

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

-83460944

-hello@croydonparkparish.com.au

-www.croydonparkparish.com.au

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:

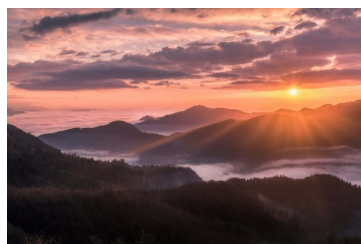
Mrs Kirsty Power

-Parish Secretary:

Mrs Paula Noujaim

-Office Assistant:

Mrs Melissa Hernandez



Feb 25th 2024

2nd Sunday of Lent, YEAR B

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

First Reading

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10, 15-19

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. **R.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give.

Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn?

Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

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

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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

Next Week's Readings

March 3rd 2024

3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 18:8-11 R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Give to 1st & 2nd Collections



Adelaide.GoodGiving.com.au

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



ANNIVERSARIES: Anna Vu Thi Nhan (18th), Salvatore Lazzaro (41st), Assunta Lazzaro, Domenico Lazzaro, Graziano Lazzaro, Salvatore Lazzaro,

OUR SICK: Dan Nguyen, Carmen Hall, 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 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 Pope Francis, guiding the Church as we all walk together, that no one may be excluded or feel abandoned, but all find unity in Jesus Christ.

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

We pray for everyone baptized into Jesus, that their faith may grow during this Lent as they listen to him, the Beloved Son of the Father.

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

We pray for gratitude for the wonder of faith in God and the beauty of life. May our vision be broad and deep as we embrace people in great need through our support of Project Compassion.

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

We pray for the work of Caritas Australia, that working with its partners across the world, it will draw strength from the light of Jesus and the power of his word and help restore dignity and hope to many.

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

We pray for family members, friends and fellow parishioners who are unwell, and for those who care for them.

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

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

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

Lent Week Two

Second Sunday

"There in their presence he was transfigured; his clothes became dazzling white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them." Mark 9:2-10



LIGHT: 8 Tealights + Christ Candle

PRAY: Loving God, heal our hearts, transform our relationships, and transfigure our lives so that we too might shine like the sun and love and dream and live more like Jesus. Amen



EXTINGUISH: 3 Tealights

READ: Mark 9:2-10

REFLECT: There in their presence he was transfigured; his clothes became dazzling white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them.

BLESS: May God bless you and keep you! May the radiant face of God shine upon you as you follow Jesus' bright and brilliant ways of truth and life. Amen.

Practice

You can transfigure the world! This week, choose one way (or more!) to help the earth.



- Recycling
- Composting
- Turning off lights
- Eating vegetarian or vegan
- Biking or walking instead of driving

Activity

This week, go climb a mountain, or a hill, or simply go for a walk! As you go, play a walking game together. For example, tell a story by having one person begin with one sentence, followed by the next person with another sentence. Build your story together, one sentence at a time!



Almsgiving

This week, sit together as a family and read/watch one of the Caritas Stories and pray about how your family could help support people living in some of the most vulnerable communities across the world by making a donation to Project Compassion. Maybe instead of a canteen lunch or a takeaway coffee, during Lent you place that money in a Project Compassion box!



Gardening Day

Next Saturday, March 2nd at 9am

at St Margaret Mary's Church

We need volunteers to help maintain the grounds around the Parish Office and St Margaret Mary's Church.

So if you like gardening, please come along.

Every little bit of help makes a big difference!

Morning Tea will be provided.



Mass Times: Feb 27 - Mar 3

Weekday Masses

-Tuesday	-9.15am	St Margaret Mary's
-Wednesday	-9.00am	St Patrick's
	-6.00pm	St Margaret Mary's (followed by Adoration, Benediction & Night Prayer)
-Thursday	-9.15am	St Margaret Mary's
-Friday	-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).

FOOD DONATIONS

It has been brought to our attention that perishable donations have been left at the Church entrance, although we appreciate your kindness at this moment it is very difficult to manage the reception and distribution of such goods. We hope your understanding and willingness to participate in providing donations when needed.

The Scrutinies RCIA



On the 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent we take part in the Scrutinies of our elect. These are prayers offered after the homily, in which we pray for them, and scrutinise - search their hearts - in preparation for this Easter Baptism.

These are important steps towards the Sacraments of the Church so that when their sins are forgiven in baptism, they are ready to receive that great grace.

Let us be active in our prayer for the Elect. They are witnessing to their faith in Jesus - and they call on us to value the gift of our faith, most often received as infants.

In an age and in a country where religious affiliation and practise is often ridiculed, these adults show great courage in embracing the Catholic faith in Jesus Christ.

Lenten Program 2024



Stations of the Cross Every Friday during Lent

-7pm at Mater Dei Church (in Vietnamese)
-7pm at St Margaret Mary's (in English) followed by Mass

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross and the Way of Sorrow (Via Crucis in Latin), detail fourteen different moments on the day Jesus died. This prayer is a powerful way to grow closer to Jesus.

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



Changed Office Hours

Effective March 2024

- Monday Closed
- Tues 9:30am - 3pm
- Wed 9:30am - 3pm
- Thurs 9:30am - 3pm
- Fri 9:30am - 3pm

Our Parish Family

Baptised last weekend
at St Margaret Mary's Church,

Olivia Eliades

Daughter of Daniel and Natalie.

May God bless Olivia and her family



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.



Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child. After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family. “I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself,” she said. “I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you.”



Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



In the Mailbox

FRINGE FESTIVAL 2024 - PIPE ORGAN RECITALS AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL

25 February 1pm: Festival of Hymns by James Lloyd

28 February 1pm: Jacinta Jakovcevic

6 March 1pm: Graham Bell

17 March 1pm: Young Organists

CARITAS 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday February 25 for Mass at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral (11am) followed by a coffee and sausage sizzle.

LEFEVRE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY – ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday February 25 from 4-5pm

Compassion – presenter Sr Marie Egan RSJ

Venue: Sacred Heart Church Parish meeting rooms; 253 Military Road, Semaphore.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

Friday 1st March at 10.00am St Paul's Lutheran Church (corner of Parker and Stuart St, Ferryden Park)

PUBLIC ROSARY – PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR PEACE

First Saturday of every month. You are invited to join Our Lady (*Saturday March 2*) and pray the Rosary outdoors, together united, **to pray for peace** in Mary MacKillop Plaza (Adjacent to St Francis Xavier's Cathedral) at 8.40am (after the 8am Mass). **All welcome.**

SUNDAY NIGHT CHOIR – 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH (STARTING MARCH 3)

Come and Sing! If you are over 18 and enjoy singing or have done so in the past, come and see what this Sunday Night Choir is all about. There will be songs in four-part harmony so an ability to read music notation is beneficial. First Sunday of every month, starting on **March 3rd at 7pm in the St Francis Xavier Cathedral Hall**



Lenten Booklet 2024 - Reflection Question

How do I give space to the listen to the Spirit through others?

What is God asking of us at this time?