



CORIO LARA

CATHOLIC PARISH

24/01/26 | 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR | 24/01/27

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 January 2026

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The February roster for roles in the sacred liturgy will be published next Sunday. From the first weekend of February, *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will no longer be rostered for the 9am Sunday Mass at Lara.* The use of Extraordinary Ministers at the Vigil Mass was discontinued in 2024. At this stage, we will continue to use Extraordinary Ministers at the 11am Sunday Mass. I would like to extend my gratitude to Sarah, Di, Angela and Val who have assisted as Extraordinary Ministers at the 9am Mass. Over many years, they have demonstrated dedication and generosity towards God and the Church by their assistance in distributing Holy Communion.

The reasons for discontinuing the regular use of Extraordinary Ministers at the 9am Mass are as follows:

The Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are the clergy: bishops, priests and deacons. By virtue of their ordination, the clergy are configured to Christ the Head of the Church. It is their particular duty to feed the flock of Christ entrusted to them.

The Church has, for some decades, permitted parish priests to seek the assistance of competent members of the lay faithful in distributing Holy Communion when there is necessity. This was reiterated by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in the 2004 Instruction *Redemptionis Sacramentum*: "It is the Priest celebrant's responsibility to minister Communion, perhaps assisted by other priests or deacons... Only when there is a necessity may extraordinary ministers assist the priest celebrant in accordance with the norm of law."

It has been clear to me for some time that no such necessity exists at the 9am Mass at St Anthony's, given the fact that the Extraordinary Minister only goes to the choir and 'seat-bound' parishioners. In future, the choir are asked to receive Holy Communion in the central aisle. Once Holy Communion has been distributed to the congregation, the priest/deacon will administer Holy Communion to the 'seat-bound' parishioners.

It is possible that there will be future situations where I may see a need for the use of one or more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. In such situations, I will invite a trained Extraordinary Minister to assist me before Mass commences.

Parishioners who have been delegated by me to take Holy Communion to the sick or housebound also act as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and may continue to do so.

Fr Marcus Goulding, Parish Priest

Parish Noticeboard

SUMMER WEEKDAY MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE UNTIL 30 JAN.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RIK VAN GEMERT ON HER 100th BIRTHDAY (23 JAN). Rik has been a parishioner for many years and now lives at Costa House in Lara.

MASS ROSTER FOR FEBRUARY AVAILABLE FROM NEXT WEEKEND.

PIETY STALL OPEN ON SUNDAY 25th JAN AFTER 9AM & 11AM MASSES. There are still 2026 Columban Calendars available.

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Sat. 5pm (Vigil) | Corio
Sun. 9am | Lara
11am | Corio

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES (SUMMER)

Tue. 5.30pm | Corio
Wed. 5.30pm | Lara
Th. 5.30pm | Corio
Fri. 5.30pm | Lara
Sat. 9.15am | Corio

CONFESSIONS (SUMMER)

Tue. - Fri. 5.00pm-5.25pm
Tue. 6.00pm-7.00pm | 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 8.30am (Lara)
10.30am (Corio)

HOLY HOUR

Tue. 6.00pm – 7.00pm | Corio

LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

Wed. 5.00pm | 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
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Entrance Antiphon | Ps 65: 4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O
Most High!

First Reading | Isaiah 49:3,5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the
eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me
in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back
to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for
you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make
you the light of the nations so that my salvation
may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R.**

Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together
with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the
church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of
Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place
among all the saints everywhere who pray to our
Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than
ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation | John 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among
us. He enabled those who accepted him to become
the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel | John 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look,
there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of
the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A
man is coming after me who ranks before me
because he existed before me. I did not know him
myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I
came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I
saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven
like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him
myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water
had said to me, "The man on whom you see the
Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going
to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen
and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of
God.'

Communion Antiphon | Cf. Ps 22: 5

You have prepared a table before me, and how
precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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