

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

Parish Priest:

Fr Charles Lukati

Assistant Priest:

Fr Sam Arockiasamy SdM

Parish Staff:

-Sacramental Program

Coordinator:

Mrs Kirsty Power

-Parish Secretary:

Mrs Paula Noujaim

-Office Assistant:

Mrs Melissa Hernandez



Jan 7th 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YEAR B

We have come from the East to worship the king.

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

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

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Next Week's Readings

January 14th 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year B

First Reading:

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39

R: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Rodrigues

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.*



Sunday Intercessions

May the world come to know Jesus Christ, revealed this day by the light of a star, and rejoice in his love, forgiveness and peace.

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

May the faith of the wise men inspire Christians to be people of prayer, in this Year of Prayer proclaimed by Pope Francis.

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

May all nations be delivered from war and violence, and especially in the Holy Land to which the Wise Men travelled by the light of a star, full of hope and praise.

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

May our parish have a fruitful year in which prayer, friendship, and the works of charity, mercy and justice flourish. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the ill, the dying, the persecuted and prisoners, that God's love will bring them peace and hope. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

GOSPEL DISCUSSION

The wise men travel a long way to see Jesus. The wise men might have expected the young king would be found in a palace in the most important city, but instead they find the child Jesus in a simple house in a small town.

Do you think they were surprised to find an important king in such a humble place?

Where might we find Jesus today? Jesus has promised he is with us always. We can find Jesus when we gather together for Mass and when we pray and read the Bible. We can find Jesus in each other and in those in need. Let's all try to look out for Jesus!

When they find Jesus, the wise men offer him presents. Can you remember what the gifts they bring are?

The gifts that the wise men gave were very expensive. Do we have to spend lots of money on presents to make people happy?

We give gifts to people who are special to us. Just like the wise men we can also give gifts to Jesus to show him that he is important in our lives.

Unlike the wise men we don't have to spend lots of money. We already have special gifts that we can offer.

Some of us are good at singing or dancing, some of us can draw pictures or tell stories well. Some of us are kind, or funny, or able to listen. Some of us are good at sharing or helping others. These are all gifts.

What other gifts like this can you think of?
What gifts do you have?

What gift would you offer to Jesus?

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



Resources for Families

Reflections for families each Sunday have been prepared to reflect on the Gospel and pray together as a family each week. They can be found each week at [Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide - Resources](#) (copy and paste the link into your web browser.)



Thank You

A big thank you to EVERYONE who helped prepare and participate in our Christmas Masses: our Sacristans, Readers, Commentators, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Choir Members, Altar Servers, Collectors, Projectionists, Counters, Welcomers and more.

We especially thank all who took part in the Gospel Reenactment at the Christmas Vigil and the volunteers for coordinating and rehearsing with the families.

May God bless you all for making our Christmas celebrations so joyous and delightful.



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



Mass Times: Jan 9 - 14

Weekday Masses

-Tues Jan 9th	-9.15am	St Margaret Mary's
-Wed Jan 10th	-9.00am	St Patrick's
	-6.00pm	St Margaret Mary's (followed by Adoration, Benediction & Night Prayer)
-Thurs Jan 11th	-9.15am	St Margaret Mary's
-Fri Jan 12th	-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).

Changed Office Hours

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@croydonparish.com.au

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

The Southern Cross – No January Edition

As usual, there will be no edition of *The Southern Cross* published in January.

The first issue for 2024 will be available on the first weekend of February.



MASS CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP PATRICK O'REGAN DD
 ALL PARISHES AND SCHOOLS ARE INVITED!
 ALL PEOPLE WHO LOVE AND SUPPORT CARITAS OVER THE LAST 60 YEARS ARE SO VERY WELCOME!

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THE
DATE**

SUNDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

11AM MASS

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 the fun, food and entertainment!

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 Learning with local Aboriginal elders

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JANUARY 2024



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in the Church**



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Pope Francis



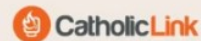
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Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

EPIPHANY BLESSING 20+C+M+B+24

The numbers represent the year (2024).
 The letters represent both the names of the
 Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar) and
 the phrase
 "Christus Mansionem Benedicat,"
 which is Latin for
 "May Christ Bless the House."



Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed
 your only begotten Son to every nation by the
 guidance of a star.
 Bless this house and all who inhabit it.
 May we be blessed with health, goodness of
 heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law.
 Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for
 each other may go out to all.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.