

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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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

December 17th 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent, Year B

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1:46-50, 53-54
My soul rejoices in my God.

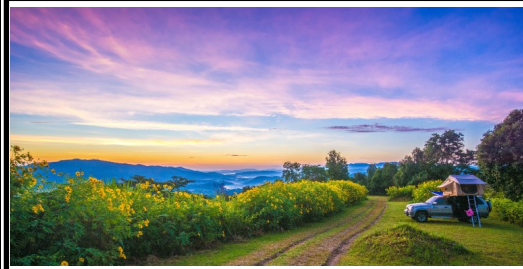
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

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Dec 10th 2023
2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B

**Make straight
the paths of the Lord**

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah,

'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-14

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

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

Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



ANNIVERSARIES: Gjyste Leka (19th)

RECENTLY DECEASED:

OUR SICK:

Franco Zardo, Ken Davey, David Scott, Anna Sagesca, Nha Thanh Le, Jim McClure, Hien Vu Thai Nguelyn, 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

That the Church will, in these days of Advent, repent of her sins, seek the gift of wisdom, and be committed to justice and mercy.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the words and actions of the women and men of our time give fearless witness to the Gospel, and like John the Baptist may open the hearts of many.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That as we celebrate Human Rights Day every person will be treated with respect and flourish as their rights are protected.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we will cry out to God a plea for peace everywhere in the world.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we all appreciate God's creation and protect it.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the recently deceased and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

GOSPEL DISCUSSION

Today we hear about John the Baptist and how he was a messenger for God, preparing people for the coming of Jesus. What do you remember about John in this reading?

- What does he wear?
- What does he eat?
- What does he do in the river?
- How do we prepare during Advent?

We put up a Christmas tree and decorate it. We buy presents for other people and we wrap them up.

When John the Baptist began to prepare the way for Jesus, it wasn't just for his friends and family. His message was for everyone who would listen.

We can get ready to welcome Jesus by making sure our hearts are full of love and care for other people and by not doing things that hurt others. Whether that's not saying unkind things or making sure we share. We can also make sure that we don't hurt others by taking care of the world so that it's a nice place for everyone to live. We can make sure that we only buy what we need so that there is enough for others. And we can make sure we pay a fair price so that those who grow our food, or make our clothes, or our toys, can earn enough money for themselves and their families.

Can you think of other ways we can prepare for the coming of Jesus?

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NATIVITY ANGELS & SHEPHERDS

Children who will take part in the Gospel re-enactment at the Christmas Eve Vigil, 6.30pm at St Margaret Mary's Church.

Please attend to the

Rehearsal on Saturday Dec 16th

at 10am at St Margaret Mary's.

Please contact Vicky Manalo for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK



The Sacrament will be celebrated during Masses on:

Wednesday December 13th

- 9.00am at St Patrick's
- 6.00pm at St Margaret Mary's

Friday December 15th

- 9.15am at Mater Dei

The anointing of the Sick can be received in time of serious illness, when living with a chronic illness, be it physical or mental, before any surgery, or feeling the effects of ageing.

Mass Times: Dec 12 - 17

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).

Farewell to Sr MY

Sunday, December 17th

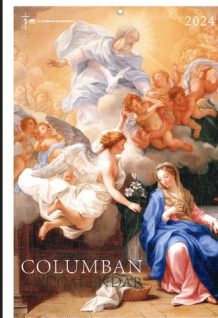
There will be cake and coffee to say thank you to Sr My for all hard work she has done for our Croydon Park Parish Community, she will be greatly missed!

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!

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.

Thanks to Our Volunteers!

ADVENT BOOKLETS

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!



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

Family Mass This Weekend Followed by Refreshments

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



LAST SUNDAY FOR VINNIES DONATIONS

We welcome donations of Christmas **non-perishable foods** in the baskets at our Churches for making into hampers for people in need. This will be our last Sunday accepting donations as Vinnies' volunteers need time to prepare the hampers for delivery. Thanks for your kind donations.



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 Mater Dei Church, **Elinor Hazel Schwarz**, daughter of Nick and Amber. May God bless Elinor and her family.



Music at the Cathedral in December

Friday 15 December at 7.30pm
Christmas Choral Concert with orchestra
(Repeated at Holy Cross Church, Goodwood on Sunday 17 December 12.30pm)

Saturday 16 December 7.30pm
Organ Carols Recital – Dr Amir Robin-Karas

Tuesday 19 December 1pm
End of Year Organ Student Concert

Wednesday 20 December 7pm
Christmas Carols – James Lloyd
Congregational participation encouraged.

Sunday 24 December 11pm
Christmas Carols with the choir
Congregational participation encouraged.



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) followed by refreshments