



# CORIO LARA

CATHOLIC PARISH

24/01/2026 | 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR | 24/01/2027

## Second Sunday of Lent (A) 1 March 2026

### *St Anthony's children visit St Mary's Basilica*

In May, our parish will be holding one combined Confirmation Mass at St Mary of the Angels Basilica for the children from St Anthony, St Francis Xavier, and the parish preparation program. This combined Confirmation Mass will be a wonderful annual expression of parish unity. In preparation for Confirmation, I joined the grade six students from St Anthony's in a visit to the Basilica last Friday. I was able to lead them in prayer and give them a tour. The children were deeply moved by the beauty and architecture of the church.

### *Parish candidates attend Rite of Election*

Last Sunday, 550 adults who are preparing to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter gathered at St Patrick's Cathedral with Archbishop Comensoli for the Rite of Election. At the Rite of Election, the Archbishop formally accepts these adults for admission to the Catholic Church. Among the crowd were adults from our parish RCIA. This year, the Archdiocese has seen a 30% increase in adults seeking admission to the Catholic Church compared to last year.

Our parish is preparing around 15 adults for admission to the Catholic Church this Easter. Rheannon, Riley, Corey, Lee, Broden, Mikayley and Nannette are catechumens preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Sheryl, Josie, Mia, Connor, Christian, Cheryl and Melissa are candidates preparing for Reception into the Catholic Church, Confirmation and Holy Communion.

Some of this group live in our parish whilst others attend other parishes but joined our RCIA because they knew that they would receive high quality formation. They have been participating in weekly classes run by Joe Brdar and me since September. Keep them in your prayers as they prepare for admission to the Catholic Church.

*Fr Marcus Goulding PP*



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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. 5.00pm-5.25pm | Corio  
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. 6.00pm | Corio

#### PRESBYTERY GIVING (1<sup>st</sup> Collection)

St Francis Xavier Presbytery Account  
BSB 083 347 | ACC 674 963 655

#### CHURCH GIVING (2<sup>nd</sup> Collection)

St Francis Xavier Church Account  
BSB 083 347 | ACC 543 292 126

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## Entrance Antiphon | Cf. Ps 26: 8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

## Collect

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

## First Reading | Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

## Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

*R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

## Second Reading | 2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

## Gospel Acclamation | Matthew 17:5

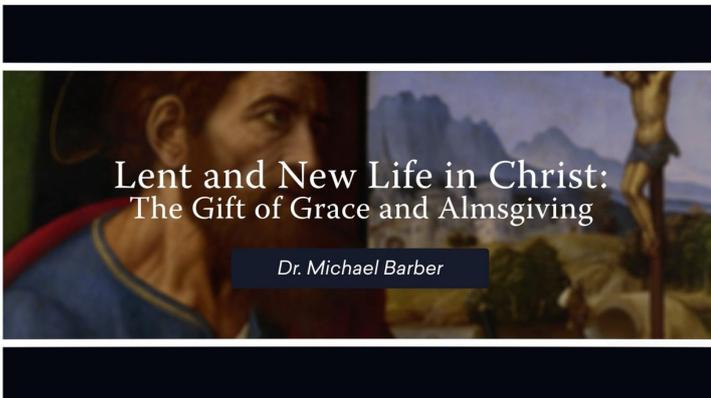
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel | Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and



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his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon | Mt 17: 5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

## Prayer after Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

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THIS WEEK   28th Feb & 1st March 2026		NEXT WEEK   7th & 8th March 2026	
5.00pm   Corio	Welcome VOLUNTEER Reader Becky Watson	5.00pm   Corio	Welcome VOLUNTEER Reader Ken McCarthy
9.00am   Lara	Rosary Legion of Mary Welcome Koekemor Family Reader Ana Cesar	9.00am   Lara	Rosary Giorgio Romagnoli Welcome Jen Reader Rossana Vasquez
11.00am   Corio	Rosary Diane Vine Welcome Ivy P & Tom O Reader Gudrun Philipp EMHC Mercy Leszyk Johnny Gundayao	11.00am   Corio	Rosary T & T v. d. Hoeven Welcome Lara & Maricar Reader Luka Brdar EMHC Mercy Leszyk Vicky Neri
<i>Oremus pro invicem</i>		 <b>HERE FOR YOU</b> <a href="http://www.kingsfunerals.com.au">www.kingsfunerals.com.au</a> 03 5248 3444	
<b>The sick</b> Pedro Pegan	<b>The faithful departed</b> Frank Jones		

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# Parish Noticeboard

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## NEWS & EVENTS

**FORMING FAITHFUL FAMILIES SERIES.** Thankyou to the 40-50 people who attended Dr O'Shea's presentation on *Childhood Development in Faith*. Everyone was grateful for his insights and wisdom. We look forward to our next presentation on *Parenting for Virtue* by Dr Andy Mullins scheduled for June.

**SOUP & STATIONS—LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS.** On Fridays in Lent a soup dinner will be available at 6.00pm in the Xavier Centre. Stations of the Cross will follow at 7.00pm in St Francis Xavier Church. The first Soup & Stations will be held on Friday 20th February. All welcome! Thanks to the Legion of Mary for providing the soup.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026.** 11am on Friday 6th March at St Anthony's Church. An ecumenical service for the Churches of Lara, theme country is Nigeria. As hosts, we are providing a lunch after the service. Your assistance with savoury and sweet food would be greatly appreciated on the day. Please fill in the clip board in the Lara church foyer or contact Val Brennan for more information 0437 132 049.

**THANK YOU FROM TRUDY VAN DER HOEVEN.** Trudy wishes to thank you for your prayers. She has had good news and is cancer-free.

**PROJECT COMPASSION.** Donation envelopes and boxes are available from the church foyers.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN.** This preparation course is available for children in Grade 6 or above who do not attend a Catholic school. Enrolments close Friday 6th March. To enrol, visit [coriolaracatholicparish.com.au/children/](http://coriolaracatholicparish.com.au/children/)

**LENT RETREAT FOR MEN.** St Bernard's Bacchus Marsh are hosting a Lent retreat for men on Saturday 14th March. Register: [coriolaracatholicparish.com.au/lent-men](http://coriolaracatholicparish.com.au/lent-men)

**LENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN.** St Bernard's Bacchus Marsh is hosting a Lent retreat for women on Saturday 21st March. Register: [coriolaracatholicparish.com.au/lent-women](http://coriolaracatholicparish.com.au/lent-women)

**MASS ROSTER NOW AVAILABLE.** March to May rosters now available in both Church foyers.

**PARISH BBQ SPONSORSHIPS WELCOME.** If you would like to sponsor a monthly BBQ from May to December 2026 please contact the Parish Office.

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## KIDS, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

**LITTLE DISCIPLES PARISH PLAYGROUP.** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays following 9am Sunday Mass at St Anthony's church. Contact Angelica 0422 585 223 or Dee 0430 302 969.

**CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS.** Supporting the faith formation of primary-school-aged children. Fridays at 4pm in the St Francis Xavier Church Foyer during school term.

**U18 YOUTH GROUP: 'SPARK'.** For high-school-aged youth. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month from 6pm - 8pm in the Xavier Centre, includes dinner. Next meeting Sunday 8th March. Donations welcome.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: 'HEARTS FOR CHRIST'.** Ages 18-30. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month from 7pm to 8.30pm in St Francis Xavier church foyer. Next meeting Tuesday 10th March.

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## FELLOWSHIP

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

**PARISH BBQ.** Second Sunday of each month following 11am Mass at Corio. Next BBQ 8th March.

**SATURDAY SUPPER.** Third Saturday of each month following the 5pm Vigil Mass at Corio. Next supper Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Bring a plate to share.

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