

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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Office Hours:

Mon-Fri 9.30am to 3.00pm

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Fr Charles Lukati

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

October 29th 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51
I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40.

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Oct 22nd 2023

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**Give to Caesar
the things that belong to Caesar
and to God the things that are God's.**

World Mission Day

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95 (JB)

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth.

Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods;

the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power,

give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple, O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



ANNIVERSARIES:

Francesco Visconte (1 month), **A. J. Anthony Joseph, Ancestors, Fr Dominic Duong Vinh Thi, Maria Hat, Vicent Hieu, Vicent Minh, Giuse Quach-M-Trung.**

OUR SICK:

Alwyn Alejo, Ken Davey, 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 Borbouo, 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, Giuse Nguyen Thanh Dam, Joseph Patrose, Thomas Peter, Joe Vozzo, Chong Vu, Vince Greco, Marta Aguilera, Gloria Zelava, Viet Nguyen.

Sunday Intercessions

We pray for all people in our parishes and in our communities that together we can give our time to worship God and to give to God what belongs to God. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Pope Francis gathered with the participants of the Synod that they will explore and give energy to the importance that the Church is always a community on mission to the world. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the whole Church that every member will take up the theme of today's Mission Sunday, "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," and joyfully give witness to Jesus their lives. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for missionaries across the world, especially where they are in danger because of war and violence, persecution and unsympathetic governments, poverty and fear, that the Spirit of Jesus will sustain them. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the suffering people of Israel, Gaza and Palestine, that peace will be theirs through diplomacy, the hostages be returned safely to their families, and all civilians be protected. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our individual and personal prayers in the silence of our hearts... Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for missionaries and their co-workers who have died through violence, and those who died far from their families, that grace and peace will be theirs forever. We remember also... Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

GOSPEL DISCUSSION

The religious leaders were out to discredit Jesus. Recall that Palestine at this time was an occupied country under the rule of Rome. The people of the time were heavily taxed. There were actually three types of taxes imposed by the Roman government: a ground tax (equivalent to 1/10 of the grain and 1/5 of the oil and wine a person produced); an income tax (equivalent to 1/10 of a person's income) and a poll tax (equivalent to a day's wages) and to be paid by every male from the age of 14 to 65 years of age and every female from the age of 12 to 65 years.

How would Jesus respond when asked should people pay their taxes to the Roman government? If he answered 'No', he would have been reported for treason and probably arrested then and there. If he were to answer 'Yes' then he would have incurred the ire of the people who believed that God was their only king and to pay taxes to an earthly king - a Roman king - was paramount to insulting God. Jesus demanded a coin and asked whose image was engraved on it. In those days as soon as a king came to power, he struck his own coins containing his image. The coins were considered to be the property of that king. Jesus said, 'Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.' In other words, we live in the world and that incurs responsibility. We also live in relationship with God and that also incurs responsibility.

Reflect on and share some of your responsibilities and obligations - to your families, to your school to your parish, to other groups to which you belong. How do you fulfil your responsibilities?

How much time do you give to God? How much time do you give to prayer, to reading the bible, to reading stories about saints and other special people? How much time do you give to helping others? Are you involved in your parish? Is there some way you could be more involved?

God wants us to have a special friendship with people and also a special friendship with God.

(www.liturgia.com.au)

Our Parish Family

Baptised last Sunday at Mater Dei Church,
Austin Tran, son of Vinh and Mica
May God bless Austin and his family.



Children's Liturgy

Will be held at each weekend Mass during the school terms for primary school aged children.



Resources for Families

Reflections for families each Sunday have been prepared to reflect on the Gospel and pray together as a family each week. They can be found each week at www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-works-and-community/family-and-parish-based-catechesis/prayer-services



RCIA Information Night

This Tuesday October 24th
7pm in the Parish Office



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@croydonparish.com.au

Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed next Thursday, October 26th due to a staff training day.

Mass Times: Oct 24 - 29

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).

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



Leaving collection This Weekend for World Mission Day



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/timor

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.



THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Thank you everyone for making last Sunday's celebration of St Margaret Mary's Feast Day such a wonderful success. Our Parish Choirs combined their talents and sang beautifully during Mass. Thank you also to the Sacristans, Ministers, Readers, Altar Servers, Collectors, Projectionist, and PPC members. Special thanks also to Edyta for the beautiful flowers arrangements in the Church. After Mass, the congregation followed Fr Charles in a procession to the yard where he blessed the food and our PPC Chairperson, Wayne Psaila, welcomed everyone. We were very blessed that the weather fined up, allowing us to gather outdoors for our shared multicultural lunch. We had an abundance of delicious food from a wide variety of cultures thanks to the contributions of many generous parishioners. Special thanks to the Albanian Dance Group, Filipino Dance Group, Vietnamese Dragon Dancers, Karaoke Singers and Soccer Coach for entertaining us! We were overwhelmed with the help and support we received from so many people: preparing and planning during the last couple of months, setting up on Saturday and Sunday, decorating, bringing food, cooking the BBQ, serving, dancing, singing, playing music, running a soccer match, packing up, cleaning and so much more. It's amazing what we can achieve when we all work together. We are very blessed to have such an active and vibrant Parish Community.

Thanks again to everyone for your support!



In The Mailbox

All Souls' Day Mass

Thursday November 2nd 6pm

Fr Antoni Adimai will celebrate All Souls' Day Mass at Centennial Park in the Heysen, Jubilee Complex. Hymns will be led by the beautiful opera singer Teresa La Rocca and pianist David Fitzgerald. You are welcome to bring a photo of your loved one to place by the altar for blessing.

The Mass will conclude with a blessing of the graves outside the Jubilee Complex and roses will be offered for placement on a memorial or to take home as a memento.

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or call 08 8275 2278 with the number of attendees.

Weekend Retreat At The Monastery

A Retreat will be led by Fr Denis Travers CP on Friday evening and Saturday of **November the 10th-11th, 2023.**

The retreat theme is: Jesus the Healing Compassion of God The input and prayer times will explore Jesus as the revelation of God's deep desire to respond to our pain and bring us to wholeness at every level of our lives and our world. The Retreat begins on Friday evening and concludes Saturday afternoon.

\$170 includes all meals and accommodation for the retreat.

Please contact the office to book on 8338 8700

or conference@themonastery.net.au

All are welcome to join us.

A Celebration of South Australian's Italian Migrants

Sunday November 12th

3pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

The event will be held during the Adelaide Italian Festival week and will honour Italian immigrants and their contributions to the life and vitality in South Australia. In this Mass, we reflect on the significance of our Italian migrants with a focus on the 20th Century Patroness St Frances Xavier Cabrini – protector to all immigrants. Refreshments will be available to purchase after Mass.

Henley Parish Praise and Worship Event

WEDNESDAY November 15

Join with other Catholics from around Adelaide to worship our Lord and to be renewed and refilled with the Holy Spirit. Begins in the hall with finger food from 6:30pm, then into the Church from 7-9pm. There will be live music to support worship and guest speaker Fr Dean Marin, Vicar General, will share a personal reflection, 'What are you waiting for?' Prayer teams and the sacrament of reconciliation will also be available. For inquiries or to register call Barb Conlon 0439 305 543 or the Henley Beach Parish Office 8356 88888.