

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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Sr My Vu FdCC

-Sacramental Programme

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Mrs Kirsty Power

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Mrs Paula Noujaim

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Next Week's Readings

November 5th 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year A

First Reading:

Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 130

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

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Oct 29th 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**You shall love
the Lord your God
and your neighbour
as yourself.**

First Reading

Exodus 22:20-26 (JB)

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51 (JB)

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 (JB)

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

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



ANNIVERSARIES:

Kornelia Stanko (44th), **Giuse Bui Xuan Khang** (9th)

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 the church and its leaders, for Francis our Pope and Patrick our Bishop, that they may preach the word in truth and inspire us by their example of service. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for everyone, that we may follow the commandment of Jesus, to love God and love our neighbour making this the foundation of how we live our Christian life. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray that the cries of widows and orphans, the poor and needy will reach the heavens and also penetrate and convert the hearts of the powerful, rich and comfortable in our world.

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

We pray that peace and love will prevail, and war and violence come to an end, so that the innocent ones who are suffering will find stability, safety and protection. 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 those who died waiting for the Lord Jesus with hope, that glory and peace will be theirs forever.

We remember ...

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

GOSPEL DISCUSSION

Yet again the Pharisees try to test Jesus by asking him which is the greatest commandment. This is an easy one for Jesus! First of all you must love God (here he quotes Deuteronomy 6:5) and secondly, you must love your neighbour (here he quotes Leviticus 19:18). The two commands go together and form the basis of the entire Scriptures... it's that easy!

Loving, of course, is not easy. It can be quite demanding. Recall 1 Corinth 13. Love is patient and kind, never jealous or boastful or rude. Love never seeks its own advantage. To love is to trust, to hope, to endure whatever comes. Take some time to explore some of these concepts with the children.

Discussion:

- Describe the love your parents have for you.
- Describe the love God has for you.
- Share stories about the way other people have demonstrated their love for you.
- Compile a simple list of 'Love is...' statements.
- Discuss the ways we can show our love for others through our words. Give some examples - 'You look great today!' / 'Thank you' / 'I forgive you' / 'Cheer up mate'.
- Discuss the ways we can show our love for others through our actions.
- Discuss the ways we can show our love for God. Share any stories about people who did great or courageous things for God.

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Our Parish Family

Baptised last Sunday at Mater Dei Church,
Antonio Costa, son of Angelina and Francesco.
May God bless Antonio 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



All Saints Day Masses

Wednesday, November 1st

- 7pm -St Margaret Marys
- 7pm -Mater Dei (in Vietnamese)



All Souls Day Masses

Thursday, November 2nd

- 9.15am -St Margaret Marys
- 7pm -St Margaret Marys
- 7pm -Mater Dei (in Vietnamese)

We mark the **Commemoration of All Souls** praying for our departed relatives, friends and parishioners, and all who have died needing God's mercy.

November List

During November we pray for All Souls and we invite you to list those you wish to pray for in the November List Book at each Church.

Each week in November, the Book will be carried up during Mass and placed on the Altar. There are also November Mass envelopes which are included in your set of Thanksgiving Envelopes or can be found in the church foyer.

The envelopes can be placed in the Collection Baskets and those names will then be added to our November List.



Parish Youth Group

Come and join us for our next gathering on Friday November 3rd - 7pm in the Parish Hall
Ages 14 - 30



CROYDON PARK PARISH SENIORS GROUP

Join us for coffee, tea and chats with fellow aged Parishioners.

Monday 6th November, 10.30am at the Parish Office (286 Torrens Rd, Croydon Park)

Aged 60 and over are welcome.

Need assistance with travel? Give the Parish Office a call on 08 8346 0944

Mass Times: Oct 31 - Nov 5

Weekday Masses

- Tuesday -9.15am -St Margaret Mary's
- Wednesday (ALL SAINTS DAY)
 - 9.00am -St Patrick's
 - 7.00pm -Mater Dei (in Vietnamese)
 - 7.00pm -St Margaret Mary's

(Note: no Adoration, Benediction & Night Prayer)
- Thursday (ALL SOULS DAY)
 - 9.15am -St Margaret Mary's
 - 7.00pm -Mater Dei (in Vietnamese)
 - 7.00pm -St Margaret Mary's
- Friday -9.15am -Mater Dei
- 7.00pm -Mater Dei (Vietnamese 1st Friday)

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



Gardening Day

Next Saturday, Nov 4th at 9am

at St Margaret Mary's Church

We need volunteers to help maintain the grounds around the Parish Office and St Margaret Mary's Church. So if you like gardening, please come along.

Every little bit of help makes a big difference!

Morning Tea will be provided.





Vietnamese Martyrs' Feast Day

All parishioners are invited to celebrate the
Feast of the Vietnamese Martyrs on

Sunday November 19th
at 4:30PM at Mater Dei Church

to commemorate the canonization of
117 Vietnamese Catholic Martyrs in 1988.

- 4:30pm -Gathering at Whitefriars school yard
for a procession into the church.
- 5:00pm -Mass starts
followed by refreshments in the school yard.

Sacramental Programme 2024 Enrolments

Families are invited to
enrol their children for the
2024 Parish Sacramental Programme.
Enrolment Forms can be obtained by
contacting the Parish Office
or through our Parish Schools.

Children need to be Baptised,
and in Year 3 or above in 2024.

For more information, contact
the Croydon Park Parish Office on 8346 0944
or hello@croydonparkparish.com.au



In The Mailbox

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.



An Urgent Prayer for Peace

God of compassion,
We turn to you with heavy hearts
As we consider the needs of your family.
Israelis and Palestinians,
we are all your people,
Each of us loved by You

And called to live in peace and justice.

We lament the dreadful loss of life,
Destruction of property and loss of human dignity.

We are pained by so much suffering.

We beg you to bring healing to this ancient place.

Help your people find a way forward.

Enable every one to look each other in the eye,
And embrace each other as sisters and brothers,

As they find your image in every face.

We ask that courage and grace

Will help create a wiser and more gentle future,

Where everyone has a home.

God of wisdom, come to our aid.

Amen.

by Michael McGirr, 2023

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