

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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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 24th 2023

4th Sunday of Advent, Year B

First Reading:

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29 For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading:

Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

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Dec 17th 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent, Year B

There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.

He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R.**

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. **R.**

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything - hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you unknown to you the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



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

We pray for all the baptised, that we may work together to make a straight path for the Messiah and to show by our lives that Christ is the Light of the World.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray that each one of us may be constant in our prayer, with a spirit of thanksgiving, and never take God's gracious gifts for granted.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Pope Francis, who is celebrating his 87th birthday today, may he continue to show us the joy of being disciples of Jesus, servants of the poor, protectors of the environment.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are experiencing loneliness or separation from their families at this time of the year, may they be sustained by our prayer and receive kindness from others.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the victims of war - trapped in violence, or struggling in refugee camps, may they be delivered from present evil.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick of our parish, for those who have died recently and for loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Our Parish Family

Baptised last weekend at Mater Dei Church, **Isla Rugolo**, daughter of Giuseppe and Sarah; and at St Margaret Mary's Church, **Roma Maria Sergi**, daughter of Agostino and Bianca. May God bless these girls and their families.



GOSPEL DISCUSSION

During Advent, we remember how John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus.

The first reading comes from the prophet Isaiah who said that the Spirit of God had chosen him for a special job. The Spirit of God chooses each one of us for a special job also. We are given gifts and talents to use to make our world a better place.

Think of your gifts, especially the gifts of listening, being friendly, being patient, being thoughtful. How gifts like these help to make the world a happier place for everyone?

The psalmist prays, 'With all my heart I will praise the Lord.' Remember to always give thanks to God for everything we have. There are many children in our world today who are very sick, who have no homes and no families, and who go to bed hungry each and every day.

In the gospel story today we hear how the religious leaders questioned John the Baptist about his identity. They were unsure about who he was or what his mission was. Some thought he might be the messiah or one of the Old Testament prophets. John assured the people that his job was to help the people get ready for Jesus. This is why God had chosen him. God chooses us also to continue this mission.

Pray together that your family will be led to recognize that Jesus is present among us.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.



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 contact the Parish Office.

**There will be another rehearsal this week.
The more the merrier!**

Farewell to Sr My

This Sunday, December 17th

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

Everyone will have their chance to say goodbye at either:

- St Margaret Mary's Hall after the 10:30am Mass or
 - St Joseph's Centre after the 5pm Vietnamese Mass at Mater Dei.
- Keep Sr My in your prayers!

Mass Times: Dec 19 - 24

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 |
| | | (No Adoration, Benediction & Night Prayer as we will have Volunteers' Mass) |
| -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).



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.

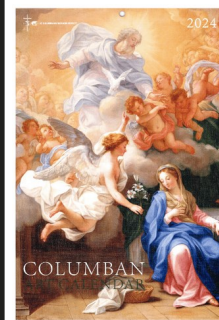
Please bring a plate of food to share.

Thanks to Our Volunteers!

LEAVING COLLECTION Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal

A Leaving Collection at Christmas Masses will be taken up for Catholic Charities, which provides much-needed funds to Hutt St Centre, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's special schools. These agencies play a significant role in bringing hope to people in need here in South Australia.

Your donations, regardless of their size, will make a profound difference in the lives of those who rely on the support of Catholic Charities.



2024 Columban Art Calendars

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

The Southern Cross

Living Catholics

The December edition of the Southern Cross Newspaper is available now.

FREE this weekend!



HOLIDAYS & OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed between Christmas and the New Year. Regular office hours will recommence on January 2nd 2024.

Annual Leave

Fr Charles Lukati will be on annual leave from Dec 26th until early February.
Fr Sam will be here to attend the Parish Needs.

Change of Office Hours (January & February 2024)

- **Monday** Closed
- **Tues** 9am - 12pm
- **Wed** 9am - 3pm
- **Thurs** 9am - 12pm
- **Fri** 9am - 1pm

Change of Office Hours due to Parish Secretary, Paula Noujaim, taking Long Service Leave.

Office Assistant, Melissa Fernandez, will be available Part-Time to assist the Priests in the running of the Parish.

The Parish Office will be monitored frequently.

If you are unable to get through on the phone, please leave a message and we will return your call, or email any queries you have to hello@croydonparkparish.com.au.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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



Music at the Cathedral in December

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

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

4th Advent Masses

Sunday, December 24th

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| -8.30am | St Patrick's Church | <i>(English)</i> |
| -8.30am | St Margaret Mary's Church | <i>(Polish)</i> |
| -10.30am | St Margaret Mary's Church | <i>(English)</i> |

Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday, December 24th

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

Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25th

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| -8.30am | St Patrick's Church | <i>(English)</i> |
| -8.30am | St Margaret Mary's Church | <i>(Polish)</i> |
| -10.30am | St Margaret Mary's Church | <i>(English)</i> |

Boxing Day Mass

Tuesday, December 26th

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| -8.30am | St Margaret Mary's Church | <i>(Polish)</i> |
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Holy Family Masses

Sat/Sun, Dec 30th/31st

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

New Year's Day

Monday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Mass

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| -8.30am | St Margaret Mary's Church | <i>(Polish)</i> |
| -10am | Mater Dei Church | <i>(English)</i> <i>followed by refreshments (volunteers needed!!!)</i> |