

# 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:**

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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:**

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

## **Next Week's Readings**

March 24th 2024

Palm Sunday, Year B

### **First Reading:**

Isaiah 50:4-7

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

### **Second Reading:**

Philippians 2:6-11

### **Gospel:**

Mark 14:1 - 15:47

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## **March 17th 2024**

### **5th Sunday of Lent, YEAR B**

*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

### **First Reading**

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

#### **A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 50:3-4, 12-15*

#### **R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me,

that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **R.**

### **Second Reading**

*Hebrews 5:7-9*

#### **A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel**

*John 12:20-30*

#### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:



**RECENT:** We pray for our parishioner Irma Roscioli who passed away recently and whose **Funeral Mass will be held at Mater Dei Church on Tuesday March 19th at 12noon.**

We also pray for **Giuse Nguyen Anh** who passed away recently in Vietnam. May they rest in peace and their families be comforted.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Madalena Lam Thi Hue, Maria Lam Ngoc Thinh, Maria Sara de Monteiro, Francois Xavier Nguyen Tien Dung, PM Thomas,

**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 Bobouo, 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 we will listen to the teaching of Pope Francis, so that by accepting the law of God inscribed on our hearts, we will better understand and rejoice in the mercy of God for all humanity. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for all who desire to see Jesus, that they may come to know and develop a relationship with Christ who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for people around the world who have been displaced by conflict. May they receive the assistance they need to live more securely and safely. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for the people of the world who still suffer under the yoke of slavery. May they come to experience the dignity owed to them as human beings. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for the Candidates who are preparing for Full Communion in the Catholic Church at Easter, may contemplate the face of Christ with love and trust. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray in gratitude for the many partners of Caritas Australia who ensure our contributions to Project Compassion reach the places they are needed. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they be raised up to eternal life. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

# Lent Week Five

## Fifth Sunday

"Jesus said: "unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest." John 12:24

**LIGHT:** 8 Tealights + Christ Candle

**PRAY:** Gracious God, have mercy on us when we follow paths that do not lead to life. Forgive us when we choose the way of bitterness, indifference, violence, or death. Have mercy on our troubled souls,



and turn them around for the sake of Your creation. Amen

**EXTINGUISH:** 6 Tealights

**READ:** John 12:20-30

**REFLECT:** But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

**BLESS:** May God bless you and keep you! May the radiant face of God shine upon you as you seek out and find what God is calling you to in this hour. Amen

## Practice

As we journey towards the Easter season, we are offered the opportunity to renew our baptism.



Place a little bowl of water by the front or back door this week, and every time you enter and exit, dip your finger in the water and sprinkle some on your face, or draw a little heart on your forehead. Remember that you are blessed: "You are God's beloved!"

## Activity

Plant a tree to remind you of the need to continue to grow in your faith journey and to witness new life. Planting a tree is a gift, not only to yourself and your family, but to those in decades to come who may enjoy its springtime flowers, summer shade, colorful autumn leaves or evergreen branches.



## Conversation Starters

- Have you ever been baptised? Do you remember it? What details do you (or your family) remember?
- What does baptism mean to you?
- What makes you feel loved? What makes you feel safe? What makes you feel happy?
- Name three things about yourself that you're proud of.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## RCIA Meeting

7pm Tues, March 19th  
in the Parish Office



## Sacramental Programme

### First Reconciliation

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



### 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.

### Combined Choir Practice

for Easter Services

at St Margaret Mary's Church

- Wed March 20th 6.30pm
- Wed March 27th 6.30pm



### Stations of the Cross

Fri March 22nd

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



### 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!



# Mass Times: Mar 19 - 24

## Weekday Masses

- Tues -9.15am St Margaret Mary's (Anointing of the sick)
- Wed -9.00am St Patrick's (Anointing of the sick)
- 6.00pm Mater Dei **\*NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**  
(followed by Adoration, Benediction & Night Prayer)
- Thurs -9.15am St Margaret Mary's
- Fri -9.15am Mater Dei (Anointing of the sick)

## Weekend Masses

- Sat -6.00pm Mater Dei Vigil
- Sun -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).**

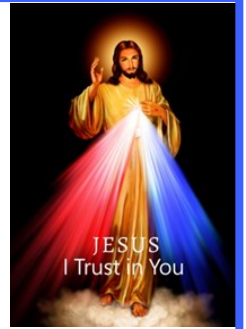
# Divine Mercy Sunday

Please join us

on Sunday April 7th

at St Margaret Mary's Church

- 10.30am Mass
- 11.30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration & Benediction
- 12.30pm Fellowship & Refreshment in the Parish Hall



Book your calendar for the next Divine Mercy dates:

- Saturday 8th Jun 2024
- Saturday 7th Sep 2024
- Saturday 7th Dec 2024

# Important Information

## PALM SUNDAY

Palms will be available or you can bring your own.



## EASTER CANDLES

For the Easter Vigil, some candles will be provided, or you can bring your own white candle with a wax protector. Refer to this website for instructions on how to make a wax protector by using a small paper plate.



<https://www.dollartree.com/hack-diy-candle-drip-protectors/idea-20170310>

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return your project compassion boxes to the baskets in church during the Easter Period. Thank you for supporting Project Compassion which helps Strengthen vulnerable communities "for all future generations".



# 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**



The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground, working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities. Caritas Australia partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to support communities living in urban slums in the Philippines. FCJ runs a number of programs that include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, urban gardening, upcycling and income generating activities. They also have a clinic visited weekly by a doctor and community nurse. Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Samoa to assist communities to have increased access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure human health and well-being by providing water tanks and sanitation facilities. Caritas Australia partners with the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi through the A+ program. Since 2016, the A+ program has helped 7,397 families across Malawi improve their food security, access to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection.

**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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



## GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION

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CHRISTIANS WHO LIVE  
IN THE HOLY LAND**



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Commissary of the Holy Land  
47 Victoria Street, Waverley NSW 2024  
Tel: (02) 9369 9300  
or through your local parish



# Holy Week Schedule

## Saturday March 23rd

-St Margaret Mary's  
-12noon **Confessions**

## Palm Sunday March 24th

-Masses at usual Weekend times,  
each beginning with the blessing of palms  
-Mater Dei Vietnamese  
-4.50pm Palm Sunday Mass (Vietnamese)

## Holy Thursday March 28th

-St Margaret Mary's  
-9.00am Morning Prayer  
-7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
(followed by Adoration until 10pm Night Prayer)  
-Mater Dei (Vietnamese)  
-7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Vietnamese)

## Good Friday March 29th

-St Margaret Mary's  
-9am Morning Prayer  
(followed by Stations of the Cross in the garden)  
-3pm Liturgy of the Passion  
-Mater Dei (Vietnamese)  
-1.30pm Prayers & Stations of the Cross (Vietnamese)  
-3pm Liturgy of the Passion (Vietnamese)

## Holy Saturday March 30th

-St Margaret Mary's  
-9am Morning Prayer  
-9.30-10.30am **Confessions**  
-11am Blessing of Easter Food (Polish)  
-12-1.00pm **Confessions**  
-7pm Easter Vigil  
-Mater Dei (Vietnamese)  
-7pm Easter Vigil (Vietnamese)

## Easter Sunday March 31st

-8.30am St Patrick's  
-8.30am St Margaret Mary's (Polish)  
-10.30am St Margaret Mary's  
-5pm Mater Dei (Vietnamese)

## Easter Monday April 1st

-8.30am St Margaret Mary's (Polish)

## Our Parish Family

Baptised last weekend at  
St Margaret Mary's Church,  
**Dacre Jaeden** son of Steven and Maja.  
And **Alice Rosalie**, daughter of Syed and Thi.  
May God bless Dacre and Alice and their families

