

# 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:

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- 83460944
- hello@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 19th 2023

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
Year A**

#### First Reading:

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 .

#### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5

*Happy are those who fear the Lord.*

#### Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6.

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21.

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## Nov 12th 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**Look, the bridegroom comes.  
Go out to meet him.**

#### First Reading

*Wisdom 6:12-16 (JB)*

#### **A reading from the book of Wisdom**

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 62:2-8 (JB)*

#### **R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night

for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

#### Second Reading

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (JB)*

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Gospel

*Matthew 25:1-13 (JB)*

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

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

# PLEASE PRAY FOR:



**RECENT:** Please pray for our parishioner **Francesco Campisi** who passed away recently. May he rest in peace and his family be comforted.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** **Antonella Borrello & Assunta Bosco.**

**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, Nicoletta 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**

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:** Mario, Carmella, Lucia and Franco Borrello, Luigi Anna, Italo, Fausto, Natale, Settimio, Domenico and Fernando Coppa, Phero Nguyen Van riem, Maria Nguyen Thi Cay, Phero Nguyen Quang Vinh, Lucia Matta, Giuse, Phanxico Xavier, Dominic Peter, Gioan, Gabriel, Maria Elizabeth, Teresa, Charlie Oueiss, Oueiss Family, Moussallem Family, McNab Family, Johnstone Family, McDonald Family, Carrigan Family, McGuire Family, Stewart Family, Loughlin Family, Son, Arsenio Calibuso Jr, Larry Vaeloy Cabavatan, Dan Dogillo, Les Watson, Reg Chetwood, Anastacia, Anastacio, Eustaquia, Gaudencio, Bacho Family (Erlinda, Valeriano, Paciencia, Arturo, Socorro, Eliza, Cesar, Madelyn), Anthony Lawrence, LourMary, David Lawrence, Ezabella, Esther, Fathima, Pezlin, Isaias, Kennett, Michael, Phelomena, Gabriel, Rita Mary Family, Livia and Emidio Delliquadri, Manicolo Family (Joseph, Jessie, Anthony, Hazel), Gauci Family (George, Paddy, Carmen, Paul, Geroge Jr), Meril Frith, Joyce Rudland, Sagarino Family (Felipa, Rowena, Evelyn, Carlos), Sam Santillo, Norma Allen, Regine S Dano, Tiya Eyay, Tiyo Emoy, Tiyo Roming, Vicente Maria Duong Van Nhuong, Maria Duong Thi Hat, Vicente Huynh Luc Hung, Vicente Duong Cao Thin, Vicente Duong Van Minh, Augustino, Gjek Pjetri, Mri Luca, Vitore Noja, File Gjeka, Nikoll Gjeka, Gjovalin Pjetri, Roz Kola, Drane Noka, Gjak Marku, Gjyste Leka, Pashk Gjoka, Eduart Marku, Mark Gjergji, Len Marka, Mar Murra, Da Minh & Maria, Phero Nguyen Van Phuc, Michael, Anna Duong Ngoc Ang, Julie, Nguyen Thi Nhan, Thai Thien Hoang, Nguyen Van Thach, Thai Thien Ngan, Micae Nguyen Van Minh, Maria Pham Thi Chat, Heironimo Dam Van Vuc, Maria Bui Thi Thin, Heironimo Dam Van Chieu, Maria Dam Thi Khich, Phero Vu Van Hai, Maria Ngo Thi My, Maria Tran Thi Ly, Maria Dam Thi Khung, Maria Dam Thi Khinh, Heironimo Dam Van Tuong, Phero, Gionbastisita, Phero, Giuse, Maria, Daminh, Maria, Anton, Maria, Giuse Nguyen Quy Canh, Maria Nguyen Thi An, Maria Ha Thi Huong, Maria Vu Thi Kim Anh, Maria Nguyen Thi Thu Thuy, Phaolo Bui Quy Loc, Augustino Vu Ngoc Hoang, Augustino Vu Ngoc Minh Thai, P.M. Thomas, Abraham, Gracie, George, John, Ommen, Varghese, Alekama, George, Therkama, Podiyem, Kunjuku, Mathai, John, Thankama, P.M. George, Pappachan, Rosanna, Chacko, Rahelamma, Bini, Mylam Amma, Chinnamma, Thankama, Mahai, Saramma, All Souls and Ancestors.

**PRAY FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FAMILIES OF:**

Noujaim, Mouarbis, Irene Johnstone, Thinh Pham, QH Nguyen and H Nguyen, Maria Hue, Ngan T Nguyen, Varghese.

# GOSPEL DISCUSSION

Jesus used parables or stories to challenge and provoke a response.

The story centres on ten bridesmaids, five of whom are called 'wise' and the other five 'foolish'. According to the gospel story all bridesmaids took oil for their lamps but only five of them took extra oil. It is these women that the gospel calls 'wise'. But are they?

The story says that the bridegroom was late in arriving so five of the women ran out of oil for their lamps. Had the groom been on time, all the women would have had enough oil. But he was delayed and so the women needed to wait longer than expected. These things happen in life! Five women took extra oil. It is quite reasonable to suggest that these were the rich ones who could afford the luxury of surplus! Were they 'wise' or were they just plain wealthy? The five who didn't have enough oil sought assistance from those who had plenty - but were refused. They then went out, in the middle of the night and somehow, somewhere found more oil! How resourceful! Could such enterprising behaviour really be deemed 'foolish'?

In today's world - who would parallel the five 'wise' women? Who are the ones who have more than enough but who refuse to share? Could this be a reference to many First world countries who, each year, destroy huge quantities of food - enough to feed the rest of the world? And who would parallel the five 'foolish' women who were resourceful enough to go out and find a way to achieve their goal - because those who had plenty refused to share?

The gospel passage ends with 'Be ready!' The kingdom calls us to generosity and to compassion, not to selfish concealment of surplus goods and gifts. It would seem that the essential message of this gospel story is a call to hospitality and to the sharing of gifts. The kingdom is not meant to consist of the wealthy and the poor - all are to share so that all have enough.

**God gives each person gifts to use for their own benefit but also to help others.**

## Our Parish Family

Baptised last weekend at St Margaret Mary's Church, **Liam**, son of Xuan and Tran; **Archer Blake**, son of Luke and Melissa; and in Mater Dei Church, **Eliana Iolanda**, daughter of John and Loretta. May God bless them and their families.



## 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) (copy and paste the link into your web browser.)



# Sunday Intercessions

For each other, that we may be always ready to meet the Bridegroom of the Church, Jesus Christ, with our lamps aflame with good works. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those affected by natural disasters, war and conflict, may they find safety through the help of others and peace through the spirit of the Lord. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the students facing exams. May their study and efforts bring the fruits of success and joy in their results. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those on the journey to become Catholic, that they may be blessed with the gift of Wisdom and grow in understanding through their daily experiences. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

For those who have died in recent accidents, or through the ongoing wars, that God may bring them to himself through Jesus Christ. We remember especially those on our November list. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our newly initiated, who have journeyed with us to celebrate Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion this year, that they may continue to grow in the gifts of the Spirit and be nourished at the Lord's table. Lord hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

## Sacramental Programme

### First Holy Communion

Two children will be celebrating their First Holy Communion at St Margaret Mary's this Sunday. We ask that Jesus may always hold them close to him and give them hearts of mercy.



### Welcome

We welcome the children who completed the Sacramental Programme this year to our Family Mass this weekend. May these newly initiated members of our parish, be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and become shining lights of faith in the world.

### 2024 Enrolments

Families are invited to enrol their children for the 2024 Parish Sacramental Programme. Enrolment Forms available through Parish Office or Parish Schools. Children need to be Baptised, and in Year 3 or above in 2024. For more information, contact the Parish Office on 8346 0944 or [hello@croydonparkparish.com.au](mailto:hello@croydonparkparish.com.au)

## Mass Times: Nov 14 - 19

### Weekday Masses

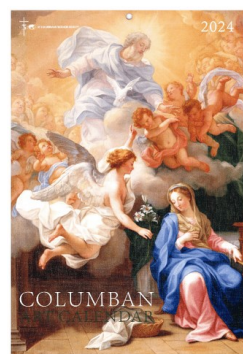
-Tues	-9.15am	-St Margaret Mary's
-Wed	-9.00am	-St Patrick's
	-6.00pm	- St Margaret Mary's followed by Adoration, Benediction & Night Prayer
-Thurs	-9.15am	-St Margaret Mary's
-Fri	-9.15am	-Mater Dei

### 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).**



## Columban Art Calendars 2024

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

## 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

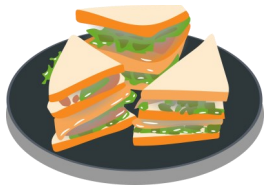
Principal: Mr Frank Congedi  
45 Beaufort St, Woodville Park (8178 7700)  
**Playgroup Tues & Thurs, 9-10.30am**



A small number of places have recently been made available in Reception for 2024 at St Margaret Mary's School.

Please contact Angela (8245 5800) for more information [info@smms.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@smms.catholic.edu.au)





## Family Mass This Weekend

There will be **light refreshments this weekend** following the

- Sat 6pm Mass at Mater Dei (Nov 11th)
- Sun 8.30am Mass at St Patrick's (Nov 12th) &
- Sun 10.30am Mass at St Margaret Mary's (Nov 12th)

### PLEASE JOIN US

- Bring a plate of food to share.
- Get to know your fellow parishioners.
- Eat, drink, relax and enjoy yourself.
- Help out, it's a great way to serve God.



## Vinnies Christmas Appeal



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

### LEAVING COLLECTION NOV 26TH

Please give generously to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal which will be held on the weekend of November 25th/26th. There is no doubt that prices have risen and many families are finding it hard to pay bills and put food on the table.

There will be envelopes at the back of the Church or you can donate online at [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au).

*Thank you for your generosity.*



## 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 hall.

### Child Protection Volunteer Briefing

Open 90-minute volunteer briefing scheduled for  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of November**  
**6.30 - 8pm**  
**Adelaide Cathedral Hall**  
**39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide.**

Any volunteers from who are interested in attending this training, are welcome to contact Child Protection Unit to register either on 8210 8159 or [childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

Volunteers will need to provide the following details:

- First and last name
- Parish
- Volunteer role
- Contact telephone number

Training received through this 90-minute briefing is valid for three years and if a volunteer has attended a Child Safe Environments or RRHAN training within the past 3 years they do not need to attend a Volunteer Briefing.

## In The Mailbox

### Memorial Mass

**for Deceased Bishops, Clergy & Religious**  
**WEDNESDAY November 15**

5.45pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

All are welcome to attend a Mass in honour of all deceased Bishops, Clergy and Religious in our Archdiocese. For more information contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or via email [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au).

**Henley Beach Parish Praise and Worship Evening**  
**WEDNESDAY November 15**

We will begin in the hall with finger food from 6.30pm to allow for a time of connection and then into the Church from 7-9pm. There will be live music to support worship and our guest speaker Fr Dean Marin, Vicar General. [Register Here](#) you have any questions please don't hesitate to call Barb Conlon 0439 305 543 or the Henley Beach Parish Office 8356 8888.

**Vocations Prayer Vigil at St Francis Xavier Cathedral**  
**FRIDAY November 24**

Will commence at 5.15pm with the Evening Prayer of the Church and then Mass at the usual time of 5.45pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to conclude with Benediction at 8.15pm. Supper in the hall will follow and conclude the night. All are welcome to join this Vocations Prayer Vigil at anytime during the evening to celebrate and discern God's Call

### Advent Retreat

**SATURDAY December 16**

9:15am - 3:30pm

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church  
420 Seaview Road Henley Beach.

Topic: Don't be Afraid, Mary; The day will include talks given by Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal mfs, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Reflection, Reconciliation, Benediction, Prayer Ministry. Bring your own lunch tea/coffee provided. Enquiries 0403002240 by 14th Dec.