

# 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
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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 26th 2023

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe, Year A**

#### First Reading:

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

#### Responsorial Psalm: 22:1-3, 5-6

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

#### Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

#### Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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## Nov 19th 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**Because you have been  
faithful over a few things,  
enter into the joy of the Lord.**

#### First Reading

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

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

A perfect wife - who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 127:1-5*

#### **R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;

your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. **R.**

#### Second Reading

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons,' since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is,' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

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

#### Gospel

*Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21 (JB)*

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

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness.'" The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



## WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

**"Do not  
turn your  
face away  
from anyone  
who is poor"  
(Tob 4:7)**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:



**RECENT:** Please pray for **Roberto Candiago** who passed away recently. May he rest in peace and his family be comforted.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** **Shaylah Rose Hennessy** (14th)

### OUR SICK:

*Franco Zardo, Alwyn Alejo, Ken Davey, David Scott, Anna Sagesca, Nha Thanh Le, Jim McClure, Hien Vu Thai Nguen, Roma Sergi, Karen Mesa, Richard Mesa, Paul Nelson, Barbara Nelson, Enza Langone, Samuel Nguyen, Orlando Mamnone, Rosina Riccio, Angelina Luppino, Phanxico Phuoc, Salvatore Borbouo, Carmella Mamnone, 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:** **Buddy Burkhardt, Louis Sadaj, Guerino, Gabriela, Gisella & Dante Tibalt, Gaetano, Rossini, Lepore Family, Vasel Matana, Maria Le Thi Be Nam, Clare Bracken, Phero Nguyen Van Son, Maria Nguyen T Tiu, Giuse Vinh Nguyen, Toma Quynh Vu, Toma Vinh Vu, Dominic Tang Vu, Phanxico Tinh Vu, Maria Nga Nguyen, Maria Tuoi Nguyen, Cindy & Van Barcelon, Nick, Estilita, Clara, Apolinar, Cristina, Paterno, Ricardo & Gena Borden, Xavier & Stephanie Lewis, Pius, Antony & Raphael Lewis, Charles & Irene Cardoza, Suresh Nawda, Amita Lewis, Joseph & Mary Rodrigues, Sr Ruth & Sr Biningna, Rachel & Ignisius Rodrigues, Favostino, Eveline, Simon & Serphine Rodrigues, Jacinta Saldana, Stella Gomes, Sydney Nath, Marian, Eugene, Dolphie, Duong Ly, Duong Thi Lieu, Tran Thi Vui, Vu Van Chinh Daminh, Ngo Thi Dan Maria, Bui Tuan Daminh, Bui Chuc Daminh Cam, All Souls & Ancestors.**

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

Matana, Mizgalski, Konarski, Saraullo, Possemato, Caporella & Lepore.

## GOSPEL DISCUSSION



Jesus tells another parable. This time a man is about to go abroad and so he calls his servants to him and gives them each something to look after.

He gives the first servant 5,000 gold coins. He gives the second servant 2,000 gold coins. And the final servant 1,000 gold coins. What did the servants do with the money they had been given?

The first one used the 5,000 coins he had been given and made 5,000 more. So he gave the master back 10,000 coins all together. The second one used the 2,000 coins he had been given and made 2,000 more, giving the master back 4,000 coins all together. The final servant hid his 1,000 coins in the ground. When his master came back he dug the money up and returned it to him.

How did the master react? Why do you think he was so angry?

In some versions of the story instead of talking about gold coins, it uses the word "talents". A talent was a word for money in Jesus' time. This story is sometimes known as the "Parable of the talents".

What do you think Jesus is trying to tell us in this parable?

Jesus is telling us that it is important to use the gifts that God has given us. We are all good at different things. We all have different skills and talents. **What is your talent?**

Some of us are good at singing, some of us are good at sport. Some of us are good at dancing, some of us are good at drawing. Some of us are good at baking, some of us are good at building Lego. Some of us are good at speaking out when we see that something is wrong or unfair, some of us are good at helping others.

**Whatever your talent is, Jesus is saying that it is important not to hide our talents from others** – to just keep them to ourselves and never let them grow. Instead, it is by going out into the world, by sharing our talents and using our skills to help others that we serve God.

([www.cafod.org.uk/childrensliturgy](http://www.cafod.org.uk/childrensliturgy))

## Our Parish Family

Baptised last weekend at St Margaret Mary's Church,  
**Mason Joel**, son of Jon and Ngoc Linh and  
**Caleb Van**, son of James and Ngoc Lan.  
May God bless these children and their families.



## Columban Art Calendars 2024

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# Sunday Intercessions

Lord God, we give you thanks for all the gifts to us:  
the gifts of your word, your power and your love.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Pope Francis in his leadership of concern and passionate  
appeals on behalf of the poor.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the poor in our midst, struggling families, the aged, the young,  
and people now homeless, that we will see their need and share from  
our resources.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For an end of violence and war,  
and for peace for everyone.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this assembly,  
that God may empower us to build a more humane world.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have gone before us in the discipleship of Christ,  
that God may grant them refreshment, light and peace.  
We remember especially all those on our November list.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

## Mass Times: Nov 21 - 26

### Weekday Masses

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

### Weekend Masses

<b>-Saturday</b>	-6.00pm	Mater Dei Vigil
<b>-Sunday</b>	-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).*

## Sacramental Programme 2024

Families are invited to enrol their children for  
the 2024 Parish Sacramental Programme.  
Enrolment Forms are available through the  
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



## 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**



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# Vietnamese Martyrs' Feast Day

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

**This Sunday**

**Nov 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.



## Calling All Angels and Shepherds

Children who would like to take part in the Gospel re-enactment at the  
Christmas Eve Vigil, 6.30pm at St Margaret Mary's Church,  
please contact the Parish Office or see Vicky Manalo  
after Mass at St Margaret Mary's.

**The more the merrier!**

# Vinnies Christmas Appeal



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

## LEAVING COLLECTION **NEXT WEEKEND**

Please give generously to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal  
which will be held next weekend.

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).

Also, Croydon St Vincent DePaul members  
are hoping to deliver hampers of Christmas foods and gifts  
to add a little cheer to that special day.

In each Church, you will find donation baskets  
for Christmas treats such as ham, mince pies,

Christmas cake and pudding, custard,  
coffee, tea, biscuits and tinned fruit.

If you have a thought for the Mums and Dads, please add a  
wrapped gift in the baskets, marked for which gender.

Your generosity will be richly rewarded. Thank you.

## **In The Mailbox**

### 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, Henley Beach.

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

### Advent Reflections

**Wednesdays of Advent**

**(November 29, December 6, 13, 20) - 90min sessions**

10am at the Mercy Centre, 4 Victoria St, Mile End and  
7pm, Hallett Cove Catholic Church foyer.

A series of Advent reflections looking at the significance of  
Christmas in the context of 'The Big Story of the Universe' -  
how do we connect the Big Bang to the stable in Bethlehem  
and Adelaide in 2023?

Each session will include prayer, reading, reflection, sharing  
and discussion. More info at [Kevin.liston1@gmail.com](mailto:Kevin.liston1@gmail.com)  
or Ph: 0411 197 829.



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