

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

Monday Closed

Tues 9:30am - 3pm

Wed 9:30am - 3pm

Thurs 9:30am - 3pm

Fri 9:30am - 3pm

Parish Priest:

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Assistant Priest:

Fr Sam Arockiasamy SdM

Parish Staff:

-Sacramental Program

Coordinator:

Mrs Kirsty Power

-Parish Secretary:

Mrs Paula Noujaim

-Office Assistant:

Mrs Melissa Hernandez

Next Week's Readings

March 10th 2024

4th Sunday of Lent, Year B

First Reading:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 136 R: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Second Reading:

Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel:

John 3:14-21

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March 3rd 2024

3rd Sunday of Lent, YEAR B

*Destroy this sanctuary,
and in three days
I will raise it up.*



First Reading

Exodus 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-11

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold

and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

John 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

ANNIVERSARIES: Teresa Huynh Thi Hue (1st),
Sylvester Cordeiro, Paula Vu Cao Hong (12th),
Paul Vu Cao Ton (44th)



OUR SICK: Justin Cardoza, Dan Nguyen, Carmel Hall, Franco Zardo, Ken Davey, David Scott, Anna Sageese, 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

We pray that the commandments of God will be a firm foundation for all of our lives.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We pray for the Elect of our Parish, as they participate in the First Scrutiny this weekend, that their hearts may be centred upon Jesus Christ.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We pray that our Parish Schools may be a places of deep faith, kindness, justice, learning and creativity for all students, staff and families.

Lord, have mercy.
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We pray for the work of Caritas Australia, supported by our giving to Project Compassion, that we will journey with all who live in poverty and distress towards a full and secure future.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We pray that the negotiations for peace across the Holy Land, for the release of hostages, the end of violence, the delivery of humanitarian aid, and the restoration of homes.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We pray for those who have died in the many wars of this time, that they will find an eternal peace in Jesus, crucified for all people.

We remember also
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lent Week Three

Third Sunday

"Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up." John 2:19

LIGHT: 8 Tealights + Christ Candle

PRAY: Loving God, Let us be reminded that You are still tending the garden and help me to bear fruit today. Amen

EXTINGUISH: 4 Tealights



READ: John 2:13-25

REFLECT: Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up... But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered.

BLESS: May God bless you and keep you! May He continue to work in and through you to bring light and life, love and peace to a broken world. Amen.

Practice

Ideas for an act of kindness that you can show others this week

- Pick up rubbish around your school or neighbourhood
- Donate unused or outgrown clothing to a nearby charity
- Bake cookies and deliver them to a neighbour
- Let someone go in front of you in line at the store
- Set the table for dinner and clean up afterwards too
- Leave a happy note in a library book for someone to find later



Activity

From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, food is at the center of community in many cultures - and therefore a great way to introduce your family to customs and traditions different from your own. This week, try three new dishes from a variety of cultures, and open your family's hearts and palates to the beauty of God's diversity.



Conversation Starters

- If you could change one thing in the world, what would you change?
- What's the biggest way you've changed over the years?
- Jesus calls us to repent. How does that make you feel?
- Have you ever experienced the sacrament of Reconciliation? How did you feel afterwards?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Seniors Group

10.30am Mon, March 4th
St Joseph's Centre
(Next to Mater Dei Church)



RCIA Meeting

7pm Tues, March 5th
in the Parish Office



Sacramental Programme

Reconciliation Workshop
7pm Wed, March 6th
At Whitefriars School,
Mary MacKillop Centre



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

7.30pm Thurs, March 7th
in the Parish Office



Family Mass Next Weekend

Join us for light refreshments after Mass!



Sacramental Programme

First Reconciliation

11am on two Saturdays,
March 16th & March 23rd
in St Margaret Mary's Church



Mass Times: Mar 5 –10

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).

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 Family

Baptised last weekend at Mater Dei Church,
Gianni Scali son of Jonathon and Adriana.
May God bless Gianni and his family.



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.



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



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.



Leailua lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leailua a lot of worry. Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leailua had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leailua's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.



"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leailua said.

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.



Preca Vocation day

This Thursday **March 7th**, the Preca Community celebrates Preca Vocation Day. This novel vocation allows young adults to dedicate their lives to spreading God's Word as lay celibates. Like religious brothers or sisters, Preca Members live virtues of poverty, chastity and obedience; however, they do not take permanent vows. Like monks, the Preca Members follow a rule and pray daily together. However, they do not necessarily live together; most live with family. Like priests, Members spread the good news. However, they must earn their living as their rule forbids remuneration for ministry.

The Preca Members have been present in Adelaide since 1953. They form a community to support people in becoming holy, to foster a Christian community, and to spread the Gospel to everyone so that Jesus will become known and loved by all.

Website: <http://precacommunity.org/>

For more info contact
John: 0432 886 974

Use the QR Code to access the
PRECA YouTube Video.



IN THE MAILBOX

Fringe 2024

Free lunchtime organ recitals

St Francis Xavier's Cathedral is once again opening its doors for a Fringe lunchtime pipe organ recitals. The recitals are a unique opportunity to listen to the magnificent 1927 Casavant Frères pipe organ and visit this beautiful place of worship.

-6 March 1pm: Graham Bell

-17 March 1pm: Young Organists

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**

The
Southern Cross

Living Catholic

The March edition of
The Southern Cross Newspaper
is available this weekend for \$2.

Lenten Booklet 2024 Reflection Question

*-How have I engaged in deepening appreciation of
scripture and the tradition of faith?*

-How can I make this an intentional part of my life?

