



# CORIO LARA

CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Easter Sunday 5 April 2026

Dear parishioners of St Francis Xavier and St Anthony of Padua,

Mary Magdalene features prominently in the accounts of that first Easter Sunday. She is the first to discover the empty tomb. She brings the message of the empty tomb to the apostles. Returning to the empty tomb with the apostles, she remains there all morning until the risen Lord himself appears to her.

For Mary Magdalene, life was meaningless without Jesus. Her life stopped when Jesus died. In a sense, she died when Jesus died. When the risen Lord finally appears to her and calls her by her name, Mary is brought back to life. She is raised by Jesus. What a wonderful example to us! Jesus is the source of true life. It is not money or location or social status or 'likes' or work that give us life. Life comes from Jesus. Only with Jesus can we be truly alive.

Our world desperately needs to rediscover Jesus. As war continues to rage in the Middle East, it is increasingly clear that true peace cannot be found by diplomacy alone. Only when nations submit to the higher common law of faith in Christ can differences be settled amicably. Let us remember in particular the Christians of the Holy Land, caught between warring parties.

The life of Jesus is called sanctifying grace. The gift of grace is offered to us by Jesus through the sacraments of the Catholic Church. On your behalf, I offer special congratulations and prayers to Rheannon, Riley, Corey, Meh, Broden, Mikayley, Christian, Cheryl, Josie, Sheryl, Connor, Melissa and Paris, who were fully initiated into the grace of Jesus and the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Like Mary Magdalene, each of these wonderful people have discovered that they need the life that can only be found in Jesus and His Church. Let us also pray for Nannette, Mia and Victor, who are continuing their preparation for admission to the Catholic Church. I extend my particular gratitude to Joe Brdar for working alongside me as RCIA catechist. His presence, knowledge and example have edified our candidates.

On the Cross, Jesus merited a treasury of graces. On Easter Sunday night, the Lord charged the apostles with the responsibility to dispense these graces: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven." These graces continue to be dispensed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I am full of admiration for the many parishioners who humbly and courageously approached the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the days leading up to Easter. So many people came back to this sacrament for the first time in many years. The Confessional is like the tomb. Souls burdened by sin and death enter the Confessional, only to come out raised to new life by Jesus. It is the risen Jesus who waits for us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The ceremonies of Holy Week are complicated and demanding. The ritual of Holy Week has been crafted by the Church over centuries. It is complicated and demanding, requiring intensive effort from numerous people. Nevertheless, when carefully prepared and executed, these ceremonies lift us to God through their beauty and reverence. I extend my sincere gratitude to our musicians, altar servers, sacristans, readers, florists, extraordinary ministers, the Legion of Mary, and candidates for the foot-washing. I am also grateful to our catering team and Social Committee for organising Hot Cross Buns on Good Friday, and the Easter Egg hunts on Easter Sunday. Finally, a big thanks to Deacon Logona and Jasna Brdar. Your hard work has paid off yet again!

I thank God for the privilege of leading and serving this parish as your priest. I wish you all a very happy Easter!

Fr Marcus Goulding, PP

### CHURCHES

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

### PARISH PRIEST

Fr Marcus Goulding

### PERMANENT DEACON

Rev. Logona Tui'i

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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)

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

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# Easter Sunday

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## Entrance Antiphon | Cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia,  
alleluia.

## Collect

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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 | Acts 10:34,37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

## Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 117(118)

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

## Second Reading | Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

## Sequence (Remain Seated)

## Gospel Acclamation | 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!



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## The Resurrection

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## Gospel | John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon | 1 Cor 5: 7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

## Prayer after Communion

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK   4th & 5th April 2026		NEXT WEEK   11th & 12th April 2026	
8.00pm   Corio	Welcome: Separate roster Reader: Separate roster	5.00pm   Corio	Welcome: VOLUNTEER Reader: Reno Demicoli
9.00am   Lara	Rosary: VOLUNTEER Welcome: Separate roster Reader: Separate roster	9.00am   Lara	Rosary: Giorgio Romagnoli Welcome: Jen Reader: Elisa Ballesteros
11.00am   Corio	Rosary: VOLUNTEER Welcome: Separate roster Reader: Separate roster EMHC: Separate roster	11.00am   Corio	Rosary: Tony & Trudy Welcome: Lara & Maricar Reader: Joe Brdar EMHC: Tony & Trudy

## *Oremus pro invicem*

The sick	The faithful departed	Seminarians
Julie Horkings	Flo Swanson	Rev. Rhys Lowther
Michael Fromholz	Margaret Boccalatte	
Pedro Pegan	Carol Isol	



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## NEWS & EVENTS

**EASTER SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS.** Thank you to parishioners who donated so generously to this year's Easter egg hunts at both Churches.

**HOLY WEEK FLOWER DONATIONS.** Thank you to parishioners who generously donated towards the cost of beautifying our Churches for Holy Week.

**PROJECT COMPASSION.** Please return donation envelopes and boxes to the sacristies at both Churches.

**FAREWELL TO KEN & BRIDGET KNIGHT.** We extend our warmest wishes to Ken & Bridget who will be leaving our Parish next week to be closer to family in Melbourne.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 12th APRIL AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH, CORIO.** 2.00pm Holy Hour with Chaplet. 3pm Mass. 4.00pm Veneration of Relic of St Faustina. Confessions available from 2.00pm-4.30pm.

**FR MARCUS ON STUDY LEAVE FROM 13/4–17/4.** During this week, Fr Marcus will be in Sydney. There will be no weekday Masses/Holy Hour/Confessions from Tues 13/4 to Fri 17/4.

**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.corio.catholicparish.com.au/alpha](http://www.corio.catholicparish.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.

**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.

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## 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.

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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.

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