



CORIO LARA

— CATHOLIC PARISH —

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

4th August 2024

St John Vianney on the Eucharist

The fourth of August is the feast of the Frenchman, St John Mary Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests. St John was born on the eighth of May in 1786 and died on the fourth of August in 1859. He lived during a time of great political, cultural, and religious upheaval, from which France has never recovered.

In 1789, three years after St John's birth, the French Revolution commenced and the Catholic King of France was murdered, along with his wife and children. The revolutionaries set about de-Christianising France by force. Approximately 30,000 priests were exiled and several hundred were murdered. The Cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris was desecrated and turned into a pagan temple. The revolution also initiated ten years of political chaos. A series of tyrants rose and fell until General Napoleon Bonaparte seized control of the government and transformed France into an empire. Napoleon's rule collapsed in 1815 and for the remainder of the 19th century, France was gripped by political, social and religious turmoil.

In the midst of this chaos, young John Vianney was drawn to the Catholic priesthood. He was not particularly bright, failing seminary exams on a couple of occasions. Nevertheless, he sensed the call of God and persevered. Eventually he was appointed parish priest of the tiny village of Ars, near Lyon. He remained there his entire life and transformed the town into a hub of faith. St John Vianney particularly devoted himself to the sacraments and faith formation. He worked to improve the dignity of the worship of God, improved the availability of the sacraments, and educated his people in the faith.

Despite his limited academic ability, St John Vianney understood how to speak of God in accurate but simple terms. His sermons are powerful and easy to read. Over the next couple of weeks, we hear in the Gospel Our Lord's teaching on the Most Holy Eucharist. In one sermon on the Eucharist, St John Vianney said:

"There is in every house a place where the provisions of the family are kept: the pantry. The church is the house of souls. This house belongs to us who are Christians. Well, in this house there is a 'pantry'. Do you see this tabernacle? It is the pantry for the food of your soul. It is there that the Body and Blood of Jesus is, and this good Saviour says to us: 'Take and eat . . . take and drink.'" A mortal man, a creature, feeds himself, satiates himself with his God, making of Him his daily food and drink.

"All creatures have need of food in order to live, that is why God has made the trees and plants. It is a table well served where all the animals come to take the food which suits each one. But the soul also must be fed. Where then is its food? When God wished to give food to our soul to sustain it in the pilgrimage of this life, He looked over all the creation and found nothing worthy of it. Then He fell back on Himself and resolved to give Himself.

"The food of the soul is the Body and Blood of God! What beautiful nourishment! The soul can only feed on God! No other than God can suffice. Only God can satisfy its hunger. It needs God absolutely. All the week one gathers, one spends, one buys, one sells; but all that is for the body. Arrange things then to make once a week a feast for the immortal soul: O delicious banquet! O heavenly Bread! Oh! what a privilege! to be able to feed his soul and to feed it with God!"

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Sat. 5pm (Vigil) | Corio

Sun. 9am | Lara
11am | Corio

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tue. 5.30pm | Corio

Wed. 9.15am | Lara

Th. 9.15am | Corio

Fri. 9.15am | Lara

Sat. 9.15am | Corio

CONFESSIONS

Tue. 7.30pm–8.30pm | Corio

Sat. 8.45am–9.10am | Corio
4.30pm–4.55pm | Corio

Sun. 8.30am–8.55am | Lara

THE ROSARY

Weekdays | 25 mins prior to Mass
Sunday | 10.30am (Corio)

HOLY HOUR

Tue. 6.00pm – 7.00pm | Corio

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Mass Readings	<i>Oremus pro invicem</i>
Entrance Antiphon <i>Ps 69:2,6</i> O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.	The sick Erminio Perich
First Reading <i>Exodus 16:2-4,12-15</i>	
Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm 77(78):3-4,23-25,54</i> R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.	The faithful departed Prue Richmond Batty
Second Reading <i>Ephesians 4:17,20-24</i>	
Gospel Acclamation <i>Matthew 4:4</i> Alleluia, Alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!	Seminarians Rhys Lowther Greg Lewis
Gospel <i>John 6:24-35</i>	
Communion Antiphon <i>Wisdom 16:20</i> You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.	
NEXT WEEK: Exodus 16:2-4,12-15 Eph 4:17,20-24 John 6:24-35	

MASS ROSTER 3RD & 4TH AUGUST 2024		MASS ROSTER 10TH & 11TH AUGUST 2024	
5.00pm Corio	<i>Welcome</i> Lani <i>Reader</i> Frank Moloney <i>EMHC</i> Larry Pankhurst	5.00pm Corio	<i>Welcome</i> Becky <i>Reader</i> Bernard Lewis <i>EMHC</i> Marian Delac
9.00am Lara	<i>Welcome</i> Johanna <i>Reader</i> Anna Cesar <i>EMHC</i> Di Whelan	9.00am Lara	<i>Welcome</i> Pedro & Jen <i>Reader</i> Val Brennan <i>EMHC</i> Lorraine Kulic
11.00am Corio	<i>Welcome</i> Elena, Jalil & family <i>Reader</i> Mary Salazar <i>EMHC</i> Tony van der Hoeven Trudy van der Hoeven	11.00am Corio	<i>Welcome</i> Luma & family <i>Reader</i> Luka Brdar <i>EMHC</i> Adela Buaya Vicky Neri

Parish Notices

PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT. 7pm, Saturday 12th October in the Xavier Centre. \$20 tickets. 18+ only. \$1000 prize for winning table. Amazing auction items. Book now at www.coriolearacatholicparish.com.au/trivia.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION. Thursday 15th August is a Holy Day of Obligation in celebration of Our Lady's Assumption into heaven. On this day, Catholics are obliged to attend Mass in the same way they are obliged to attend Sunday Mass. Two Masses will be offered on this day: 9.15am Mass at St Francis Xavier Corio and 7.30pm Mass at St Anthony of Padua Lara. Confessions will be available from 7pm at Lara. Please remember to fast from food one hour before Mass.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS. Enrolments for the Confirmation course close on 9th August. To enrol, visit coriolearacatholicparish.com.au/children.

FORMED SUBSCRIPTION AVAILABLE. Access our parish subscription at coriolearacatholicparish.com.au/formed.

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS. After school catechesis will be offered later this year for children Grade 2-6. Please submit expressions of interest at www.coriolearacatholicparish.com.au/catechesis.

'HEARTS FOR CHRIST' YOUNG ADULTS GROUP. Ages 18-30. Launching Tuesday 13th August at Corio. 6pm Holy Hour, 7pm Dinner, 7.45pm Bible Study. Contact Gudrun to express interest.

'SPARK' U18 YOUTH GROUP. Open to high-school-aged youth. Next session is Sunday 4th August 6.00pm - 8.00pm in the Xavier Centre. Contact Gudrun for more information.

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

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 is Sun 11 August. **If you can sponsor one of our parish BBQs (\$200) please contact the Parish Office.**

SATURDAY SUPPER: Resumes Sat Aug 17th after 5pm Corio Mass. 3rd Saturday of each month. Bring a plate.



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