



CORIO LARA

CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Pentecost (A)

24 May 2026

The Great Unknown

The disciples, witnesses of the glory of the risen Christ, were filled with the strength of the Holy Spirit. They knew that Jesus alone could give them words of eternal life, and they were ready to follow him and to give their lives for him. But they were weak, and in the time of trial, they fled and left him alone. On Pentecost all that is a thing of the past. The Holy Spirit has made them firm, strong, daring. The word of the Apostles resounds forcefully through the streets of Jerusalem. The men and women from all parts of the world listen with amazement. The Holy Spirit moves the hearts of their listeners and leads them to the faith.

The solemn coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost was not an isolated event. Despite the weaknesses and the sins of every one of us, it is the reality of today's Church and the Church of all time. Jesus has kept his promise. He has risen from the dead, and in union with the eternal Father, he sends the Holy Spirit to sanctify us and give us life. The strength and power of God light up the face of the earth. The Holy Spirit is present in the Church so that it may be a sign raised up before all nations, announcing to all men the goodness and the love of God. God is no less powerful today than in other times; his love for man is no less true. The action of the Holy Spirit can pass unnoticed, because God does not reveal to us his plans, and because man's sin clouds over the divine gifts. But faith reminds us that God is always acting. The Holy Spirit carries out in the world the works of God. He is the giver of grace, the light of our hearts, the soul's guest, our rest in work, our consolation in sorrow. Without his help there is nothing innocent or valuable in man, since he is the one who cleanses the soiled, heals what is sick, sets on fire what is cold, straightens what is bent and guides men toward the safe harbour of salvation and eternal joy. But our faith in the Holy Spirit must be complete. There cannot be faith in the Holy Spirit if there is not faith in Christ, in his sacraments, in his Church. A man cannot act in accordance with his Christian faith, cannot truly believe in the Holy Spirit, unless he loves the Church and trusts it. He cannot be a coherent Christian if he limits himself to pointing out the deficiencies and limitations of some who represent the Church, judging her from the outside, as though he were not her son. Moreover, consider the extraordinary importance and abundance of the Paraclete when the priest renews the sacrifice of Calvary by celebrating Mass on our altars.

Where is the Holy Spirit now? Today too, blind men, who had lost the ability to look up to heaven and contemplate the wonderful works of God, recover their sight. Lame and crippled men, who were bound by their passions and whose hearts had forgotten love, recover their freedom. Deaf men, who did not want to know God are given back their hearing. Dumb men, whose tongues were bound because they did not want to acknowledge their defeats, begin to talk. And dead men, in whom sin had destroyed life, come to life again. And just as the first Christians did, we rejoice when we contemplate the power of the Holy Spirit and see the results of his action on the message of the Gospel...we have to bring the solemn and unequivocal message of St Peter in the days that followed Pentecost: Jesus is the cornerstone, the redeemer, the hope of our lives. "For there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." This is the great boldness of the Christian faith: to proclaim the value and dignity of human nature and to affirm that we have been created to achieve the dignity of children of God. An incredible boldness it would be, were it not founded on the promise of salvation given us by God the Father, confirmed by the blood of Christ, and reaffirmed and made possible by the constant action of the Holy Spirit.

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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
BSB 083 347 | ACC 674 963 655

CHURCH GIVING (2nd Collection)

St Francis Xavier Church Account
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Pentecost (A)

Entrance Antiphon | Wis 1: 7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round

Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 103(104)

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.



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Pentecost (A)

Sequence (REMAIN SEATED)

Holy Spirit, Lord divine, come, from heights of heav'n
and shine, come with blessed radiance bright.

Come, O Father of the poor, come, whose treas-
ured gifts endure, come, our heart's unfailing light!

Of consolers, wisest, best, and our soul's most wel-
come guest, sweet refreshment, sweet repose.

In our labour rest most sweet, pleasant coolness in
the heat, consolation in our woes.

Light most blessed, shine with grace in our heart's
most secret place, fill your faithful through and
through.

Left without your presence here, life itself would
disappear, nothing thrives apart from you!

Cleanse our soiled hearts of sin, arid souls refresh
within, wounded lives to health restore.

Bend the stubborn heart and will, melt the frozen,
war the chill, guide the wayward home once more!

On the faithful who are true and profess their faith
in you, in your sev'nfold gift descend!

Give us virtue's sure reward, give us your salvation,
Lord, give us joys that never end!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of
your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your
love. Alleluia!

Gospel | John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the
doors were closed in the room where the disciples
were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood
among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you',
and showed them his hands and his side. The disci-
ples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord,
and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As
the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After say-
ing this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the
Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they
are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they
are retained.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your
Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more
abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and
graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our
Lord.

Communion Antiphon | Acts 2: 4, 11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke
of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your
Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have
given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out
upon her may retain all its force and that this spir-
itual food may gain her abundance of eternal re-
demption. Through Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK 23rd & 24th May 2026			NEXT WEEK 30th & 31 May 2026		
5.00pm Corio	Welcome Reader	VOLUNTEER Reno Demicoli	5.00pm Corio	Welcome Reader	VOLUNTEER Becky Watson
9.00am Lara	Rosary Welcome Reader	John Cook Dee & Zion Rochelle Martis	9.00am Lara	Rosary Welcome Reader	VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER Bernie Hyland
11.00am Corio	Rosary Welcome Reader EMHC	Luce Rasic Aleena Joe Brdar Vicky Neri Johnny Gundayao	11.00am Corio	Rosary Welcome Reader EMHC	VOLUNTEER Luka Brdar Gudrun Philipp Mercy Leszyk Vicky Neri
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Parish Noticeboard

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE 26/05–29/05. The parish email and phone will be monitored.

PENTECOST CULTURAL FESTIVAL SUNDAY 24th MAY. Join us for lunch and cultural performances from 12.15pm in the Xavier Centre. A big thanks to everyone who is bringing food or performing!

STATUE OF MARY HOME VISITS. Provided by the Legion of Mary. Parishioners can host the statue for one week in their own homes. Bookings will be taken after the 9am and 11am Masses this Sunday 24th May from both Church foyers.

CONFIRMATION MASS CHOIR. Our parish Confirmation Mass will be held at St Mary of the Angels Basilica at 6pm on Wednesday 27th May. If you would like to be part of the choir for the Confirmation Mass, please attend the rehearsal at 5.15pm Wednesday 27/05 at the Basilica.

NEWS & EVENTS

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 SFX Corio at 12.30pm. \$25 for adults, \$15 for under 18's. To book, visit www.corioaracatholicparish.com.au/procession.

CONSULTATION ON MOVING VIGIL MASS TO SUNDAY NIGHT. Thank you for your feedback. The Mission Team discussed this last Thursday. An update will be provided next weekend.

PARISH FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA. Join us at Lara on Sunday 14th June to celebrate the feast of St Anthony of Padua. We will begin with the 9am Mass and the blessing of bread, then move to MacKillop Hall for brunch and activities. All welcome!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN. Children who are baptised, in grade four or above, and attend a non-Catholic school need to be prepared to receive First Holy Communion through the parish. To enrol your child in our preparation course, visit www.corioaracatholicparish.com.au/children and submit a completed enrolment form to the Parish Office. Course commences on 15/07/26. Registrations close on 01/07/2026.

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".

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 26th May.

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 14 June. Thank you to all our generous sponsors.

SATURDAY SUPPER. Third Saturday of each month following the 5pm Vigil Mass at Corio. Next supper Saturday 20th June. Bring a plate to share.
