



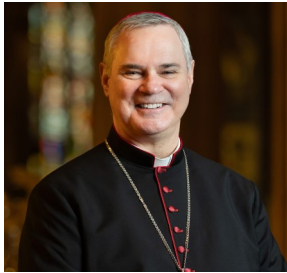
CORIO LARA

CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 23rd August 2026

Preparing to welcome Archbishop Comensoli



Next Sunday, 30th August 2026, we will welcome Archbishop Peter Comensoli as principal celebrant for the 11am Mass at St Francis Xavier Corio. The Archbishop joins us to celebrate the 50th anniversary year of our parish. The last time he visited us was on Sunday 11th July 2021, five years ago.

The visit of the Archbishop is a significant spiritual moment in our lives. By the institution of Christ Jesus, each bishop is a successor of the apostles. Moreover, in communion with the Pope, the Archbishop of Melbourne is the chief shepherd of Catholics in Melbourne. He is our spiritual father, with whom the priests, including myself, collaborate.

St Irenaeus of Lyons (c. 130-200AD) writes beautifully about the role of bishops in his *Letter to the Smyrnaeans*: "See that you all follow the bishop, even as Jesus Christ does the Father... Let no man do anything connected with the Church without the bishop. Let that be deemed a proper Eucharist, which is [administered] either by the bishop, or but one to whom he has entrusted it. Wherever the bishop shall appear, there let the multitude of the people also be... It is well to reverence both God and the bishop. He who honours the bishop has been honoured by God."

The responsibilities and duties of the Archbishop are serious and weighty. We also know that the Enemy attacks the bishops, just as he did with Judas and Saint Peter. In order to fulfil their duties well, each bishop must constantly strive to grow in holiness, relying on the grace of Christ. He must lay his life down for the flock entrusted to his care.

Since the bishop is our spiritual father, we also have the duty to support him. The most important way we show our love and support for the Archbishop is through prayer. In every Mass, we pray for the Archbishop by name. But we should each include the Archbishop in our personal prayers as well. When we pray for others, they receive graces from Christ through us.

There are also meaningful Church customs for greeting bishops in person. When we speak to the Archbishop, we should call him "Your Grace" or "Archbishop". A venerable practice is kissing the bishop's ring. The bishop wears a ring because he acts in the person of Christ the Bridegroom of the Church.

Take the opportunity to talk to the Archbishop during his visit. In particular, you might tell him what this parish means to you and encourage him in his ministry.

Fr Marcus Goulding, Parish Priest

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St Anthony of Padua Church, Lara

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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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CHURCH GIVING (2nd Collection)

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Entrance Antiphon | Cf. Ps 85: 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 | Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 137(138):1-3,6,8

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.

In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. *R.*

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. *R.*

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. *R.*

Second Reading | Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation | Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel | Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of



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the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon | Cf. Ps 103: 13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Prayer after Communion

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. Through Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK 22nd & 23rd Aug 2026			NEXT WEEK 29th & 30th Aug 2026		
5.00pm Corio	Welcome Reader	VOLUNTEER Becky Watson	5.00pm Corio	Welcome Reader	VOLUNTEER Ken McCarthy
9.00am Lara	Rosary Welcome Reader	John Cook Dee & Zion Arends Angela Pearson	9.00am Lara	Rosary Welcome Reader	Volunteer Ana Cesar
11.00am Corio	Rosary Welcome Reader	Luce Rasic Ivy & Tom Gudrun Philipp	11.00am Corio	Rosary Welcome Reader	Luka Brdar
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Parish Noticeboard

NEWS & EVENTS

PARISH 50th ANNIVERSARY YEAR MASS 30/08/26. 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. **We require more volunteers to make the celebration a success. Please add your name to the rosters available from both Church foyers.** Thank you to everyone who has signed up already; a roster will be sent to you early next week.

50th ANNIVERSARY MASS CHOIR. Please arrive to the Fr Ron Lowe Room at 9.30am on Sunday 30 August for rehearsal.

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.

KEN KNIGHT FUNERAL DETAILS. 11.00am Thursday 27th August at St Anthony of Padua, Lara. Ken's family welcome attendance from parishioners who knew him and his family.

SAVE THE DATE—SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER TRIVIA NIGHT. From 7.00pm in the Xavier Centre. Come along and have some fun, while raising funds to support our Parish. More details to follow.

CORIO WORKING BEE. A big thank you to those who came and helped with the working bee on Saturday 22 August! Volunteering is essential to the life of our parish.

STATUE OF MARY HOME VISITS. Provided by the Legion of Mary. Parishioners can host the statue for one week in their homes. Bookings will be taken after the 9am and 11am Masses this Sunday 23rd August from both Church foyers.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DONATIONS. Our local St Vincent de Paul branch is in need of more long-life food donations. Please think about picking up a couple of extra items when you are next at the shops. Donations can be placed in the large white boxes in the foyers of each church.

LAST CHANCE—REGISTER FOR RCIA 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.

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 after Holy Hour. Meet in St Francis Xavier Church foyer. Next meeting Tuesday 25th August.

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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 on 13th September. Thank you to all our generous sponsors.

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