



CORIO LARA

CATHOLIC PARISH

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 9th June 2024

Dear parishioners of Corio and Lara,

Before I commence my four weeks of annual leave on Monday, I wanted to share some thoughts on two important aspects of parish life.

Mass schedule ideas.

"If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do the builders labour," (Ps 127:1). *Fruitful evangelisation and works of charity must flow from prayerful friendship with the Lord Jesus.* With this in mind, one of my priorities for this first year of my appointment to Corio Lara is increasing the availability and accessibility of the sacraments and devotions.

From last weekend, the Vigil Mass moved to 5.00pm. I am grateful to those parishioners who regularly attend the Vigil Mass for their flexibility and openness to this adjustment. The Mass was well attended last weekend.

Since arriving in the parish, *several parishioners have asked about the possibility of introducing a regular Sunday night Mass.* I am aware that there is no longer a Sunday night Mass available in Geelong. The closest Sunday night Mass is Werribee! I am very open to considering this request. In the long term, I think a Sunday night Mass will help grow the parish and provide a way for families from the region to more easily commit to regular Sunday Mass attendance. At the same time, I am concerned that introducing a Sunday night Mass might dilute attendance at our Sunday morning Masses and have a negative effect on the spirit of fellowship that has been built up on Sunday mornings. I am also conscious of the need to ensure the Mass is celebrated well, with a full compliment of readers and especially musicians. While I am away, take some time to think over the pros and cons of a Sunday night Mass. When I return from holidays, I will seek your feedback with a view to possibly introducing a Sunday night Mass later in the year.

I am also thinking about making a couple of adjustments to the weekday Mass schedule from the beginning of August. Currently, a Saturday morning Mass is celebrated at Corio on the first Saturday of the month. From the beginning of August, *I am open to celebrating the Saturday morning Mass every week.* Since this would mean an extra weekday Mass at Corio, I am also open to moving the Friday morning Mass to Lara each week. This would mean that Corio would have weekday Masses on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, while Lara would have weekday Masses on Wednesday and Friday.

Finally, *I am contemplating moving the Tuesday morning Mass into the evening* (around 5.30pm, with the Holy Hour following at 6.00pm). Over the last five months, I have found that I often need to be in the parish on Sunday afternoons and evenings. This need will only increase if a Sunday night Mass is introduced. This means I am not easily able to get back to Melbourne to visit family and friends on my day off. Moving the Tuesday Mass into the evening would enable me to have at least one night a week (Monday night) away from the parish for rest.

Finance update.

Another goal for the year is bringing stability and order to the parish finances. Last week I met with our Parish Finance Committee for the second time this year. The existing members are Bernard Lewis from Corio and Maricar Mesoga from Lara. We welcomed Jo-Anne Dean from Lara and Gerard Rowan from Corio as new members. Jo-Anne brings expertise in accounting, while Gerard brings expertise in business and IT. *At the beginning of August, I will present parishioners with a Parish Finance Statement for 2023 and the first half of 2024.*

Please be assured of my prayers over these coming weeks.

Fr Marcus Goulding

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MASS & SACRAMENT TIMES

(While Fr Marcus is away)

NO MASSES MONDAY – THURSDAY

Fri.	5.30pm	Mass Corio
	6.00pm	Holy Hour Corio Confessions Corio
Sat.	4.30pm	Confessions Corio
	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Corio
Sun.	8.30am	Confessions Lara
	9.00am	Mass Lara
	11.00am	Mass Corio

THE ROSARY

25 mins prior to weekday Masses

FIRST SATURDAYS

No Morning Mass on 6th July.
6.30pm Viet. Vigil Mass | Corio

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Mass Readings

Entrance Antiphon | Cf. Ps 26:1-2

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

First Reading | Genesis 3:9-15

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 129(130)

R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading | 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel Acclamation | John 12:31-32

Alleluia, alleluia! The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel | Mark 3:20-35

Communion Antiphon | Ps 17:3

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

NEXT WEEK: Ezekiel 17:22-24 | 2 Cor 5:6-10 | Mark 4:26-34

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick:

The faithful departed:

David Demicoli
Mark Demicoli

**Pray for vocations to the
priesthood!**

Seminarians:

Rhys Lowther,
Greg Lewis

MASS ROSTER 8 th & 9 th June 2024			MASS ROSTER 15 th & 16 th June 2024		
5.00pm Corio	Reader EMHC	Ken McCarthy Frank Moloney	5.00pm Corio	Reader EMHC	Rita McCarthy Larry Pankhurst
9.00am Lara	Reader EMHC	Val Brennan Di Saliba	9.00am Lara	Reader EMHC	Rosanna Vasquez Anthony Buttigieg
11.00am Corio	Reader EMHC	Mary Salazar Adela Buaya Vicky Neri	11.00am Corio	Reader EMHC	Lara Mesoga Mercy Leszyk Johnny Gundayo

Parish Notices

NEW READERS & EMHC ROSTER AVAILABLE. Following the training for readers held during May, our roster has been updated. A new roster covering Winter (June-August) is now available for collection from the sacristies.

PARISH FORMED SUBSCRIPTION AVAILABLE. Thanks to donations from some parishioners, our parish has been able to purchase a subscription to FORMED. Formed is a streaming service of Catholic media content that you can access on your phone, tablet, computer or TV. For more information and to access our subscription, visit coriolaracatholicparish.com.au/formed.

FR MARCUS TAKING ANNUAL LEAVE. Fr Marcus will take his annual leave from Monday 10th June to Tuesday 9th July. While he is away, Fr Brendan Lane will supply the weekend Masses and a Mass on Friday evenings. See the front page of the bulletin for the adjusted Mass schedule during Fr Marcus's absence.

PARISHIONER PROFILES. Reno Demicoli and Gudrun will be conducting brief 'interviews' with parishioners across Lara and Corio before and after Masses. In time, these will appear in the parish bulletin. If you wish to be interviewed, please contact Gudrun to arrange a suitable time.

SUNDAY ROSARY. We would like to continue holding the rosary before the 11am Mass each Sunday. If you can help lead the rosary one weekend a month, please speak to Gudrun.

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

'SPARK' U18 YOUTH GROUP. Open to high-school-aged youth. Next meeting 6.00pm - 8.30pm Sunday 9th June 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. The BBQ is on this Sunday!

SATURDAY SUPPER. Taking a temporary break. Saturday supper will resume later in the year.



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