



CORIO LARA

CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

10 May 2026

Lessons on Motherhood from Mary

Mary is primarily silent in Sacred Scripture, but she is clearly shown to be a woman of mission and purpose. She proceeds in haste. She understands the urgency of God's working in the world. Once she accepts God's invitation to bear the Saviour of the world, she quickly visits her cousin Elizabeth. Mary's example is an important one for mothers. We are surrounded by things in need of our attention. Children and husbands are constantly vying for our attention. At times, we can be drawn into distractions in our daily lives to the detriment of our families. We must learn to discern when haste is needed.

Mary reminds us that our work as mothers is holy work. The raising and bringing up of children with the purpose of leading them to Heaven is intense work. Haste in this sense is not busyness. Far too often in Western culture, we associate busyness with holiness or importance. Running from event to event is not the haste I am referring to. Haste is turning to our children and husbands in love and truly giving them our attention and giving them what they need from us in each moment. It is a constant choice to be present and to go about living our vocation with holy vigour. That does not mean we will not find ourselves exhausted at times, or even often. This is precisely why we need prayer and frequent reception of the Sacraments to remain properly balanced in our spiritual lives. There are times when motherhood can seem to be a lonely struggle. This is a reality that far too many mums keep to themselves in a culture where we are largely isolated from one another. This is especially true for stay-at-home mums but I suspect mothers who work struggle with this loneliness at times too. Mums need other mums. Women are particularly social creatures. We need space to discuss what is going on in our lives and with our children. We need other mums to tell us that a particular behaviour is actually normal for that age. In our isolation, we can begin to feel like we are losing our minds or that our children are strange. Children can in fact be quite strange, which is one of the reasons motherhood is such a joyful, entertaining, and exhausting adventure. Mums, *we are not in competition with one another*. We are joyfully united to the Mystical Body of Christ and we are meant to live in communion with one another. That loneliness you feel is because this need is not being met in our fast-paced, individualistic, isolationist society. You are not alone.

Mothers are meant to share in one another's joys, sorrows, struggles, grief, successes, and failures. We are meant to walk this journey of holiness together. We cannot achieve holiness alone. Human beings are ontologically—by our very nature—social creatures. By the gift of the Incarnation we are united in a deep solidarity with Christ as our Head and with one another. Friendship and family are tremendous gifts. It's time we start celebrating this gift together. Motherhood requires great charity, patience, fortitude, temperance, prudence, and every virtue. There is something about motherhood that prunes us at the deepest levels. The selfishness we naturally possess due to the Fall is constantly ripped out of us by our children and our husbands. This is a holy process, but a daunting, and at times, overwhelming process. Mary is a mother's guide. She will always lead us to her Son and help us on the path to holiness. We are not meant to be islands tackling the great task of raising saints alone. We are meant to walk towards our Heavenly home together. Mary, Our Mother, *ora pro nobis*.

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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. 5.00pm | Corio

PRESBYTERY GIVING (1st Collection)

St Francis Xavier Presbytery Account
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CHURCH GIVING (2nd Collection)

St Francis Xavier Church Account
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Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

Entrance Antiphon | Cf. Is 48: 20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has
freed his people, alleluia.

Collect

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with
heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep
in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive
in remembrance we may always hold to in what we
do. 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 8:5-8,14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed
the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming
the message Philip preached, either because they
had heard of the miracles he worked or because
they saw them for themselves. There were, for
example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of
many who were possessed, and several paralytics
and cripples were cured. As a result there was great
rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in
Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the
word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,
and they went down there, and prayed for the
Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he
had not come down on any of them: they had only
been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then
they laid hands on them, and they received the
Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

Second Reading | 1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and
always have your answer ready for people who ask
you the reason for the hope that you all have. But
give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear
conscience, so that those who slander you when
you are living a good life in Christ may be proved
wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is
the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to
suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why,
Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died
once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God.
In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he
was raised to life.



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The Sanctuary Youth Series | Trailer

The Sanctuary Youth Series is centered on the pressing questions that young people are asking about faith and mental health. It provides space to engage these questions and start important conversations in youth ministries and church communities. Drawing on insights from mental health professionals, theologians, and evidence-based research, this educational and interactive course is designed to reduce stigma, increase awareness, and prepare students for a faith journey that includes seasons of flourishing and languishing.

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Gospel Acclamation | John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to
them. Alleluia!

Gospel | John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon | Jn 14: 15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.

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**A VERY HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY TO ALL
OUR MUMS!**

THIS WEEK 9th & 10th May 2026			NEXT WEEK 16th & 17th May 2026		
5.00pm Corio	Welcome Reader	VOLUNTEER Ben Bekema	5.00pm Corio	Welcome Reader	VOLUNTEER Bernard Lewis
9.00am Lara	Rosary Welcome Reader	Georgio Romagnoli Jen Rossana Vasquez	9.00am Lara	Rosary Welcome Reader	Bernie Hyland Angelica Jones Elisa Ballesteros
11.00am Corio	Rosary Welcome Reader EMHC	Tony & Trudy Lara & Maricar Ivy Parkinson Tony & Trudy	11.00am Corio	Rosary Welcome Reader EMHC	LOM/Augustino Dalya & Yara Kim Tancio Mercy Leszyk Vicky Neri
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	Seminarians				
	Rev. Rhys Lowther				

Parish Noticeboard

SIGN UP: PENTECOST CULTURAL FESTIVAL. As part of our parish's 50th anniversary year, we are holding a Cultural Festival on Pentecost Sunday 24th May. The festival will begin with the 11am Mass at St Francis Xavier, followed by lunch and performances from 12.15pm in the Xavier Centre. We are calling on parishioners to wear your national dress, bring a cultural dish to share, and/or perform a cultural dance or musical item at lunch. To register your food or performance, call the Parish Office or visit www.corioaracatholicparish.com.au/pentecost.

BOOK NOW: BUS TO CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION. The Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession will be held on Sunday 7th June. The procession will begin at 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral and move to Federation Square. We are arranging a bus to take parishioners to the procession. The bus will leave Corio at 12.30pm. \$25 for adults, \$15 for under 18's. To book, visit www.corioaracatholicparish.com.au/procession.

NEWS & EVENTS

ANNUAL MASS COUNT THIS MONTH. Over the first four weeks in May we will count attendance at all Sunday Masses.

CONSULTATION ON MOVING VIGIL MASS TO SUNDAY NIGHT. For people who attend the 5pm Saturday Mass, a forum will be held after Mass on 16th May. For people who attend the 11am Mass, Fr Marcus will ask some questions at the end of Mass on 17th May.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL. Please refer to the posters in both Church foyers for more information.

NEW STAFF MEMBER. We welcome Ivy Parkinson as Administration Assistant, responsible for managing administrative tasks related to the sacraments and safeguarding. Ivy is a parishioner at St Francis Xavier. Ivy will work one day a week. This will enable Jasna to undertake the bookkeeping in addition to existing secretary duties.

NEW PROJECTOR AT CORIO. On Friday, the TV screens at St Francis Xavier were replaced with a single projector. The projector will be used for text only and will display on the wall (not a screen) immediately to the left of the sanctuary, an area visible from every part of the church.

FORMED SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL. Our parish's annual subscription to FORMED is due for renewal. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost, please deposit electronically into our Church Account or contact the Parish Office. Use reference "Formed donation".

BEYOND THE VOWS: A ONE DAY MARRIAGE RETREAT. Saturday 30th May 9.45am to 5.00pm at Catholic Regional College, Caroline Springs. A practical, faith-grounded day with real insights, communication tools, and quality couple time. All married couples welcome! For more information and to register <https://www.trybooking.com/DLAGK>

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 12th May.

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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. **No BBQ Sunday 10 May due to Mother's Day.** Thank you to all our generous sponsors.

SATURDAY SUPPER. Third Saturday of each month following the 5pm Vigil Mass at Corio. Next supper Saturday 16th May. Bring a plate to share.
