

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
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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



Dec 3rd 2023

1st Sunday of Advent, Year B

Stay awake!
You never know when the Lord will come.

First Reading

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down - at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours is like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see,

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

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

Gospel

Mark 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

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

Next Week's Readings

December 10th 2023

2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84
Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

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ADVENT BOOKLETS

The Pastoral Services Team of the Adelaide Archdiocese are pleased to produce a **FREE Advent Reflection Booklet.**

The booklet includes weekly scriptures, prayers and group reflections.

It's a beautiful resource to help prepare your hearts and homes for the birth of Jesus Christ. The booklets are now available in each of our Churches.

Take one home today!



PLEASE PRAY FOR:



RECENTLY DECEASED:

OUR SICK:

Franco Zardo, 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 Mammine, Rosina Riccio, Angelina Luppino, Phanxico Phuoc, Salvatore Borbouo, Carmella Mammine, 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

Please pray for Theresa, Micheline, Antonio & Luigi Locampo, Giuliz & Pasquale Impapnatiello, Theresa & Simon Agius, Lucas Masiyanise, Edith Mari, Theresa Masiyanise, Lucas, Edith, Steven, Theresa, Emily, Gibson, Eunice, Phanuel, Prisca, Hilda, Michael & Susan.

Sunday Intercessions

We pray for a right spirit as we enter this time of Advent, that prayer will enlighten us, increase our charity, sustain our hope, make firm our courage, and help us to witness to Jesus Christ.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that people with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions offer inclusion programs that enhance their active participation.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our Holy Father, our local bishop and our pastors, that they may truly lead and guide us in this new Church year.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for teachers, preachers and all witnesses to Christ who help ensure that the Church is enriched with spiritual gifts as we await the Lord's return.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the homebound and hospitalised of our parish and for all those who care for them.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died recently and for loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

GOSPEL DISCUSSION

Today we celebrate the beginning of the church's liturgical year. Advent is a season of joy and expectation. It is a time of preparing for and anticipating the birth of Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas.

In family life, we try to prepare ourselves for many future things: our next vacation, our children's education, our retirement. Today's Gospel reminds us that we are called to be just as attentive and alert to the coming of the Son of Man so that it will not catch us unprepared. This means attending to our family's spiritual life as carefully as we attend to other important family matters.

'Advent' is a Latin word which means coming. When Advent comes, we know that Christmas and the holidays are not very far away! It is an exciting time as we eagerly await the joy of Christmas.

Advent challenges us to 'Get ready' to welcome Jesus in people and experiences. The gospel warns us to be on our guard and to be ready. Be ready for what? The reading from Corinthians also reminds us that we are 'partners' with Jesus. Jesus needs our help in the world. When we see kindness in a person, we see Jesus. When we see love and laughter in someone, we see Jesus. When we feel their friendship and enjoy their help, this is Jesus helping us.

**What is something you do to be ready
to receive Jesus?**

(www.liturgia.com.au)



NATIVITY ANGELS & 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. Rehearsal times to be advised next week.

The more the merrier!



PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED!

FOOD, DRINKS AND DESSERT!

ENTERTAINMENT!

ADELAIDE YOUTH
Christmas
PARTY
15 DECEMBER, 2023
6.30PM
CROYDON PARK PARISH HALL
CORNER OF LIBERTON AVE
& TUNGARA AVE
FOR AGES 12-35
\$15 PER TICKET



U18'S MUST HAVE PARENTAL CONSENT



Mass Times: Dec 5 - 10

Weekday Masses

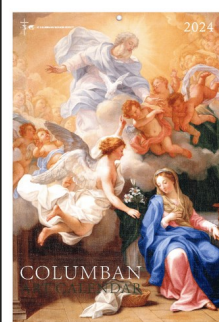
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| -Tues | -9.15am | -St Margaret Mary's |
| -Wed | -9.00am | -St Patrick's |
| | -6.00pm | - Mater Dei
followed by Adoration,
Benediction & Night Prayer |
| -Thurs | -9.15am | -St Margaret Mary's |
| -Fri | -9.15am | -Mater Dei |

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.
Please note the change of Church for Wednesday 6th December. Mass, Adoration, Benediction and night prayers will take place at Mater Dei due to a clash of a SMM school event.



2024 Columban Art Calendars

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

Volunteers' Mass

A time to celebrate and give thanks for all our volunteers.

All our parish volunteers are invited

Wednesday Dec 20th
6:00pm Mass
at St Margaret Mary
followed by a shared
dinner in the Hall.
Please bring a plate of food to share.



Farewell Sr MY

Sunday, December 17th

There will be cake and coffee to say thank you to Sr My for all hard work she has done for our Croydon Park Parish Community, she will be greatly missed!

Everyone will have their chance to say goodbye during the day either at:

St Margaret Mary's Hall after 10:30am Mass or
St Joseph's Centre after 5:00pm Vietnamese Mass.

Keep Sr My in your prayers!

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



CROYDON PARK PARISH SENIORS GROUP

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

**Monday, Dec 4th, 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

Family Mass Next Weekend Followed by Refreshments

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



2024 Sacramental Programme

Enrol your children now for the 2024 Parish Sacramental Programme. Enrolment Forms are available through Parish Office, Parish website www.croydonparkparish.com.au or through the 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 Family

Baptised last weekend at St Margaret Mary's Church, **Patrick O'Shea**, son of Glenn & Tenealle, and in Mater Dei Church, **Ashton Nguyen** son of Lam and Phuong & **Alexander Nguyen**, son of Huy and Jessica. May God bless these children and their families.



VINNIES THANKS YOU

The Croydon Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society sincerely thanks all our parishioners for their generous donations towards the Vinnies Christmas Appeal last weekend which raised **over \$1700.**



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

Confessions

During Advent

St Margaret Mary's		
-every Saturday		12 pm
Mater Dei		
-Saturdays	December 9 th & 16 th	5.15pm - 5.45pm
-Sundays	December 10 th & 17 th (in Vietnamese)	4.15pm - 4.45pm
St Patrick's		
-Sundays	December 10 th & 17 th	8am - 8.20am

4th Advent Masses

Sunday, December 24th

-8.30am	St Patrick's Church	(English)
-8.30am	St Margaret Mary's Church	(Polish)
-10.30am	St Margaret Mary's Church	(English)

Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday, December 24th

-6.30pm	St Margaret Mary's Church (Carols from 6pm)	(English) Family Mass
-7.00pm	Mater Dei Church (Carols from 6pm)	(Vietnamese)
-10.00pm	Mater Dei Church (Carols from 9.30pm)	(English) Night Mass

Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25th

-8.30am	St Patrick's Church	(English)
-8.30am	St Margaret Mary's Church	(Polish)
-10.30am	St Margaret Mary's Church	(English)

Boxing Day Mass

Tuesday, December 26th

-8.30am	St Margaret Mary's Church	(Polish)
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Holy Family Masses

Sat/Sun, Dec 30th/31st

Sat	-6.00pm	Mater Dei Church	(English)
Sun	-8.30am	St Patrick's Church	(English)
	-8.30am	St Margaret Mary's Church	(Polish)
	-10.30am	St Margaret Mary's Church	(English)
	-5.00pm	Mater Dei Church	(Vietnamese)

New Year's Day Mass

Monday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

-8.30am	St Margaret Mary's Church	(Polish)
-10am	Mater Dei Church	(English) <u>followed by refreshments</u>