigieg
11.00am Corio	<i>Reader</i> EMHC	H-G Xuiamco To. v. d. Hoeven Tr. v. d. Hoeven

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick:

The faithful departed: Mary Formosa

Pray for vocations to the priesthood!

Seminarians: Rhys Lowther, Greg Lewis



Parish Notices

PRESENCE: THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST (picture). We had 60 people register for the course! Amazing! A wonderful first night was had last Thursday. Thank you to all who brought food to share. See you next week.

ANNUAL PARISH CENSUS DURING MAY. Please note that attendance at each Saturday night and Sunday Mass will be counted throughout May.

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. Attend whichever session suits:

Readers Training Session at Corio | 9.30am Saturday 11th May 2024

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 encouraged to attend. Please register via the Parish website or chat to Ken McCarthy 0403 074 407 for more information.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SEEKING DONATIONS. 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 26th May 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 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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