

Croydon Park Parish

Parish Details

Our Churches:

- St Margaret Mary's**
286 Torrens Rd, Croydon Park
- Mater Dei**
55 Beaufort St, Woodville Park
- St Patrick's**
33 Dudley St, Mansfield Park

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Assistant Priest:

Fr Sam Arockiasamy SdM

Parish Staff:

-Pastoral Associate:

Sr My Vu FdCC

-Sacramental Programme

Coordinator:

Mrs Kirsty Power

-Parish Secretary:

Mrs Paula Noujaim

-Office Assistant:

Mrs Melissa Hernandez

Next Week's Readings

September 24th 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading:

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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Sep 17th 2023

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

First Reading

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7 (JB)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4, 9-12 (JB)

R. The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9 (JB)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENT: We pray for our parishioners **Giovanni Macri , Nicola Lopresti, and Michael Spano** who passed away recently. May they rest in peace and their families be comforted.

ANNIVERSARIES: **Barbara Sowa** (12th),
Jerzy Sowa (9th), **Anna Phan Thi Tram**



OUR SICK:

Please pray for Ken Davey who is having surgery next Wednesday for bladder cancer.

David Scott, Anna Sagesca, Nha Thanh Le, Jim McClure, Hien Vu Thai Nguayn, Roma Sergi, Karen Mesa, Richard Mesa, Paul Nelson, Barbara Nelson, Enza Langone, Samuel Nguyen, Orlando Mammone, Rosina Riccio, Angelina Luppino, Phanxico Phuoc, Salvatore Bobouo, Carmella Mammone, Tommy O'Mahony, Nicolena DiGiovanni, Dam Thi Khuc, Velibor, Boris & Bob Basevski, Giuseppina Candido, John Best, Jean Wishmuller, Mike Kain, Daryll Abrea, Veronica Aguilera, Rosa Greco, Cammi Longford, Alicea Longford, Hung Tran, Giuse Nguyen Thanh Dam, Joseph Patrose, Thomas Peter, Joe Vozzo, Chong Vu, Vince Greco, Marta Aguilera, Gloria Zelava, Viet Nguyen.

Sunday Intercessions

For our young parishioners who celebrate their First Holy Communion today, may Jesus who comes to them in this Sacrament always hold them close to him and give them hearts of mercy.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the parents, families, godparents and sponsors of these children, may they be dedicated witnesses to them through their own faith, love and mercy.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For each other in our family, work and community relationships where difficulties have arisen, that we may receive the grace to be reconciled in a spirit of forgiveness, and both given and received.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Pope Francis, and all who will participate in the Synod at the Vatican next month, that they will prepare with prayer and openness to the Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the people of Morocco and Libya suffering from a earthquake and floods, the people of Ukraine, South Sudan and Sri Lanka still experiencing the terror of war, that peace may prevail.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our departed relatives, friends and parishioners, whose lives and deaths have had an influence on us, that they may belong to the Lord forever.

We remember also ...

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

GOSPEL DISCUSSION

Quite clearly the gospel story is about forgiveness. This is a key element of a community. To 'grow a community' people must be willing both to forgive and to seek forgiveness.

Wanting to get things straight, practical Peter says to Jesus that forgiveness is fine - but surely there must be a limit! After all, surely Jesus couldn't expect his disciples (and us) to keeping forgiving and forgiving and forgiving!

The gospel message emphasizes not only the need to forgive but the willingness to keep forgiving. 70 x 7 = always!

How do you feel about being forgiven by your parents / friends / teachers / adults?

Here are some forgiving phrases - 'I made a mistake' / 'I understand' / 'That's okay' / 'Let's forget it' / 'It's okay'. Keep practicing them in the coming weeks (and years!).

Pray for a forgiving heart! It's not always easy to forgive!

Aligned with forgiveness is compassion. The parable in today's gospel story touches on the importance of compassion - of being able to walk in another's shoes in order to understand their feelings. Think of an occasion when you felt someone really listened to you and understood your feelings.

Jesus wants us to forgive others.

(www.liturgia.com.au)

Our Parish Family

Baptised last Sunday
at St Margaret Mary's, **Eve Branigan**,
daughter of Liam and Hue Errica,
and at Mater Dei, **Selina Andrew**,
daughter of Jason and Antonia.



May God bless these children and their families.



Catholic Charities

September is Catholic Charities Month

Help make a difference to the lives of South Australians.

In the month of September, we are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools.

Please take a leaflet with you to find out more about the September Appeal.

Donations can be made via the reply paid slip on the leaflet, online or use the QR code.



Approaching Dates

First Holy Communions This weekend

Saturday, Sept 16th

-6pm Mater Dei

Sunday, Sept 17th

-8.30am St Patrick's

-10.30am St Margaret Mary's

***Please Note: Large crowds are expected at these Masses for First Holy Communion celebrations.**



Parish Finance Council Meeting

Thursday September 21st

7.30pm ONLINE



Parish Youth Group

Friday Sept 22nd

7pm in the Parish Hall



First Holy Communions Next Weekend

Saturday, Sept 23rd

-6pm Mater Dei

Sunday, Sept 24th

-10.30am St Margaret Mary's

-5pm Mater Dei (Vietnamese)

***Please Note: Large crowds are expected at these Masses for First Holy Communion celebrations.**



Ever Thought About Becoming A Catholic?



Every year we offer an opportunity for people who would like to explore if God is calling them to be baptised (or to become a member of the Catholic Church, if already baptised in another Christian Community). This journey concludes each year with adults being Baptised at the Easter Vigil.

- Perhaps this interest has been at the back of your mind
- Perhaps you want to belong to a faith-filled community
- Maybe the questions of your children, or coming to Mass, has awakened an interest in you

This might be the moment of grace to take that first step and see what happens.

- Parishioners might know a someone who has spoken about becoming a Catholic.
- Or there may be someone whom you think might just be waiting to be asked.

Pope Francis encourages us to reach out – invite people to discover Jesus and the joy of his Gospel. So Share your Faith, Spread the Word, Invite Someone!

For those who are interested, please contact the Parish Office on 8346 0944 or hello@croydonparkparish.com.au

Information Night

7pm Tuesday October 24th, Parish Office.

Mass Times: Sep 19 - 24

Weekday Masses

-Tues

-9.15am

-St Margaret Mary's

-Wed

-9.00am

-St Patrick's

-6.00pm

- St Margaret Mary's

followed by Adoration,

Benediction & Night Prayer

-Thurs

-9.15am

-St Margaret Mary's

-Fri

-9.15am

-Mater Dei

Weekend Masses

-Saturday

-6.00pm

Mater Dei Vigil

-Sunday

-8.30am

St Patrick's

-8.30am

St Margaret Mary's (Polish)

-10.30am

St Margaret Mary's

-5.00pm

Mater Dei (Vietnamese)

Confessions

-Saturday 12 noon - 12.30pm in St Margaret Mary's Church or call the 8346 0944 to make an appointment.

St Margaret Mary's Church can be opened for prayer during office hours (please sign in at Parish Office).

St Margaret Mary's Feast Day

Save The Date Sunday Oct 15th

All parishioners are invited to celebrate this Feast at the 10.30am Mass, followed by our Traditional Multicultural Lunch & Festivities.

CAN YOU HELP???

Please contact the Parish Office to let us know if you can **donate food or help on the day** on 8346 0944 or at hello@croydonparkparish.com.au

Our Parish Schools

Our three parish schools offer a Catholic education from Reception to Year 6. Contact each school for further information.

-St Margaret Mary's School

Principal: Ms Kelly Campbell

5 Eldon Street, Croydon Park (8245 5800)

Playgroup Fridays, 9.15-10.45am



-St Patrick's School

Principal: Mrs Barbara Ahern

33 Dudley St, Mansfield Park (8303 4500)

Playgroup Wed & Fri, 9.30-11.30am



-Whitefriars School

Principal: Mr Frank Congedi

45 Beaufort St, Woodville Park (8178 7700)

Playgroup Tues & Thurs, 9-10.30am





**FREE TO CHOOSE
WHETHER TO MIGRATE
OR TO STAY**

**109TH
WORLD DAY OF
MIGRANTS AND
REFUGEES**

NEXT WEEKEND Migrant & Refugee Sunday

**Every year, The Archdiocese of Adelaide
celebrate World Day of Migrants and Refugees
with Holy Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral
at 2.30pm, on the fourth Sunday in September.**

**This annual multicultural Mass
is a very important celebration
for our church communities in Adelaide
and consequently is live-streamed.**

**The theme chosen by Pope Francis
for the celebration this year is:
“FREE TO CHOOSE WHETHER TO MIGRATE
OR TO STAY”**

**You are ALL INVITED
to join Archbishop Patrick O’Regan
at this special Mass.
Ice Cream and Coffee after Mass.**

Each one of us bring our faith, our culture and our gifts to the eucharistic table – this day is a day to celebrate our diversity but mostly our unity!

In The Mailbox

World Youth Day Q&A Gathering

Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults

The World Youth Day fun hasn't stopped yet!
Come along to a World Youth Day Q&A gathering to share and hear stories from pilgrims who went to World Youth Day Lisbon and the local celebrations –

Wednesday September 20 at 6pm

at the Astor Hotel, 437 Pulteney St Adelaide.

Meals and drinks will be available to purchase on the night.

RSVP by registering at: www.trybooking.com/CLGHP

Silent Retreat at The Monastery

Join us for some quiet, personal reflection on our silent retreat led by Fr Tony Edgar CP and Fr Pastor Mumburi CP.

The retreat will commence with dinner on Friday October 6 and conclude with breakfast on Thursday October 12.

Contact The Monastery office on 8338 8700

or conference@themonastery.net.au

The Voice Referendum

On October 14 2023, Australian citizens will vote in the referendum on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament.

Archbishop Patrick O’Regan is encouraging Catholics to prayerfully reflect on the upcoming referendum and inform themselves from reliable sources such as www.indigenousvoice.church, www.catholic.au or www.voice.gov.au.

One Humanity Charity Concert

Discounted Tickets

On February 6 this year two earthquakes struck southern and central Turkey and northern and western Syria. The confirmed death toll is 50,783 in Turkey and 8,476 in Syria. It is the deadliest earthquake in what is now present-day Turkey and Syria. Natural disasters inflict trauma, claiming lives, shattering hopes and dreams, and devastating communities. Nevertheless, these catastrophic events serve as poignant reminders of our ONE HUMANITY, prompting us to come together, support one another, and seek refuge in times of need. An important charity concert on September 23 at Her Majesty’s Theatre in Adelaide will raise funds for those affected by the devastating earthquakes. The Charity Concert will feature spectacular multicultural performances and will be hosted by Shanelle Franklin (presenter + podcaster) and George Donikian (former radio and television news presenter/personality). Tickets have been reduced from \$70 to \$50. Ticketek Website or Adelaide Festival Centre Website This show is made possible by Adelaide Festival Centre, SA Government, University of Adelaide, Pinnacle College, UNHCR, Australian Relief Organisation, Australian Migrant Resource Centre.

Season of Creation

(From September 1 to October 4)

This year the theme is *‘Let Justice and Peace Flow’*. Attached are some resources for schools, parishes and families, including a great action placemat to print for the kids! Are you interested in joining an **ONLINE READING GROUP** during the Season of Creation? Please see more information ([Click Here](#))