



CORIO LARA

CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 4th October 2026

Pope Leo in France: A Highlight Reel

Pope Leo visited France last weekend, the first state trip to the country by a pope in nearly 20 years. In a short trip, Leo travelled to Lourdes, addressed UNESCO, and visited Notre-Dame Cathedral, among other events on the papal agenda. Here are some highlights from the trip:

A warm welcome. Pope Leo was welcomed in France by large and enthusiastic crowds. The country, in which fewer than 5% of Catholics attend Mass on Sunday, has seen a major surge in adult baptisms in recent years, as well as a rise in new seminarians. According to Vatican estimates, more than 750,000 people attended a papal Mass in Paris on Saturday.



Notre-Dame: A sign of hope. Pope Leo met on Friday with clergy and consecrated men and women at Notre-Dame Cathedral. Recalling the massive fire that devastated the famous gothic cathedral in 2019, the pope said the rebuilding of the famous landmark is a sign of hope and renewal. At the same time, he added, "we must not forget that this Cathedral, like every other church, was built for the purpose of prayer and the worship of God. It is the place where the Christian community celebrates the highest form of prayer and worship, renewing in the Eucharist the redemptive sacrifice of Christ. This Cathedral is not merely a stone structure to be admired; instead, it lives by the sacred mystery celebrated within it. Without the liturgy, it would lose its soul."

The roots of Europe. During his trip, the pope repeatedly called Europe to look back to its roots in order to pursue peace and unity. "We cannot speak of Europe," he said in an address in the city of Metz, "without mentioning Christianity."

Meeting with youth. On Friday evening, Pope Leo led a prayer vigil with youth gathered at the national stadium. Some 80,000 people were estimated to be in attendance. The pope answered questions from young people, and spoke about discernment, evangelization, and the importance of cultivating fraternity with those who do not follow Christ. "Our battle is not a battle against others," he said. "It does not employ the weapons of violence, contempt or oppression. Our only weapon is that of self-giving love."

Lourdes: 'A pilgrim among pilgrims'. Pope Leo spent a little over a day in Lourdes, where he described himself as "a pilgrim among pilgrims." The pope prayed at the site of the famous Marian apparitions, celebrated Mass, met with the French bishops, and led a candle-lit procession. He also warned against the practice of assisted suicide as a way to escape suffering. France adopted a law legalizing assisted suicide earlier this year: "I know that for some of you, because of particular illnesses and, at times, terrible pain, your horizon may appear dark, uncertain and without hope," the pope said. "But no human law should ever make you lose the certainty of your dignity. On the contrary, it is precisely in the name of this inalienable dignity of the human person that we must reject the temptation to cause death under the guise of false compassion."

Michelle La Rosa, The Pillar, 29 September 2026

CHURCHES

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

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Marcus Goulding

PERMANENT DEACON

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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

The Pearl of Great Price

Parish Mission

Over three evenings,
learn how to meet and love Jesus
in daily life.



Talk 1 | Tuesday, 20th October 2026 **Capernaum and Calvary**

Discover how to encounter the Presence and
Passion of Christ in parish life.

Talk 2 | Wednesday, 21st October 2026 **Behold the Bridegroom**

Jesus comes among us in the parish to unite
Himself to us in a covenant relationship.

Talk 3 | Thursday, 22nd October 2026 **Love above all**

United to Christ, we are made like God. Through
parish life, we offer ourselves as a gift to the Father.

7.00pm | Talk commences

8.00pm | Wine & Cheese

The Xavier Centre
143 Bacchus Marsh Road, Corio



Fr Michel Corriveau **Mission Preacher**

Fr. Michel Corriveau came from America to Australia in 2012. He is currently the parish priest of Mount Evelyn in the Yarra Valley. Fr Michel was late to the priesthood. He first spent 15 years in the American Air Force then entered the seminary in Ohio. He was ordained in 2005 for the Fathers of Mercy and spent some years preaching parish missions before being led, by God's grace, to Australia.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

First Reading | Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 79(80)

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R.**

Second Reading | Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation | cf John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia

Gospel | Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?' I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

THIS WEEK 3rd & 4th Oct 2026			NEXT WEEK 10th & 11th Oct 2026		
5.00pm Corio	Welcome Reader	George Underwood Becky Watson	5.00pm Corio	Welcome Reader	George Underwood VOLUNTEER
9.00am Lara	Rosary Welcome Reader	Legion of Mary Carolina & Brianna Ana Cesar	9.00am Lara	Rosary Welcome Reader	Georgio Romagnoli Jen Angela Pearson
11.00am Corio	Rosary Welcome Reader	Diane Vine Dalya & Yara Joe Brdar	11.00am Corio	Rosary Welcome Reader	Tony & Trudie Lara & Maricar Luka Brdar
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The sick Bonnie & Mark Gilson	The faithful departed Millie Marsetti	Seminarians Rev. Rhys Lowther			

Parish Noticeboard

PARISH MISSION | "THE PARISH: A PEARL OF GREAT PRICE" | 20/10–22/10. Refer to the flyer in this Sunday's newsletter for more information.

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2026. Tickets are on sale from both church foyers after all Masses. 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. All raffle proceeds support our parish.

PARISH PUBLIC ROSARY. October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. At 8.30am on **Saturday 10th October**, parishioners are invited to gather outside St Francis Xavier church on Bacchus Marsh Road for a public rosary. We will pray for the conversion of Australia and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES 2026. The annual March for the Babies will be on Saturday 10th October 2026. It will commence at 1pm in Treasury Gardens, Melbourne. It is estimated that 25-33% of the children conceived between 2004-2020 were aborted. The March for the Babies peacefully affirms the right to life of every unborn child, the need for better assistance for women in crisis pregnancies, and the right to freedom of conscience for healthcare workers opposed to abortion.

GEELONG TERTIARY STUDENTS END OF YEAR MASS & DINNER. Catholic university and TAFE students who live in the Geelong region are invited to celebrate the end of the academic year with Mass and Dinner on **Sunday 1st November 2026**. Mass will be at 5pm at Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Geelong. Family and friends are welcome to the Mass. Dinner will follow at 6.30pm at Edge Bar & Restaurant Geelong. Attendance at the dinner is limited to students and partners – booking for dinner is essential at www.trybooking.com/DQKKB. For more info, contact Fr Marcus Goulding corio@cam.org.au.

DEACON RHYS LOWTHER—ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND FIRST MASS. Deacon Rhys has received notice that he will be ordained to the priesthood at St Patrick's Cathedral at 10am on Saturday 14th November 2026. He will then offer his first Mass at St Anthony of Padua, Lara at 1pm on Sunday 15th November. All are invited! A collection for Rhys' gift will be organised in coming weeks.

BUS TO DEACON RHYS LOWTHER'S ORDINATION ON SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER. We are arranging a bus to take parishioners to St Patrick's Cathedral. Tickets are \$25. To book, visit www.corioaracatholicparish.com.au/ordination or call the Parish Office. The bus will leave SFX Corio at 8.15am sharp.

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. Rehearsals are held at 9.45am on the first Sunday of each month in the Fr Ron Lowe Room. Next children's choir: Sunday 4th October. To register your child or for more information, please contact Lani on 0404 690 773 or Nina 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 .

FORMATION

FORMED SUBSCRIPTION. Discover amazing Catholic media content and learn about your faith with FORMED. Access our free parish subscription at corioaracatholicparish.com.au/formed. Thank you to all our generous donors.

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 11th October. Thank you to all our generous sponsors.

SATURDAY SUPPER. Third Saturday of each month following the 5pm Vigil Mass at Corio. Next Supper Saturday 17th October.
