CORIO LARA
CATHOLIC PARISH

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

All Saints' Day
1st November 2026

The three states of the Church

"When the Lord comes in glory, and all his angels with him, death will be no more and all things will be subject to him. But at the present time some of his disciples are pilgrims on earth. Others have died and are being purified, while still others are in glory, contemplating 'in full light, God himself triune and one, exactly as he is' ":

All of us, however, in varying degrees and in different ways share in the same charity towards God and our neighbours, and we all sing the one hymn of glory to our God. All, indeed, who are of Christ and who have his Spirit form one Church and in Christ cleave together. (From Vatican II)

"So it is that the union of the wayfarers with the brethren who sleep in the peace of Christ is in no way interrupted, but on the contrary, according to the constant faith of the Church, this union is reinforced by an exchange of spiritual goods."

The intercession of the saints

"Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness.... [T]hey do not cease to intercede with the Father for us, as they proffer the merits which they acquired on earth through the one mediator between God and men, Christ Jesus.... So by their fraternal concern is our weakness greatly helped."

Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life. (St Dominic)

I want to spend my heaven in doing good on earth. (St Therese)

Communion with the saints

"It is not merely by the title of example that we cherish the memory of those in heaven; we seek, rather, that by this devotion to the exercise of fraternal charity the union of the whole Church in the Spirit may be strengthened. Exactly as Christian communion among our fellow pilgrims brings us closer to Christ, so our communion with the saints joins us to Christ, from whom as from its fountain and head issues all grace, and the life of the People of God itself":

We worship Christ as God's Son; we love the martyrs as the Lord's disciples and imitators, and rightly so because of their matchless devotion towards their king and master. May we also be their companions and fellow disciples! (From the Martyrdom of St Polycarp)

Communion with the dead

"In full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honored with great respect the memory of the dead; and 'because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins' she offers her suffrages for them." Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective.

In the one family of God

"For if we continue to love one another and to join in praising the Most Holy Trinity—all of us who are sons of God and form one family in Christ—we will be faithful to the deepest vocation of the Church."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

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St Francis Xavier Church, Corio
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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday	5.00pm (Vigil) | *Corio*
Sunday	9.00am | *Lara*
	11.00am | *Corio*

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday	5.30pm | *Corio*
Wednesday	9.15am | *Lara*
Thursday	9.15am | *Corio*
Friday	5.30pm | *Lara*
Saturday	9.15am | *Corio*

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday	5.00pm - 5.20pm | *Corio*
	6.00pm - 7.00pm | *Corio*
Friday	5.00pm - 5.20pm | *Lara*
1st Friday	6.00pm - 7.00pm | *Lara*
Saturday	8.45am - 9.10am | *Corio*
	4.30pm - 4.55pm | *Corio*
Sunday	8.30am - 8.55am | *Lara*

THE ROSARY

Tues-Sat	25 mins prior to Mass
Sunday	8.30am | *Lara*
	10.30am | *Corio*

HOLY HOUR

Tuesday	6.00pm - 7.00pm | *Corio*
1st Friday	6.00pm - 7.00pm | *Lara*

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

Wednesday	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

Let us pray

MELBOURNE SEMINARIANS

Deacon Rhys Lowther

THE SICK

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Don Gray (recently deceased)
Millie Marsetti (40 days)
Anthony Murtagh (anniversary)

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The Story of Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 1

Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.

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An offering from the Augustine Institute

Liturgy Roster

THIS WEEKEND | 31/10 & 1/11 2026

5.00pm	Welcome	George Underwood
	Reader	Bernard Lewis
9.00am	Welcome	Carolina & Brianna
	Rosary	Legion of Mary
	Reader	Elisa Ballesteros
11.00am	Welcome	Dalya & Yara
	Rosary	Diane Vine
	Reader	Lara Mesoga

NEXT WEEKEND | 7/8 November 2026

5.00pm	Welcome	George Underwood
	Reader	Reno Demicoli
9.00am	Welcome	Jen
	Rosary	Giorgio Romagnoli
	Reader	Val Brennan
11.00am	Welcome	Lara & Maricar
	Rosary	Tony & Trudy
	Reader	Lara Mesoga

NOVEMBER HOMILY SERIES: PREPARING FOR DEATH AS A CATHOLIC

November begins with All Souls' Day and is a time of special prayer for our deceased relatives and friends. It is a good time to deepen our understanding of how we, as Catholics, approach death. Over the weekends in November, Fr Marcus will preach a series of homilies:

1/11 - Homily 1: "How Catholics prepare for death"
8/11 - Homily 2: "The Catholic Funeral Explained"
15/11 - *Fr Rhys First Mass weekend*
22/11 - Homily 3: "Caring for Body & Soul after Death"

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Parish Noticeboard

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. **Music at the Mass will be provided by Chorus Ecclesiae, a sacred music ensemble from Melbourne. They will perform a selection of sacred music, including Byrd's Mass in 4 voices.** All are welcome to come and experience the beautiful music.

THIS SUNDAY: ROSARY AT FLINDERS MEMORIAL PARK. Led by the Legion of Mary commencing at 10.30am on Sunday 1st November and then each first Sunday of the month.

All SOULS' DAY MASS TIMES MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2026
9.15am | Mass | Lara 7.00pm | Confessions | Corio 7.30pm | Mass | Corio

NEW PROJECTOR TO BE INSTALLED AT ST ANTHONY'S. A new projector has been purchased for St Anthony's. We are expecting it to be installed during the day on Friday 6th November.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED. During November, we pray for the eternal repose of our deceased relatives and friends. The greatest prayer we can offer for the dead is the Mass. When we make a donation to have a Mass offered for our deceased loved-ones, the merits of our sacrifice are joined to the merits of Christ's sacrifice and applied to the souls of the dead, assisting their purification in purgatory. To have Mass offered for your deceased relatives, complete a Yellow Mass Offering envelope from the church foyers, enclose a donation, and give it to Fr Marcus or the Parish Office.

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE. All 1,500 tickets have been sold. Our parish profit from the raffle is $2,250. Thank you to everyone who sold and purchased the tickets! The raffle will be drawn on 5th December. We will publish the results.

BOOKINGS CLOSE 4/11: BUS TO DEACON RHYS LOWTHER'S ORDINATION SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER. We are arranging a bus to take parishioners to St Patrick's Cathedral. Tickets are $25. The bus will leave SFX Corio at 8.15am sharp. Book at www.coriolaracatholicparish.com.au/ordination or call the Parish Office.

COLLECTION FOR DEACON RHYS LOWTHER 7/8 Nov. We will take up a collection at all Mases on 7th & 8th November for soon-to-be Fr Rhys Lowther. The collection will contribute to a parish gift for Fr Rhys.

SIGN UP: WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH LUNCH AFTER DEACON RHYS' FIRST MASS. A celebratory lunch will be held in MacKillop Hall after Deacon Rhys' first Mass at St Anthony's on 15/11. We need people to help set up, serve food, and pack up. If you can help, please put your name on the sign-up sheets in the church foyers.

WE NEED PEOPLE TO HELP COUNT OUR SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST. We are looking for parishioners to assist with the counting of our Mass collections once every two weeks. Counting takes approx. 90 minutes. Previous cash handling experience preferred but not compulsory. Please contact the Parish Office to express interest.

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 8th November. To register your child or for more information, please contact Lani on 0404 690 773 or Nina on 0431 003 280.

DEACON RHYS LOWTHER ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD
10.00am | Saturday, 14th November 2026 at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

DEACON RHYS LOWTHER FIRST MASS SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2026
1.00pm | Mass | St Anthony's, Lara 2.30pm | Lunch | MacKillop Hall, Lara

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PRIMARY SCHOOL 50TH JUBILEE CELEBRATION. All present and past students and their families are invited to join the celebration from 10.00am to 2.00pm on Saturday 14th November. See flyers for more information.

Children & Youth

PARISH PLAYGROUP
2nd & 4th Sundays after the 9am Mass
Contact Angelica 0422 585 223
or Dee 0430 302 969

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS
Primary-school aged children
Fridays at 4pm during school term
in St Francis Xavier foyer

YOUNG ADULTS
Ages 18-30
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month
Meet in St Francis Xavier foyer

Fellowship

PARISH BBQ
2nd Sunday after the 11am Mass

CHURCH CAFE
1st & 3rd Sundays after the 9am Mass
Every Sunday after the 11am Mass

SATURDAY SUPPER
3rd Saturday after the 5pm Mass

Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

First Reading | *Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14*

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm | *Psalm 23(24):1-6*

R. *Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.*

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. ***R.***

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. ***R.***

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. ***R.***

Second Reading | *1 John 3:1-3*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation | *Mt 11:28*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel | *Matthew 5:1-12a*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon | *Mt 5: 8-10*

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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