

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 17th 2024

5th Sunday of Lent, Year B

First Reading:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 50:3-4, 12-15

Create a clean heart in me,

O God.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel:

John 12:20-30

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March 10th 2024

4th Sunday of Lent, YEAR B

*God sent his Son into the world
that we might be saved through him.*

First Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."' The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 136

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. **R.** For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' **R.** O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **R.** O let my tongue cleave my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **R.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

John 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him. Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believed in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.' The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



RECENT: Please pray for our parishioner, **Ida Tullio**, who passed away last week. May she rest in peace and her family be comforted.

ANNIVERSARIES: Anna Nguyen Thi Kim & Nikoll Gjeka.

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

For Pope Francis, that God will sustain him in his ministry, inspire his teaching, and help him to lead the Church to greater faith and love.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

For all people who make things. We thank God for their skill. May our support of Project Compassion help people around the world find the opportunity to use their talents to support their families and communities.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

For all those caught in a cycle of violence, that God will heal their painful memories, free them from fear, and comfort them in their grief.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

For residents in aged care homes, that they are cared for with dignity and compassion.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

For catechumens and candidates preparing to receive the Easter sacraments, that their faith will grow stronger each day.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lent Week Four

Fourth Sunday

"... the one who lives by the truth comes out into the light." John 3:21

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. Forgiver of our souls, our hearts are hard; soften them. Our eyes are blind; open them, and



continue to wash us with a newness of life. Amen

EXTINGUISH: 5 Tealights

READ: John 3:14-21

REFLECT: so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life ...

BLESS: May God bless you and keep you! May the radiant face of God shine upon you as you learn to serve your neighbour with God's steadfast love. Amen

Things to Remember

- * It's okay to make mistakes
- * It's okay to have bad days
- * It's okay to start again
- * It's okay to be awesome



Activity

Do you ever look around the world and feel angry? Anger is an important emotion, and can often call our attention to injustice. Do you ever look around the world and feel blessed?

As a family, make two pairs of homemade goggles (or just decorate old sunglasses) and take turns putting them on to "see" both injustices and blessings alike.



Conversation Starters

- In the parable of the blind man, the parents told the Jews that they did not know who opened their son's eyes and said "He can speak for himself".
- When have you been invited to share openly about something? When have you had to be brave or courageous? What happened? What did you do?
- What is the 'blindness' that you may have today? What could you do this Lenten season to open your eyes?

UPCOMING EVENTS

RCIA Meeting

7pm Tues, March 12th
in the Parish Office



Sacramental Programme

First Reconciliation

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



Cutting/Cleaning of Palms

Saturday March 23rd at 9am

at St Margaret Mary's Church

Helpers are needed for Palm Sunday preparations
to help cut and clean palms.

Please bring your own secateurs & Sun Hats!



Anointing of the Sick

During Masses at each of our Churches on:

- Tues March 19th 9.15am St Margaret Mary's
- Wed March 20th 9.00am St Patrick's
- Fri March 22nd 9.15am Mater Dei.

The anointing of the Sick can be received in time of serious illness, when living with a chronic illness, be it physical or mental, before any surgery, or feeling the effects of ageing.

Mass Times: Mar 12 - 17

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 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



SAINT PATRICK'S SCHOOL

celebrates 60 years

15TH MARCH

Please join us

9am	Liturgy of the Word
9:20am	Singing of Happy Birthday
9:30am	Cutting of Birthday Cake Morning Tea



Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted.

With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees.

Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry.



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.

Our Parish Family

Baptised last weekend at St Margaret Mary's Church,
Tarja Navet, daughter of Christophe and Giuseppina.
May God bless Tarja and her 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.

Lenten Booklet 2024

Reflection Question

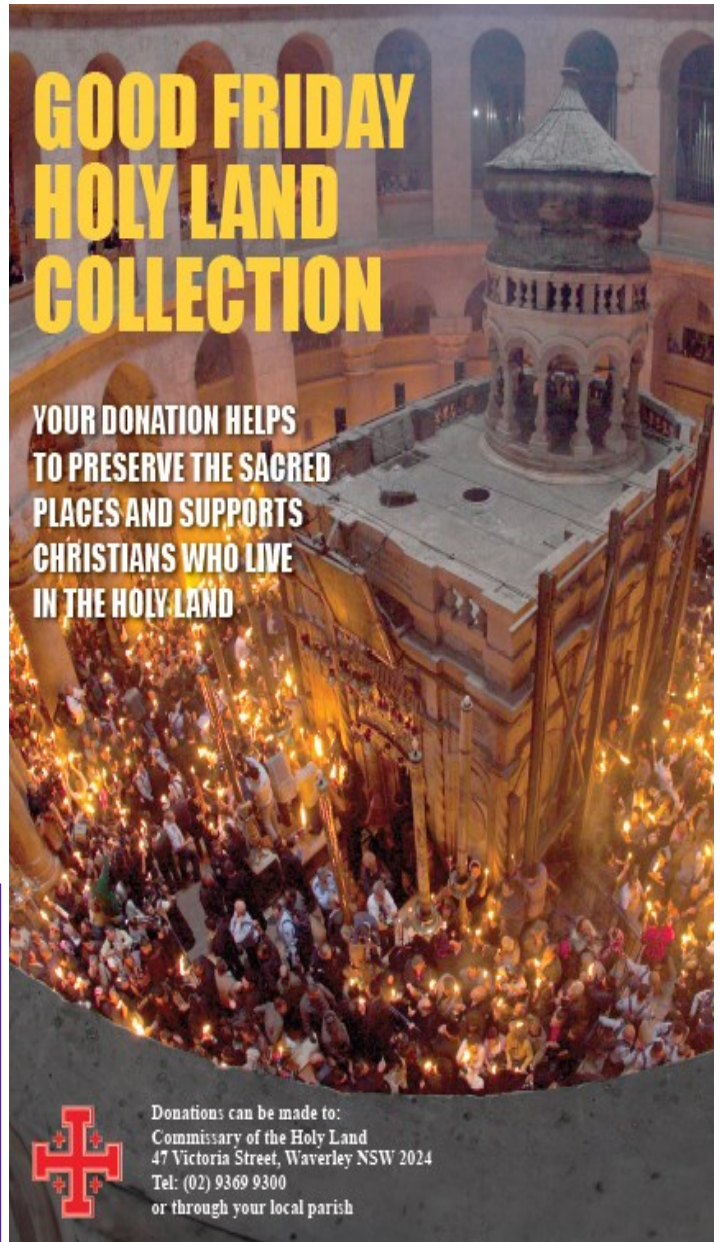
How have I experienced the personal love of Christ in my own life?

How has this love impelled me to share the joy of the Gospel with others?



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