



CORIO LARA

CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 30th August 2026

Fifty years of grace

This Sunday we welcome Archbishop Comensoli for the celebration of our parish's 50th anniversary at the 11am Mass. All parishioners are welcome to join us for the Mass and lunch in the Xavier Centre afterwards. During lunch, we will hear brief reflections on the parish from Frank and Irene Moloney, Shayne and Nely Lowther, Robert and Lina Tancio, and Michael Brooker. We also look forward to the singing of children from our Friday catechism class.

Over the last few months, my thoughts have turned frequently to Fr Ron Lowe and the first years of the parish. One of the things that I find particularly striking is the fact that St Francis Xavier Corio did not have a dedicated church for its first twelve years.

This reminds me of the Israelites journeying through the wilderness for forty years. Before they had land and buildings, they had God and each other. Through those years, God taught Israel that the foundation of their identity was their relationship with Him, not so much their land and buildings. Of course, this was also the experience of the first Catholics: the apostles and disciples. For the first three centuries of her existence, the Church did not have land or buildings either. In those early centuries, the Church was learning that the foundation of her identity was her relationship with Christ, not so much her land and buildings.

Likewise, those first years of our parish's existence remind us that a parish is a community of believers in communion with the Pope who have Jesus at the centre of their lives. The real history of this parish is written in each soul that has encountered, received and responded to the grace of Christ within the territory of Corio and Lara. Here, we walk with Jesus and each other towards the Promised Land.

At the same time, it is important to recognise that our parish facilities are the fruit of your faith, service and sacrifice. Both in Corio and Lara, you have built churches and schools that have now served generations of Catholics. I think particularly of those who helped set up chairs for Sunday Mass in St Francis Xavier school over so many years, of the bingo team who raised much-needed funds, and the committee from St Anthony's who had the vision to build a new church for Lara.

From the beginning of history, God has appointed shepherds to lead his people on his behalf. God raised up Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses and David to shepherd his people. In the same way, Jesus chose apostles to govern the Church in his name. In his goodness, the Lord Jesus has also provided shepherds for this parish: Fr Ron Lowe, Fr Denis Minogue, Fr John Healy, Fr Johnny Joseph, Fr Manoj Kannamthadathil, Fr Pius Kodakkathanath, Fr Rojan Poonattu, Fr Daryl Montecillo, and now me. I am deeply impressed by the faith and love you have for your priests. You see and love Christ the Priest in us.

My sincere thanks to all who have helped plan and organise our celebrations this Sunday, especially the Social Committee, Jasna Brdar, the Tancio family, our sacristans, servers and musicians, and everyone who has provided and served food for the lunch.

May God continue to bless us in the years to come. *Ad multos annos!*

Fr Marcus Goulding PP

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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

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 85: 3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Collect

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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 | Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 62(63):2-6,8-9

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

Second Reading | Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation | cf Ephesians 1:17. 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!



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Gospel | Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon | Ps 30: 20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.



"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him." (John 6:56)

**Let us pray for the children
from St Anthony of Padua School
RECEIVING THE LORD JESUS
IN FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
this Sunday**

Jose, Jack, Nate, Harry, Annabelle (Anna), Marco, Mila, Grace, Finn, Deborah-Rose (Rose), Owen, Molly, Jackson, Penelope (Penny), Amelia, Blake, Hudson, Oakley, Lucas, Emily, Caitlin, Torah, Cooper

THIS WEEK 29th & 30th Aug 2026			NEXT WEEK 5th & 6th Sep 2026		
5.00pm Corio	Welcome Reader	VOLUNTEER Ken McCarthy	5.00pm Corio	Welcome Reader	VOLUNTEER Frank Moloney
9.00am Lara	Rosary Welcome Reader	VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER Ana Cesar	9.00am Lara	Rosary Welcome Reader	Legion of Mary Pedro & Jen Rossana Vasquez
11.00am Corio	Rosary Welcome Reader	Diane Vine TBA Luka Brdar	11.00am Corio	Rosary Welcome Reader	Diane Vine Dalya & Yara Ivy Parkinson
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	Olivia Slee Lucija Brdar		Rev. Rhys Lowther		

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NEWS & EVENTS

PARISH 50th ANNIVERSARY YEAR MASS. Celebrated by Most Reverend Peter A. Comensoli at 11.00am Sunday 30th August at St Francis Xavier Church, Corio. Lunch to follow in the Xavier Centre. Parishioners can drop food off to the Xavier Centre before Mass between 10.00am and 10.50am. Thank you to everyone who signed up to assist with the lunch; a roster was emailed during the week.

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 INFORMATION SESSION. 7.15pm Tuesday 8th September in the Fr Ron Lowe Room. Parishioners aged 16-30 are invited to an info night about the next World Youth Day, to be held in South Korea in August 2027. WYD is a time of great grace, where young Catholics come together with the Pope to learn, pray and form friendships.

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2026. Supporting retired priests, the seminary, chaplaincy to prisons and hospitals, and other initiatives of evangelisation. If you would like to donate electronically, please visit www.melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign. Thank you to everyone who contributed to last week's collection or returned donation envelopes.

PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT—BOOK NOW. Book at coriolaracatholicparish.com.au/trivia. The annual Corio Lara Parish Trivia night will be held on Saturday 19th September from 7pm to 10:30pm in the Xavier Centre. Come along and enjoy a great evening of trivia fun, games, and lots of prizes! Tickets are \$20. Groups of 8 – book for a whole table or just book for a few! BYO alcohol and food. Tea and coffee provided. Strictly over 18 years. Each **member** of the winning table receives a \$50 Coles Myer Voucher.

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2026. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses from 26th/27th September. More details to follow.

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.

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 8th September.

FORMATION

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FELLOWSHIP

CHURCH CAFÉ. First and third Sundays after 9am Mass at Lara. Every Sunday after 11am Mass at Corio. No café 6th September due to Father's Day.

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.
