CORIO LARA
CATHOLIC PARISH

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (A)
7th June 2026

Eucharistic Processions

This weekend the Church highlights the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist in a special way. A central aspect of our Corpus Christi celebration is the Eucharistic Procession. The Old Testament has many examples of the people of God participating in processions as a means of joyful celebration for the blessings God has bestowed on them, also serving as a visual reminder of how the Lord provided for the Israelites during their long journey in the desert. In the New Testament, Jesus himself participated in processions. Jesus and his parents travelled from Nazareth to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover every year, in a caravan of many other people. It is not difficult to imagine these processions included prayer, singing, and rejoicing as they recalled the blessings of the first Passover. St. John Chrysostom (c. 347–407) frequently references processions, especially during major feasts. In his *Homilies on the Statues*, he describes processions during times of public penance and festal celebrations. St. Augustine describes processions in North Africa, particularly in his *Sermons* and *City of God*, often tied to feasts of martyrs. While these early processions were not specifically Eucharistic in nature, they laid the foundation for later developments in the custom.

The Feast of Corpus Christi was officially instituted in 1264 with the papal bull *Transiturus de hoc mundo*. Shortly after, the first Eucharistic processions began in Germany and France and quickly spread to the rest of Europe. It became customary to process with a consecrated Host, placed in a monstrance, through towns and villages, especially on the Feast of Corpus Christi. Interestingly, it was around 1200 when the elevation of the Host during Mass entered into liturgical practice as a focal point. Previously, the Host was not elevated, but as heretical understandings of transubstantiation and disbelief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist occurred, it became important to incorporate visual adoration into the liturgy. The Eucharist, in the monstrance, is carried under a canopy ("baldachin"), symbolizing Christ's kingship and the reverence due to him. The canopy recalls the tent over the Ark of the Covenant, linking the Eucharist to God's presence in the Old Testament. Surrounding the monstrance are clergy, altar servers, and lay people, reflecting the Church's hierarchical and communal nature. The act of walking in the procession mirrors the Israelites' journey through the desert with the Eucharist as the new manna that sustains the faithful.

A Eucharistic procession is a public act of faith in the real presence of Jesus Christ — body, blood, soul, and divinity — in the Eucharist. By carrying the consecrated Host through the streets, Catholics proclaim to the world that Christ is truly present and active in our midst. The mystery of the Eucharist leaves the walls of the Church and enters the world for all to witness the Church's faith and devotion. Eucharistic processions are powerful tools of evangelization; bold, joyful, and reverent proclamations of the gospel. Christ is not meant to stay locked away, rather, carried into the world for everyone to encounter him. We receive the Eucharist at Mass and become a living tabernacle, taking Jesus with us everywhere we go.

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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. 5.30pm | *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
Tuesdays 6.00pm – 7.00pm | *Corio*
1st Fridays 6.00pm – 7.00pm | *Lara*

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Wed. 5.00pm | *Corio*

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Entrance Antiphon | Cf. Ps 80: 17

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Collect

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading | Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 'Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 147:12-15,19-20

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates
he has blessed the children within you. ***R.***

He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. ***R.***

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. ***R.***

Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Sequence (REMAIN SEATED)

See, the Bread of Angels given
to the pilgrim who has striven:
truly bread for us from heaven,
which to dogs may not be cast.

Christ, the former types fulfilling,
Isaac, bound, a victim willing,
Paschal Lamb, its lifeblood spilling,
manna sent in ages past.

O Good Shepherd, bread from heaven,
Jesus, mercy now be given.
All our foes away be driven,
'til our eyes behold the vision
in the kingdom of the blest.

O almighty and all knowing,
here on earth such food bestowing,
by your mercy ever flowing,
lead us, with your saints, now showing
us to heaven as your guest.

Amen. Alleluia.

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Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee | Trailer

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Gospel Acclamation | John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel | John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we here present. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon | Jn 6: 57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your precious Body and Blood. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

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THIS WEEK | 6th & 7th June 2026			NEXT WEEK | 13th & 14th June 2026		
5.00pm | Corio	Welcome Reader	VOLUNTEER Ken McCarthy	5.00pm | Corio	Welcome Reader	VOLUNTEER Frank Moloney
9.00am | Lara	Rosary Welcome Reader	Legion of Mary Koekemoer Family Rossana Vasquez	9.00am | Lara	Rosary Welcome Reader	Georgio Romagnoli Pedro & Jen Jo-Anne Dean
11.00am | Corio	Rosary Welcome Reader	Diane Vine Ivy & Tom Luka Brdar	11.00am | Corio	Rosary Welcome Reader	Tony & Trudy Lara & Maricar Ivy Parkinson

Oremus pro invicem

The sick	The faithful departed	Seminarians
Julie Horkings	Kevin Rinaldi	Rev. Rhys Lowther
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NEWS & EVENTS

THANKYOU to the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion who have assisted at the 11am Mass. Fr Marcus extends his gratitude to Trudie, Tony, Vicky, Mercy and Johnny who have assisted as Extraordinary Ministers.

PARISH FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA SUNDAY 14th JUNE. Join us at Lara 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 a BBQ brunch and activities. All welcome!

BUS TO CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION THIS SUNDAY 7th JUNE. Our bus is fully booked! We will be leaving from SFX Church Corio at 12.30pm. Please make your way to the front of the Parish Office after the 11am Mass. Bring along warm clothing, umbrella or jacket in case of rain, and something to eat and drink on the way.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART FRIDAY 12th JUNE. Mass will be offered at 5.30pm at Lara followed by Holy Hour with Sacred Heart devotions. **There will be no 9.15am Mass that day.**

FRIDAY MASS TIME CHANGE FROM 12th JUNE. Beginning on the 12/06, the Friday Mass at Lara will permanently move to 5.30pm. There will be no 9.15am Mass at Lara from 12/06 onwards. On the First Friday of each month beginning 3rd July, the 5.30pm Mass will be followed by Holy Hour with devotions to the Sacred Heart.

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.coriolaracatholicparish.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.

CAN YOU DONATE TOWARDS THE COST OF OUR FORMED SUBCRIPTION RENEWAL? Our parish's annual subscription to FORMED is due for renewal in June. If you use our subscription and/or 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". Thank you for your support.

THE JUNE-AUGUST MASS ROSTER IS NOW AVAILABLE. A copy has been emailed to all parishioners who have provided their emails; if you haven't received a copy and would like to be added to the email list please contact the Parish Office. Copies are also available in both Church foyers.

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 9th June.

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FELLOWSHIP

CHURCH CAFÉ. First and third Sundays after 9am Mass at Lara. Every Sunday after 11am Mass at Corio. There will be no café after 11.00am Mass on 7th June due to the Corpus Christi procession bus.

PARISH BBQ. Second Sunday of each month following 11am Mass at Corio. There will be no BBQ on 14th June. Next BBQ on 12th July. 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.