



CORIO LARA

CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

14 June 2026

The Life of St Anthony of Padua

St. Anthony was born in 1195 in Lisbon, now known as Portugal. Given the baptismal name of Fernando, he entered the religious order of St. Augustine and was ordained a priest during this time. His life took a crucial turn when the bodies of the first five Franciscan martyrs were returned from Morocco. The Franciscans had been preaching Christ at a mosque in Seville— despite repeated warnings, they were tortured and beheaded. This event inspired young Fernando to decide that he too would become a Franciscan! After some challenges from the prior of the Augustinians, he was allowed to leave. Fernando took Franciscan vows and assumed the name Anthony in honour of the patriarch of hermits. The Franciscans allowed him to go to Morocco, to pursue what he felt was his calling to be a martyr for Christ, if God asked. But while in Morocco, he became seriously ill and had to go home. During the journey, his ship ran into storms and eventually made land in Sicily. The friars at nearby Messina, though not knowing him, tended to him. Francis of Assisi was there and was also sick. Anthony asked to go and be with a provincial superior from northern Italy. "Instruct me in the Franciscan life," he asked, not mentioning his prior theological training. The provincial superior agreed. Like Francis, he could now live a life of seclusion and contemplation in a hermitage.

Anthony was first recognized for his great gift of preaching at a gathering of Dominicans and Franciscans in 1222. The provincial asked Anthony to give a simple sermon since he presumably had no education and was only 27. The fire within him became evident. His knowledge was unmistakable, but it was the passionate manner in which he spoke that truly impressed everyone. Once his talents were exposed, his quiet life of prayer and penance was exchanged for that of a public preacher. Francis heard of Anthony's skills and re-assigned the young priest to preach in northern Italy. We know that not everyone was impressed by his preaching. Legend has it that one day, faced with deaf ears, Anthony went to the river and preached to the fish! In 1228, at 33, Anthony met Pope Gregory IX in Rome and was invited to speak. He did it humbly, as always. The response was so great that people said that it seemed the miracle of Pentecost was repeated. In Padua in 1231, Anthony preached his last and most famous Lenten sermons. The crowds were so great—sometimes 30,000—that churches could not hold them, so he went into the piazzas or open fields. People waited all night to hear him. A bodyguard was needed to protect him from people armed with scissors who wanted to snip off a piece of his habit as a relic. After morning mass, Anthony would hear confessions. This sometimes lasted all day—as did his fasting and constant prayer. The great energy he expended left him exhausted. He realized death was close and wanted to return to Padua. The journey weakened him and he had to stop at Arcella, where he received the last sacraments, sang and prayed with the friars. When one friar asked Anthony what he was staring at so intently, he answered, "I see my Lord!" and died in peace soon after. He was 36 and had been a Franciscan for only 10 years. His grave became a place of extraordinary devotion and numerous miracles, and Pope Gregory IX, soon declared him a saint. In 1946, Pope Pius XII officially declared St. Anthony a doctor of the church.

<https://www.atonementfriars.org/life-st-anthony-padua/> (edited)

CHURCHES

St Francis Xavier Church, Corio
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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–5.20pm | Corio
6.00pm–7.00pm | Corio
Fri. 5.00pm–5.20pm | Lara
1st Fri. 6.00pm–7.00pm | Lara
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

MOTHER 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
BSB 083 347 | ACC 543 292 126

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) | St Anthony of Padua

First Reading | Exodus 19:2-6

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp. Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 99(100):2-3,5

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading | Romans 5:6-11

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son,

we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation | Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia.

Gospel | Matthew 9:36-10:8

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'



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Welcome to seminarian Nicolas Calandra

Nicolas will stay with Fr Marcus from 13/06 - 12/07



Hello! My name's Nicolas. I'm 27 and in my 6th year of seminary studies. God-willing, I will be ordained a Deacon later this year. I grew up in Avondale Heights, attending Mass at St. Martin de Porres as a child and early teenager. My high school was St. Bernard's in Essendon. I enjoyed my time there. That school started my interest in two things that I still love to this day: running and philosophy (though I prefer theology!). At about Year 10, I started thinking of the priesthood. I decided to go to university after Year 12, and I ended up doing a Bachelor of Arts in History and Philosophy at Melbourne. Finally in 2020 I started seminary. For various reasons, I took a break from formal studies at the seminary in 2022. With permission of the seminary, I went to live in two parishes in Latin America: the parish of La Purísima Concepción, Tlalpan, Mexico City, for 6 months, and the Basilica del Socorro in Buenos Aires, Argentina for almost 3 months. That was a great blessing. I returned to formal seminary studies in 2023, doing a Pastoral Year in the parish of St. Mary's Dandenong in 2024. I love the seminary, but I'm even more looking forward to being a priest one day and serving you. I am so grateful to spend a few weeks at Corio Lara parish and look forward to meeting you! God bless you and be assured of my prayers.

Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession

The Melbourne Corpus Christi procession held last Sunday was a wonderful success. 50 parishioners travelled to the procession by bus, and many more made their own way to the city. Over 6000 people gave public witness to their faith in Jesus' presence in the Eucharist.



WE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN WHO WILL BE BAPTISED IN JUNE AND JULY

Judd, Noah, Daisy, Marcus, Poppy

THIS WEEK 13th & 14th June 2026			NEXT WEEK 20th & 21st June 2026		
5.00pm Corio	Welcome Reader	VOLUNTEER Frank Moloney	5.00pm Corio	Welcome Reader	VOLUNTEER Ben Bekema
9.00am Lara	Rosary Welcome Reader	Georgio Romagnoli Pedro & Jen Jo-Anne Dean	9.00am Lara	Rosary Welcome Reader	Bernie Hyland Angelica Jones Elisa Ballesteros
11.00am Corio	Rosary Welcome Reader	Tony & Trudy Lara & Maricar Ivy Parkinson	11.00am Corio	Rosary Welcome Reader	LOM/Augustino Yara Ramzi Lara Mesoga
<i>Oremus pro invicem</i> The sick Julie Horkings Dalya Ramzi Mina Casciano The faithful departed Pat Phyland Seminarians Rev. Rhys Lowther			 HERE FOR YOU www.kingsfunerals.com.au 03 5248 3444		

Parish Noticeboard

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!

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.

PAT PHYLAND FUNERAL NOTICE. Pat Phyland was been a parishioner at St Anthony's since she moved to Lara in 1991. During the last few years, she has lived at Costa House. Pat passed away peacefully on Wednesday after receiving the Last Rites on Tuesday. Her funeral will be held at St Anthony's at 11am on Thursday 18th June 2026. The rosary will be prayed at 10.40am.

NEWS & EVENTS

NEW THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR. For parishioners who support our Parish using donation envelopes, your new envelopes for July '26 to June '27 will be distributed from next weekend.

NEW CHILDREN'S CHOIR COMMENCING 5TH JULY. Does your child like to sing? Primary-school-aged children are welcome to join our new children's choir. The choir will sing with our young adults at the 11am Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Rehearsals will be held at 9.45am on the first Sunday of each month in the Ron Lowe Room. The first rehearsal and Mass will be Sunday 5th July. To register your child or for more information, please contact Lani on 0404 690 or Ninya on 0431 003 280.

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.corioracatholicparish.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.

OUR ANNUAL FORMED SUBSCRIPTION COSTS \$1,200 - CAN YOU DONATE? 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.

FATHER MARCUS' ANNUAL LEAVE. Fr Marcus will be taking annual leave from Monday 13th July until Monday 3rd August. Details about supply priests and the Mass schedule will be available later in June.

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 23rd June.

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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. There will be no BBQ on Sunday 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.
