



CORIO LARA

CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 9th August 2026

The Voice of Jesus In The Storm

Is it stormy weather with you? Do cares, disappointments, bereavements, deluge you with sorrow? Do spiritual troubles assail you as a hurricane, and drive here and there your harassed soul? Do the winds and the waves beat upon your frail bark, so that it seems about to sink? Listen to the voice of Jesus, who comes to you in the storm, walking upon the waters, and says, "*It is I; do not be afraid!*" The design of religion is to make us joyful. This world is indeed a valley of tears, but the Man of sorrows has visited it that we may rejoice. We are surrounded by causes of alarm, but the gospel bids us fear not. And that which alone can enable us to be joyful amid sorrows, and of good courage amid perils, is the presence of our God and Saviour. To believe in Him as always near, always kind, always mighty to save, is the true and sole antidote to fear and grief. It is only in proportion as we recognize His voice, as that of a friend, saying, "*It is I,*" that we can comply with his exhortation, "*Be of good cheer; do not be afraid.*" Even so, Christians still have to do and to suffer many things, the reason of which is hidden from them. But an obedient disciple will not say, "Why has this been appointed me to do? Why has that been given me to suffer?--for until I comprehend the reason I will not obey the command." Oh, no! His language will rather be, "Lord, what will you have me to do?" If the general of an army often gives orders which, though not explained, are promptly obeyed, shall we presume to sit questioning the will of Jesus, instead of making haste and delaying not to keep His commandments? May we not expect to hear Him reprovingly say to us, "*What is that to you? Follow Me!*"

But the Christian's duty not only sometimes baffles his reason, but also opposes his preferences. How much more willingly would the disciples have remained in the company of their beloved Master! So, in obedience to duty, the Christian may still seem to be a loser, not only in temporal, but even in spiritual respects. His opportunities of religious advancement may appear to be curtailed by a course which, otherwise, he would not hesitate to pronounce his duty to his Saviour. It is his duty still. Apparent consequences do not diminish the obligation of an obvious command. However delightful and profitable the company of Jesus must have been, the disciples gained far more by being obediently absent, than rebelliously near. Obedience is the best kind of nearness. The evening on which the disciples embarked was calm and fair. They must have anticipated a safe and pleasant voyage. Thus how often do storms visit believers, when only calm weather is expected! Our dearest treasures may suddenly be taken from us; our fairest hopes withered in the bud. Sunshine and calm are treacherous--they cannot always last. Do not sailors expect to encounter gales and tempests, and provide themselves with anchors and other things that may be of use in emergencies? How foolish are they who voyage on the perilous ocean of life without the Christian's hope "*as an anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast!*" We should be prepared for storms, that we may not be overwhelmed with surprise and terror when they come. But if Jesus is with us, the most terrific tempest cannot harm us. The profoundest calm is infinitely perilous without Him.

By Cardinal John Henry Newman <https://bit.ly/45693X8> (edited)

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Sat. 5pm (Vigil) | Corio
Sun. 9am | Lara
11am | Corio

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES (11/8–15/8)

Tue. No Mass
Wed. No Mass
Th. No Mass
Fri. 5:30pm | Lara
Sat. 9.15am | Corio

CONFESSIONS

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

1st Fri. 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

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Entrance Antiphon | Cf. Ps 73: 20, 19, 22, 23

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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 | 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 84(85):9-14

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

Second Reading | Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.



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Triumph of the Heart

In the harrowing confines of Auschwitz's starvation cell, Catholic priest St. Maximilian Kolbe volunteers to die in place of another prisoner, joining nine others condemned by the Nazis.

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Gospel Acclamation | Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel | Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon | Ps 147: 12, 14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Prayer after Communion

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord.

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WE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM THIS MONTH

Oliver, Sienna, Toby, Mackenzie, Evelyn and Malachi

THIS WEEK 8th & 9th Aug 2026			NEXT WEEK 15th & 16th Aug 2026		
5.00pm Corio	Welcome Reader	VOLUNTEER Bernard Lewis	5.00pm Corio	Welcome Reader	VOLUNTEER Reno Demicoli
9.00am Lara	Rosary Welcome Reader	Georgio Romagnoli Pedro & Jen Rochelle Martis	9.00am Lara	Rosary Welcome Reader	Bernie Hyland Angelica Jones Val Brennan
11.00am Corio	Rosary Welcome Reader	Tony & Trudy Lara & Maricar Kim Tancio	11.00am Corio	Rosary Welcome Reader	LOM/Augustino Aleena & Luka Joe Brdar
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The sick	The faithful departed Pauline Gilmore		Seminarians Rev. Rhys Lowther		

Parish Noticeboard

FR MARCUS ATTENDING MELBOURNE CLERGY CONFERENCE. There will be no weekday Masses this Tues 11th, Wed 12th & Thurs 13th August. Fr Marcus will be at the Archdiocese Clergy Conference. Fr Marcus will be back for Mass (for the Vigil of the Assumption) on Fri 14th August at 5.30pm at Lara.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 15th AUGUST | HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Mass at 5.30pm on Fri 14th Aug (Vigil) at Lara and 9.15am on Saturday 15th Aug at Corio. Confessions will be available 30 minutes prior to each Mass.

BE COUNTED AS CATHOLIC THIS CENSUS. This week we will complete the national census. For the question about religious affiliation, please ensure you tick the box identifying yourself as Catholic.

PARISH 50th ANNIVERSARY YEAR MASS. Celebrated by Most Reverend Peter A. Comensoli at 11.00am Sunday 30th August at St Francis Xavier, Corio. Lunch to follow in the Xavier Centre. Parishioners are invited to bring a dish to share, and to help with set-up, serving on the day, and pack-up. To assist with planning, sign up rosters are available from both Church foyers. Let's show our Archbishop our famous Corio Lara hospitality!

50th ANNIVERSARY MASS CHOIR REHEARSAL. All parishioners are welcome to join the choir for the 50th anniversary Mass with the Archbishop. If you want to sing with the choir, please attend the rehearsal at 6.30pm on Thursday 20th August at St Francis Xavier.

CORIO WORKING BEE SATURDAY 22nd AUGUST. We will be having a working bee between 9am to 12pm at Corio to tidy up the gardens at the front of the Church and Xavier Centre, in preparation for our 50th Anniversary Mass and celebratory lunch. If you can spare an hour or three, please join us. Many hands make light work!

LEGION OF MARY RETREAT. Members of the Legion are invited to attend the Legion retreat at St Francis Xavier on Saturday 22nd August. The day commences with Mass at 9.15am, includes a talk, Holy Hour and lunch, and concludes at 1.30pm.

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2026. Supporting retired priests, the seminary, chaplaincy to prisons and hospitals, and other initiatives of evangelisation. We will take up a cash collection for the Archbishop's Campaign at Mass on 22/23 August. If you would like to donate electronically, please visit www.melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign. Donation envelopes will also be available in the foyers of each church during August.

DO YOU KNOW AN ADULT WHO WANTS TO BECOME CATHOLIC? Our formation course for adults who want to become Catholic commences in September and runs weekly until Easter 2027. To learn more or register, visit www.corioaracatholicparish.com.au/rcia.

NEWS & EVENTS

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 CHOIR. Primary-school-aged children are welcome to join our children's choir on the first Sunday of each month at the 11am Mass. Rehearsals will be held at 9.45am on the first Sunday of each month in the Ron Lowe Room. Next children's choir: Sunday 6th September. To register your child or for more information, please contact Lani on 0404 690 773 or Ninya on 0431 003 280.

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 on Tuesday 11th August.

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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 9th August. 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 August. Bring a plate to share.
