

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 31st 2024

Easter Sunday, Year B

First Reading:

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading:

Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel:

Mark 16:1-7

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March 24th 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, YEAR B

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

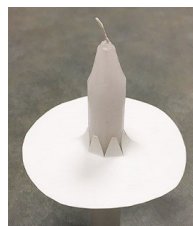
Gospel

Mark 14:1 - 15:47

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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".



PLEASE PRAY FOR:



ANNIVERSARIES: Anna Nguyen Thi Nang (6th),
Daminh Duong V. Thien & Maria Ha T. Loan,
Vicente Maria Quach D. Diem & Maria Duong T. Riu,
Teresa Tran Mong Yen (15th)

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

For the Church in suffering:
may those enduring persecution be sustained in grace.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our broken world:
may the wars cease,
suffering come to an end and peace be restored everywhere.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

For people everywhere:
may despair and pain be lifted from every heart.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation:
may those burdened with homelessness, fear and poverty
not be forgotten.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those preparing for their Easter baptism:
may Jesus Christ be their life always.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful departed:
may union with Father, son and Holy Spirit be their eternal joy.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Marian Procession 2024

The 75th Marian Procession
will be held on
Sunday May 19
beginning at Victoria Park at 2pm
processing up Wakefield Street
into Victoria Square. We encourage
you all to attend and represent the
Croydon Park Parish community.
Group assembly will begin from 1:30pm.



Preparing for Easter Triduum

Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday are the three most mysterious and heart-breaking beautiful days in the Liturgical Calendar. The word "triduum" (pronounced "TRID-yoo-um") comes from the two latin words meaning "three" and "days".

Practice

Suggestions for a few ways to mark these three days at home:

- Fast from all digital devices and social media
- Eat dinner in the dark on Good Friday
- Buy nothing for three days
- Make hot crossed buns



Holy Thursday

This day recalls the Last Supper when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. It reminds us that we are called to serve one another. Here are some ideas for celebrating the day

- Go to Mass: The Holy Thursday liturgy marks the beginning of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. At the end of Mass, join in the procession to move the Blessed Sacrament to an altar of repose.
- Help someone: Do something special for someone in need.

Good Friday

LIGHT: 8 Tealights + Christ Candle

PRAY: God of life and death, forgive what we have done and what we have left undone. Forgive the suffering we have caused and the suffering we have neglected to see, the resurrections we have overlooked and the resurrections we have neglected to be. Amen

EXTINGUISH: 8 Tealights + Christ Candle

READ: Psalm 51:1-15

REFLECT: God, create a clean heart in me.

BLESS: May God bless you and keep you as you sit in the shadow of death. May resurrection be your hope, today and everyday. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Holy Saturday

Spend some time as a family talking about the Paschal Mystery — Jesus' crucifixion, death and resurrection. This day commemorates the time of darkness and waiting when Jesus was in the tomb. The Easter Vigil begins with the symbol of fire. Talk about how fire represents that Jesus is the light of the world. He brings light to the darkness and new life to a sleeping world.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Rehearsal for Holy Thursday

7pm Tues, March 26th
at St Margaret Mary's Church
for RCIA candidates and
Altar servers rostered for Holy Thursday



Combined Choir Practice

6.30pm Wed, March 27th
for **Easter Services**
at St Margaret Mary's Church



Our Parish Family

Congratulations to our Assistant Priest,
Fr Sam Arockiasamy who celebrated his
60th Birthday on March 21st.
May God bless Fr Sam with good health, love and
happiness for many years. Thanks you Fr Sam for
your dedication and service to our parish, always
given with a joyful smile and plenty of laughter.



Congratulations also to our Parishioner
Cora Hoare who celebrated her **70th birthday**
this week. We thank Cora who has volunteered
her time to support our parish for many years in
various roles including sacristan, counter, reader/
commentator, Eucharistic Minister, PPC
member, preparing rosters and so much more.
May God bless Cora with good health, peace, joy and love always.



Baptised last weekend at
St Margaret Mary's Church,
Hendrix son of Matthew and Shai.
May God bless Hendrix and his family.



Mass Times: Mar 26 - 31

Weekday Masses

-Tues -9.15am St Margaret Mary's
-Wed -9.00am St Patrick's
-6.00pm **Mater Dei** *NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE
(followed by Adoration, Benediction & Night Prayer)
-Thurs & Fri *See back page for Holy Week Schedule

Weekend Masses

-Sat & Sun *See back page for Holy Week Schedule

Confessions at St Margaret Mary's Church

-Sat March 23rd -12-12.30pm
-Sat March 30th -9.30-10.30am
-12-1pm

*St Margaret Mary's Church can be opened for prayer during
office hours (please sign in at Parish Office).*

Child Protection Training



There will be a choice of three 90-minute
Volunteer briefing Open sessions
at Adelaide Cathedral Hall, 39 Wakefield Street for 2024:

- **Tues, April 30th 6.30 pm- 8.00 pm**
- **Wed, June 26th 10.30 am-12.00 pm**
- **Wed, Oct 30th 10.30 am- 12.00 pm**

Any parish volunteers who need to attend the 90-minute
briefing, especially Eucharistic Ministers, please register for
one of the above sessions at:

childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au

or on 8210 8159 with full name, contact number, volunteer role
and parish you volunteer at.

*This briefing is required for all parish volunteers over 18.
*Note: those who have a direct role with children (e.g.
Children's Liturgy leaders) need to attend a different, full-day
session.*

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



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This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

Ronita from the Philippines has now graduated high school and secured a job at a call centre. **Leaia** and her family now have a water tank at their home in Samoa. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water. **Memory** completed her vocational training course in carpentry and joinery.

It's through the generosity of people like you that we can continue to support people like Ronita, Leaia and Memory.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations

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.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION

YOUR DONATION HELPS
TO PRESERVE THE SACRED
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CHRISTIANS WHO LIVE
IN THE HOLY LAND



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



Holy Week Schedule

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
- 7.30pm** 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)

CHRISM MASS

MASS OF THE HOLY OILS

Everyone is welcome to celebrate
Mass of the Holy Oils on **Monday March 25**
in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 6pm.
Please note **NO** onsite car parking will be available.
Each year, the Chrism Mass is celebrated
in the Archdiocese on the Monday of Holy Week.