



CORIO LARA

CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Palm Sunday 29 March 2026

Holy Week: Reliving our Redemption

Holy Week offers us an occasion to relive the most important moments of our redemption. But let us not forget that, as St. Josemaria wrote, "If we are to accompany Christ in his glory at the end of Holy Week, we must first enter into his sacrifice and be truly united to him, as he lies dead on Calvary." To attain this, there is no better path than walking hand in hand with Mary. May our Lady obtain the grace we need so that these days will leave a deep imprint on our souls. Let this week be an opportunity to grow in God's love, so we may make that Love known to many others. This Holy Week, and afterwards every day, has to be a leap of quality for us, asking our Lord to completely fill our lives. We have to communicate to many people the new life that Jesus gained for us by the Redemption.

By Most Rev. Javier Echevarria, <https://stjosemaria.org/commentaries-holy-week-echevarria/> (edited).

Holy Week Schedule

31/03 Tuesday	10am Mass of the Oils (St Patrick's Cathedral) 5.00pm Confessions (Corio) 5.30pm Mass (Corio) 6.00pm Holy Hour (Corio) 6.00pm–8.00pm Confessions (Corio) <i>Visiting Confessor Available</i>
01/04 Wednesday	9.15am Mass (Lara) 7.00pm Triduum Choir Rehearsal (Corio)
02/04 Holy Thursday	6.00pm–7.00pm Confessions (Corio) 7.30pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (Corio) 9.00pm–Midnight Adoration (Corio) 11.45pm Compline (Corio)
03/04 Good Friday	9.00am Confessions (Lara) 10.00am Stations of the Cross (Lara) <i>Followed by Hot Cross Buns</i> 11.00am Confessions (Lara) 3.00pm THE LORD'S PASSION (Lara)
04/04 Holy Saturday	8.00pm EASTER VIGIL MASS (Corio)
05/04 Easter Sunday	9.00am Mass of Easter Day (Lara) <i>Followed by Children's Easter Egg Hunt</i> 11.00am Mass of Easter Day (Corio) <i>Followed by Children's Easter Egg Hunt</i>

CHURCHES

St Francis Xavier Church, Corio
St Anthony of Padua Church, Lara

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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 (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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Palm Sunday (A)

THE BLESSING OF PALMS

Gospel | Matthew 21:1-11

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village facing you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her: untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Sion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass'. The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.'

THE MASS

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading | Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 21(22)

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons. **R.**



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Second Reading | Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation | Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Refer to the red sheets.

Please join in as the Crowd 'C.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.


Communion Antiphon | Mt 26: 42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call. Through Christ our Lord.

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THIS WEEK 28th & 29th March 2026		NEXT WEEK 4th & 5th April 2026 (Easter Sunday)	
5.00pm Corio	Passion Narrator: Bernard Lewis Reader: Frank Moloney	8.00pm Corio	Welcome: Separate roster. Reader: Separate roster.
9.00am Lara	Rosary: VOLUNTEER Passion Narrator: Bernie Hyland Reader: Rochelle Martis	9.00am Lara	Rosary: Separate roster. Welcome: Separate roster. Reader: Separate roster.
11.00am Corio	Rosary: VOLUTNEER Passion Narrator: Joe Brdar Reader: Lara Mesoga EMHC: Vicky Neri, Mercy Leszyk	11.00am Corio	Rosary: Separate roster. Welcome: Separate roster. Reader: Separate roster. EMHC: Separate roster.
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Parish Noticeboard

NEWS & EVENTS

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE. We take only one main meal and abstain from meat.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE. Please take a flyer or refer to our parish website.

SOUP & STATIONS. A big thank you to the Legion of Mary and Bay Leaf Community Kitchen for catering and serving the soup before Stations of the Cross during Lent.

MASS OF THE OILS. 10am Tuesday 31st March at St Patrick's Cathedral.

CHOIR REHEARSAL FOR HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER VIGIL. The final choir rehearsal for the Holy Week ceremonies will be held at St Francis Xavier church at 7.00pm Wednesday 1st April.

HOLY WEEK FLOWER DONATIONS. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of beautifying our churches for Holy Week, please deposit electronically into our Church Account or contact the Parish Office. Use reference 'Easter Flowers'.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND. Please remember to bring some extra cash on Good Friday to support the sacred sites in the Holy Land.

EASTER SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS. Donations of eggs and chocolates welcome; baskets have been placed in both Church foyers.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DONATIONS. Non-perishable food items for St Vincent De Paul, e.g. pasta, pasta sauce, are gratefully appreciated. Please place in the boxes in both Church foyers.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 12th APRIL. 2.00pm Holy Hour with Chaplet. 3pm Mass. 4.00pm Veneration of Relic of St Faustina. Confessions available from 2.00pm-4.30pm.

ALPHA—DISCOVER MEANING & FAITH TOGETHER. Alpha is a warm, friendly way to explore life, purpose and the Christian faith. If you are thinking about God for the first time or would like to reconnect with God and the Church, Alpha is perfect for you. Our next Alpha Experience commences on Friday 1st May. For more information and to register, visit www.corioaracatholicparish.com.au/alpha. Flyers in the foyers.

MENALIVE WEEKEND. Hosted by Meredith Parish on 2nd & 3rd May, open to all men in the Geelong region. Refer to posters & flyers for more information.

KIDS, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

LITTLE DISCIPLES PARISH PLAYGROUP. 2nd & 4th 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.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: 'HEARTS FOR CHRIST'. Ages 18-30. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month from 7pm to 8.30pm in St Francis Xavier church foyer. Next meeting Tuesday 14th April.

FORMATION

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FELLOWSHIP

CHURCH CAFÉ. First and third 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 Sunday 12th April. Thank you to all our generous sponsors.

SATURDAY SUPPER. Third Saturday of each month following the 5pm Vigil Mass at Corio. Next supper Saturday 18th April. Bring a plate to share.
