

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

(Jan - Feb 2024)

Monday Closed

Tues 9am - 12pm

Wed 9am - 3pm

Thurs 9am - 12pm

Fri 9am - 1pm

Clergy

Parish Priest:

Fr Charles Lukati

Assistant Priest:

Fr Sam Arockiasamy SdM

Parish Staff

-Sacramental Programme

Coordinator:

Mrs Kirsty Power

-Parish Secretary:

Mrs Paula Noujaim

-Office Assistant:

Mrs Melissa Hernandez

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Dec 24th 2023

4th Sunday of Advent

Dec 25th 2023

Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord

Dec 31st 2023

Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Jan 1st 2024

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



"The birth of Jesus brings us the good news that we are loved immensely and uniquely by God."

- Pope Francis

READINGS

4th Sunday of Advent - Dec 24th

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

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 88 R: *For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) - Dec 24th/25th

VIGIL MASS

First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 88 R: *For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

Second Reading: Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25

Gospel: Luke 2: 1-14

NIGHT MASS

First Reading: Isaiah 9: 1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95 R: *Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.*

Second Reading: Titus 2: 11-14

Gospel: Luke 2: 1-14

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

First Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-10

Responsorial Psalm: *All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.*

Second Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-6

Gospel: John 1: 1-18

Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Dec 31st

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104 R: *The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.*

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Jan 1st

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 66 R: *May God bless us in his mercy.*

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for our parishioner **Peter Manalo** who passed away suddenly last weekend and we offer our condolences to his wife Vicky, his children, family and friends. Peter worked as our Parish Finance Officer for a number of years and has always been an devoted and active member of our parish. He will always be remembered for his kind and gentle presence. May he rest peacefully in God's loving embrace.

ANNIVERSARIES: **Olga Bucco** (1 month), **Gabriele Bucco** (1st), **AJ Anthony Joseph, Giuse, Maria and Giuse, P.M George** (22nd)

ALSO: Ancestors, All souls, souls with nobody to pray for them, Victims of tsunami & war.

OUR PARISHIONERS & RELATIVES WHO HAVE DIED THIS YEAR: Peter Manalo, Rita Parlongo, Frank Riley, Boja Petryszak, Mafalda Plutino, Jozefa Chudakewicz, Antonio Saginario, Peter Nhi Van Nguyen, Teresa Huynh Thi Hue, Anna Giovina Olivastri, Antonietta De Dominicis, Alda Amarosi, Antonella Borrello, Jadwiga (Lucy) Taras, Diamante Roscioli, Denise Easton, Clorinda Caporella, Addolorata Di Gianni, Tadeusz Malzenski, Bruno Carmine Gallace, Jadwiga Starczowski, Jack DeCandia, Banabe Tam Dinh Tam, Richard Golebiowski, Domenico Marino, Anna Sang, Elisabetta Giampaolo, Bernadette Cremona, Giovanni Macri, Nicola Lopresti, Michael Spano, Angela Sacchetta, Antonio Di Giovanni, Francesco Campisi, Josefina Lazaro, Roberto Candiago and Olga Bucco.

OUR SICK: Franco Zardo, 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 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.

Mass Times: Dec 26th - Jan 7th

Weekday Masses

-Tues Dec 26th	-9.15am	Mater Dei *Note Changed Venue
-Wed Dec 27th	-9.00am	St Patrick's
	-6.00pm	St Margaret Mary's (followed by Adoration, Benediction & Night Prayer)
-Thurs Dec 28th	-9.15am	St Margaret Mary's
-Fri Dec 29th	-9.15am	Mater Dei
-Tues Jan 2nd	-9.15am	St Margaret Mary's
-Wed Jan 3rd	-9.00am	St Patrick's
	-6.00pm	St Margaret Mary's (followed by Adoration, Benediction & Night Prayer)
-Thurs Jan 4th	-9.15am	St Margaret Mary's
-Fri Jan 5th	-9.15am	Mater Dei
	-7pm	Mater Dei (Vietnamese 1st Friday)

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).

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



Catholic Charities

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.

Donations more than \$2 are tax deductible.



Help each other through



Our Parish Family

Baptised last weekend at St Margaret Mary's Church, **Elias Phansavanh-Nguyen** son of Christopher and Larni. May God bless Elias and his family.



INTERCESSIONS

4th Sunday of Advent - Dec 24th

May the tender devotion which Pope Francis has for Mary help us to love her, the Mother of Jesus, with greater affection and seek her prayers in the face of so much violence and distress in the world. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for those who are away from their family and friends at this time. May they find consolation in the angel's message to Mary that God is always with them.

Lord, hear us.

May mothers carry the child in their womb with love, as did Mary, and may fathers be protective and caring of their families, as was Joseph. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for families where there is division and tension. May the true spirit of Christmas touch their hearts and lead to healing and peace. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for those for whom Christmas is a time of loneliness, that family members, friends and the local community will rally to their support. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for the sick of our parish, for those who have died recently and for loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be welcomed to the eternal banquet at the table of the Lord. **Lord, hear us.**

Christmas Vigil - Dec 24th

May the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem strengthen the faith of every Christian, and bring courage to those who are persecuted for their faith. **Lord, hear us.**

May the presence of God's Son in our world bring peace to the Holy Land of his birth, to Ukraine and to every land where there is war. **Lord, hear us.**

May the tender love of Mary for her son, Jesus, and the protection of Joseph for them both, teach us how to love one another. **Lord, hear us.**

May the angels who brought the good news of Jesus' birth to shepherds, help the Church to witness to him through prayer of adoration and charity. **Lord, hear us.**

May the wonder of the shepherds at the sight of Jesus, inspire us to see the presence of God in all people, especially in the poor and needy and in the whole of creation. **Lord, hear us.**

May those who suffer because of natural disasters and drought, homelessness and loneliness be supported by our prayer. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear us.**

May Jesus take into the heavenly home all of our departed relatives and friends, along with our parishioners who have died since last Christmas. **Lord, hear us.**

Christmas Day - Dec 25th

We pray for the Church, that in communion with Pope Francis, all may rejoice with deeper faith in the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and so witness to his mercy and charity. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for our world longing for peace and harmony, that the protecting love of Joseph and Mary for the Christ Child will be a sign of hope for those who live in war and violence, especially in the Holy Land and Ukraine, Syria and Lebanon, Sudan and Myanmar. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for those burdened with poverty and distress, that the joy of the shepherds may bring to birth new hope and new opportunities to their lives. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for the welfare of our planet earth, that as God made his home here in Jesus, all people will reverence and care for God's creation which is now our common home. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for those burdened with anxiety, mental illness, or sickness, and the continuing presence of Covid 19, that the song of the Angels may lift their hearts with hope, so that they are able to also praise God. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for all who died in present wars and the members of our families and parish who have died since last Christmas, & that their families be comforted. **Lord, hear us.**

The Holy Family - Dec 31st

For the family of the Church: that faith in Jesus Christ will be ever stronger and more generous in charity and intent on justice. **Lord, hear us.**

For peace in the lands that gave birth to the great world faiths, that long-standing hostilities may give way to a deep desire for reconciliation. **Lord, hear us.**

For our own families: that when there is anxiety or poor communication we will learn from the example of Joseph, Mary and Jesus how to make new beginnings. **Lord, hear us.**

For families enduring great hardship: that we will stand in solidarity with them and hold them up to God for his grace to heal, restore and make them holy. **Lord, hear us.**

For the children of our families, parish and neighbourhoods that like Jesus they will grow to maturity, be filled with wisdom and experience God's favour upon them. **Lord, hear us.**

For the departed members of our families, that as we remember them with gratitude they may find eternal happiness in God. **Lord, hear us.**

Office Closure & Changed Office Hours

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.

Changed 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. Alternatively, you can email any queries you have to hello@croydonparkparish.com.au.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Special Thanks

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who helped with Christmas Preparations across the Parish. Countless hours are put in by our volunteers to help plan and prepare for our Christmas Celebrations.

We also thank all our volunteers who have helped in so many ways throughout the year: Sacristans, Altar Servers, Readers, Choirs & Musicians, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Children's Liturgy Leaders, Projectionists, Collectors, Counters, Gardeners, Pastoral Council Members, Finance Council Members, Youth Group, Seniors Group, and more.

We are truly blessed to have such a supportive community who generously contribute their time and talents, to serve the Parish. The dedication you have shown, and sacrifices you have made, are a true testament of your faith. May you all be blessed with peace, love, hope and joy this Christmas, and we look forward to achieving great things together in 2024!



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

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)
- 9.15am Mater Dei Church ***NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE***

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)

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

