

# 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

### Parish Office:

- 286 Torrens Rd, Croydon Park  
-83460944
- hello@croydonparkparish.com.au
- www.croydonparkparish.com.au



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### Office Hours:

Mon-Fri 9.30am to 3.00pm

### Parish Priest:

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

November 12th 2023

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
Year A**

**First Reading:** Wisdom 6:12-16.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm  
62:2-8 My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.

**Second Reading:**  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-14.

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13.

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## Nov 5th 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**They do not practise what  
they preach.**

**PRISON SUNDAY**

**First Reading** *Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10 (JB)*

#### **A reading from the prophet Malachi**

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 130 (JB)*

#### **R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.**

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. **R.**

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.

A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. **R.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. **R.**

**Second Reading** *1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13 (JB)*

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

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good news to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel** *Matthew 23:1-12 (JB)*

#### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

# PLEASE PRAY FOR:



**RECENT:** Josefina Calma Lazaro

**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.*

## November List

*During November we pray for All Souls.*

*You can list the names of those you wish to pray for either:*

- in the **November List Book** at each Church (which will be carried up to the altar during Mass) or
- on a **November Mass envelope** (which was 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 the November List in our newsletter.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Di Martino and Di Donato Fam, William Birchmore, Nora Birchmore, Vilias Bill Janonis, Gioam Kim, Linh Hon Maria, Linh Hon Giuse, Paho Lo, Cung tat ca cac, Linh Hon Tien Nhan, Linh Hon mo coi, Maria Bui Thuat Tuyet, Cau cho Linh Hon, Tien Nhan, Linh hon Phaolo, Linh hon Maria, Chau Ai lang, Tran Di ly, Cac Linh Hon Noi, Ngoai ben, Va Cac linh Hon, Linh hon Maria phan Thi Nu, Livia & Emidio Delli Quadri, Giuse Quach Minh, Maria Kim Lien Bui, Gioan son Do, Stephano Ngoan Do, Maria Tinh Tran,

**PLEASE PRAY FOR DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE FAMILIES OF:**

Maria Tibalt, Mr Trinh, Trevino Hernandez Fam,

## GOSPEL DISCUSSION

The Scribes and the Pharisees were recognised experts on Scripture. But when it came to applying the laws and regulations to everyday life, then the problems began. To follow the letter of the law meant following thousands and thousands of rules and regulations - an impossible task and an intolerable burden. Jesus was more concerned with adherence to the spirit of the law.

Jesus referred to the religious leaders as hypocrites - people who said one thing and did something different. Nothing is ever achieved by pretending to be something we are not!

Think about the sort of person you believe yourself to be. If you were asked to write a profile of yourself - what would you say?

Describe what a Christian looks like. How do Christians live? What is important to them? How do they treat other people?

Talk about what it means to be 'sincere'. Give some examples of sincere, genuine behaviour.

Rules and regulations are important but only if they serve a useful purpose and are not a burden to people. Talk about the value of having rules (e.g. road rules) and how they can protect people from danger.

Imagine that you are in charge of the world. What rules would you create?

**It is important to be honest and sincere in all we do.**

(www.liturgia.com.au)

## Our Parish Family



Baptised last Sunday at St Margaret Mary's Church, **Sienna Lily**, daughter of Adam and Monica. May God bless Sienna and her family.

## Next Weekend Family Mass Followed by Refreshments



Please join us for light refreshments after Mass this weekend and enjoy being part of this wonderful Parish community!

## 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](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-works-and-community/family-and-parish-based-catechesis/prayer-services)





## 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

## Sunday Intercessions

That our actions will always correspond to what we profess,  
we pray to the Lord  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That priests, religious and bishops will remember that, like Jesus, they are servants,  
we pray to the Lord  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our elected representatives will seek justice for all, not privileges for the few,  
we pray to the Lord  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we will serve the poor rather than seek approval from the rich and the powerful,  
we pray to the Lord  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

On this Prison Sunday, we remember our brothers and sisters who are incarcerated. May they feel the loving presence of God in their lives and know that they are neither forgotten nor without hope,  
we pray to the Lord  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we will remember the dead for their lives of labor and suffering that they endured for our sakes,  
we pray to the Lord  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

## Mass Times: Nov 7 - 12

### Weekday Masses

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|--------|---------|--|
| -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   |

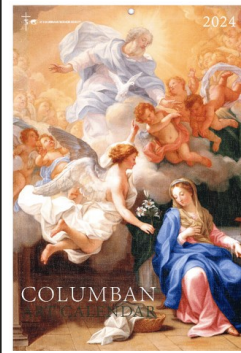
### Weekend Masses

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| -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).***



## **Columban Art Calendars 2024**

Available now in each Mass Centre .  
Only \$10 each.  
These also make  
a lovely Christmas Present!

## The **Southern Cross**

*Living Catholic*

The November edition of  
**The Southern Cross Newspaper**



## **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**



# PRISON SUNDAY

5th November 2023

I WAS NAKED AND YOU GAVE ME CLOTHING,  
I WAS SICK AND YOU TOOK CARE OF ME,  
I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME.'

MATTHEW 25:36 NRSV



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Archdiocese  
of Adelaide

## Sacramental Programme 2024

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](mailto:hello@croydonparkparish.com.au)



## 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.

### What Is Prison Sunday?

In The Year of Mercy (2016), Pope Francis instituted Prison Sunday. The first Sunday of November is now internationally recognised in this way. We come together to remember our brothers and sisters who are incarcerated around the world. It is a powerful witness to our faith to turn our minds towards those who are separated from families and communities and to let them know they are not forgotten. They remain part of The Body of Christ and despite the separation, a part of our society.

### What role do Prison Chaplains play?

Prison chaplains visit people of their own faith tradition, other traditions or spiritualities and no faith background. They offer a listening ear and companionship to those they meet. They provide a trusted, confidential person to talk to. Someone to share their worries and concerns for themselves, their situation and their families. Not uncommonly, chaplains hear that to have someone listen to them, really listen, is empowering and sadly not familiar. Having their life story validated, not judged, helps them to feel respected and worthy.

An experienced chaplain reminds residents "I came to visit you, not your crime." Most times chaplains are unaware of the crime or alleged crime, that sees the person in prison. We are reminded that, but for a different upbringing, or opportunities in life, we all have the potential to make a poor choice and find ourselves in prison. "Where might I be if your story was my story?"

Post release support is an area of great need we would love to develop within our communities.

If you or your parish would like to know more about Prison Ministry, how you might be involved or support the work of the church in this area, please contact Pauline Connell at [pconnell@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:pconnell@adelaide.catholic.org.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 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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.