



CORIO LARA

CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

21 June 2026

In the Footsteps of Christ

Christian life can never be reduced to an oppressive set of rules which leave the soul in a state of exasperation. Rather, it accommodates to individual circumstances. As well as praying and sacrificing ourselves constantly, we should never lose our supernatural outlook as we go about our everyday tasks. Remember that God loves his creatures. How can a donkey work if it is not fed or given enough rest, or its spirit is broken by too many beatings? Well, your body is like a little donkey, and a donkey was God's chosen throne in Jerusalem, it carries you along the divine pathways of this earth of ours. But it has to be controlled so that it doesn't stray from God's paths. It has to be encouraged so that it can trot along with briskness and cheerfulness. Ask Our Lord to help you to take a tough line with yourself, for love of him; to apply the purifying touch of mortification to everything you do. Ask him to help you spend yourself in his service, silently and unnoticed, like the flickering lamp that burns beside the Tabernacle.

Penance is fulfilling exactly the timetable you have fixed for yourself, even though your body resists or your mind tries to avoid it by dreaming up useless fantasies. It is getting up on time and not leaving for later that particular job you find most difficult to do. It is knowing how to reconcile your duties to God, others and yourself so that you find enough time for each of your tasks. You are practising penance when you lovingly keep to your schedule of prayer, despite feeling worn out, listless or cold. It means being very charitable at all times towards those around you, starting with your own family. It is to be full of tenderness and kindness towards the suffering, sick and infirm. It is to give patient answers to people who are boring and annoying. It means interrupting our work or changing our plans, when necessary, above all when the just and rightful needs of others are involved. Penance consists in putting up good-humouredly with the thousand little pinpricks of each day; in not abandoning your job, although you have lost the enthusiasm with which you started it; in eating gladly whatever is served, without being fussy. For parents and for those whose work involves supervision or teaching, it is to correct whenever it is necessary, bearing in mind the type of fault committed and the situation of the person, not being swayed by subjective viewpoints, which are often cowardly and sentimental. A spirit of penance keeps us from becoming too attached to the vast imaginative blueprints we have made for our future projects, where we have already foreseen our master strokes and brilliant successes. What joy we give to God when we are happy to lay aside our third-rate painting efforts and let him put in the features and colours of his choice!

So, does a Christian have to be mortified always? Yes, but for love. For this treasure of our vocation *'we carry it in vessels of clay, to show that the abundance of the power is God's and not ours. In all things we suffer tribulation, but we are not distressed; we are sore pressed, but we are not destitute; we endure persecution, but we are not forsaken; we are cast down, but we do not perish; always bearing about in our body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be made manifest in our bodily frame.'* (2 Cor 4:7-10)

Homily by St Josemaria Escriva, Friends of God, 1977 (edited)

CHURCHES

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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

Tue. 6.00pm – 7.00pm | Corio
1st Fri. 6.00pm-7.00pm | Lara

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Wed. 5.00pm | Corio

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Entrance Antiphon | Ps 46: 2

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Collect

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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 | 2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 88(89):2-3,16-19

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. R.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
by your favour it is that our might is exalted;
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

Second Reading | Romans 6:3-4,8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.



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Gospel Acclamation | 1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who call you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia.

Gospel | Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we serve you may be worthy of these sacred gifts. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon | Cf. Ps 102: 1

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

Prayer after Communion

May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

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THIS WEEK 27th & 28th June 2026			NEXT WEEK 4th & 5th July 2026		
5.00pm Corio	Welcome Reader	VOLUNTEER Bernard Lewis	5.00pm Corio	Welcome Reader	VOLUNTEER Reno Demicoli
9.00am Lara	Rosary Welcome Reader	John Cook Dee & Zion Arends Rochelle Martis	9.00am Lara	Rosary Welcome Reader	LOM Koekemoer Family Ana Cesar
11.00am Corio	Rosary Welcome Reader	Luce Rasic Aleena & Luka Kim Tancio	11.00am Corio	Rosary Welcome Reader	Diane Vine Yara Ramzi Gudrun Philipp
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NEWS & EVENTS

SILVANA SANTOSPIRITO FUNERAL DETAILS. 11am Tuesday 30th June 2026 at St Anthony of Padua, Lara.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR MARCUS. Fr Marcus celebrated the 9th anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood on 24th June 2017. Thank you for your prayers and good wishes.

NEW THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR. Parishioners who support our Parish using donation envelopes can now collect their new envelopes for July '26 to June '27 from each Church foyer.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES THIS SUNDAY 28TH JUNE. This annual global collection supports the charitable works of the Pope.

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 28th June from both Church foyers.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR REMINDER. Next Friday 3rd July at 6.00pm at Lara, with devotions to the Sacred Heart.

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 690 773 or Ninia on 0431 003 280.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENTS CLOSE ON 1st JULY. 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.

DO YOU KNOW AN ADULT WHO WANTS TO BECOME CATHOLIC? Our formation course for adults who want to become Catholic is called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). This course commences this September and runs weekly until Easter 2027. The course is run by Fr Marcus and lay catechists. To learn more or to register for the course, visit www.corioaracatholicparish.com.au/rcia.

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 next weekend.

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 after Holy Hour. Meet in St Francis Xavier church foyer. Next meeting Tuesday 14th July.

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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 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 18th July. Bring a plate to share.
