



# CORIO LARA

CATHOLIC PARISH

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

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 6th September 2026

### *On Fatherhood*

"The divine fatherhood is the source of human fatherhood; this is the foundation of the honour owed to parents." – CCC, 2214

"In revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God, a man is called upon to ensure the harmonious and united development of all the members of the family." – *St John Paul II*

"Love for his wife as mother of their children and love for the children themselves are for the man the natural way of understanding and fulfilling his own fatherhood." – *St John Paul II*

"God is a father who never abandons his children, a loving father who supports, helps, welcomes, forgives, saves, with a fidelity that immensely surpasses that of men, opening up to an eternal dimension." – *Pope Benedict XVI*

"God chooses ordinary men for fatherhood to accomplish his extraordinary plan." – *G.K Chesterton*

"Fatherhood is a vocation in God's service to be not held lightly or frivolously, but with the serious determination of serious men." – *Father Lawrence Lovasik*

This is one of the roles of the Father figure, not to alienate or crush human freedom, but to support it and orient it in discerning choices – *Fr Jacques Philippe*

"A man of prayer is capable of everything." – *St Vincent De Paul*

"A man when he has become a father is no longer just a man. Fatherhood changes a man. When a man becomes a father, his life is no longer just his own- *Fulton J. Sheen*

Happiness is to be found only in the home where God is loved, honoured, where each one loves, and helps, and cares for the others- *St Theophane*

Children learn more by the eye than by the ear. Let your life be their book- *St Francis de Sales*

Where human fatherhood is absent or lacking, as in the lives of many people, divine fatherhood can provide a source for renewal and healing— *Fr Jacques Philippe*

"Perfect married life means the spiritual dedication of the parents for the benefit of their children." – *St. Thomas Aquinas*

We are so concerned with our children's schooling [and worldly success]; if only we were equally zealous in bringing them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord... This, then, is our task: to educate both ourselves and our children in godliness; otherwise what answer will we have before Christ's judgment-seat?" – *St. John Chrysostom*

"We need the words of Another, the words of authority, the words of the Heavenly Father, in order to be truly set free from our faults and be reconciled with ourselves" – *Fr Jacques Philippe*

### CHURCHES

St Francis Xavier Church, Corio  
St Anthony of Padua Church, Lara

### PARISH PRIEST

Fr Marcus Goulding

### PERMANENT DEACON

Rev. Logona Tui'i

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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 (1<sup>st</sup> Collection)

St Francis Xavier Presbytery Account  
BSB 083 347 | ACC 674 963 655

### CHURCH GIVING (2<sup>nd</sup> Collection)

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## Entrance Antiphon | Ps 118: 137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful  
love.

## Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive  
adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons  
and daughters, that those who believe in Christ  
may receive true freedom and an everlasting  
inheritance. 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 | Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as  
follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as  
sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a  
word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I  
say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to  
die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man  
to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin,  
but I will hold you responsible for his death. If,  
however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce  
his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then  
he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have  
saved your life.'

## Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden  
not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us:  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

## Second Reading | Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual  
love. If you love your fellow men you have carried  
out your obligations. All the commandments: *You  
shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall  
not steal, you shall not covet*, and so on, are summed  
up in this single command: *You must love your  
neighbour as yourself*. Love is the one thing that  
cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the  
answer to every one of the commandments.

## Gospel Acclamation | 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to  
himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he  
has entrusted to us.  
Alleluia!



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## Gospel | Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon | Cf. Ps 41: 2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

## Prayer after Communion

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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*A very happy  
Father's Day  
to all our dads!*

*We pray for the eternal repose  
of our deceased fathers.*

| THIS WEEK   5th & 6th Sep 2026 |                                |                                         | NEXT WEEK   12th & 13th Sep 2026                                                      |                       |                                               |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 5.00pm   Corio                 | Welcome Reader                 | VOLUNTEER Frank Moloney                 | 5.00pm   Corio                                                                        | Welcome Reader        | VOLUNTEER Ben Bekema                          |
| 9.00am   Lara                  | Rosary Welcome Reader          | Legion of Mary Pedro & Jen Jo-Anne Dean | 9.00am   Lara                                                                         | Rosary Welcome Reader | Giorgio Romagnoli Pedro & Jen Rochelle Martis |
| 11.00am   Corio                | Rosary Welcome Reader          | Diane Vine Dalya & Yara Ivy Parkinson   | 11.00am   Corio                                                                       | Rosary Welcome Reader | Tony & Trudy Lara & Maricar Kim Tancio        |
| <i>Oremus pro invicem</i>      |                                |                                         |  |                       |                                               |
| The sick                       | The faithful departed          | Seminarians                             | HERE FOR YOU                                                                          |                       |                                               |
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# Parish Noticeboard



**CONGRATULATIONS TO JOSH NERI AND ANGELICA LIMUN** married by Fr Daryl Montecillo at Immaculate Conception Church, Hawthorn on Friday 4th September. Josh attends the 11am Sunday Mass.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE 08/09 TO 11/09.** The parish email and phone will be monitored.

**PARISH 50th ANNIVERSARY. THANK YOU** to everyone who helped in any way for the 50th Anniversary Mass last Sunday. What a wonderful day!

**OLIVIA SLEE RIP.** Please pray for the eternal repose of Olivia Slee, a teacher from St Francis Xavier Primary School, who passed away suddenly last week. Her funeral will be held at St Mary of the Angels Basilica, Geelong at 11am on Wednesday 9th September.

**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 pray, learn and form friendships.

**PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT—BOOK NOW! Book at [coriolaracatholicparish.com.au/trivia](https://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.

**PARISH MISSION 20th—22nd OCTOBER 2026.** We are excited to announce that we will hold a parish mission over three nights from Tuesday 20th October to Thursday 22nd October 2026. A parish mission is a time of personal and parish-wide spiritual renewal. The mission will be preached by Fr Michel Corriveau, currently the parish priest of Mt Evelyn and formerly a priest of the Fathers of Mercy. More details to be announced soon.

**NEPAL FLOOD FUNDRAISING.** Caritas Australia is raising funds for emergency support to communities devastated by the flash floods. Please consider donating <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/nepal-floods/>

**COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2026.** Tickets will be on sale after all Masses from 26th/27th September. Tickets \$2.00 each, books for \$20.00. Fantastic prizes! 1st prize Coles/Myer gift card \$12,000, 2nd prize Coles/Myer gift card \$4,000, 3rd prize Coles/Myer gift card \$2,000, 4th prize Coles/Myer gift card \$1,000, 5th prize Coles/Myer gift card \$500. Raffle proceeds support our parish.

## 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 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. Next meeting at 7.15pm Tuesday 8th September in the Fr Ron Lowe Room includes WYD 2027 information session.

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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. No supper Saturday 19th September due to Trivia Night.