

# 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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-www.croydonparkparish.com.au

### 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

May 5th 2024

6th Sunday of Easter, Year B

### First Reading:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 97:1-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

### Second Reading:

1 John 4:11-16

### Gospel:

John 15:9-17

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**April 28th 2024**

**5th Sunday of Easter, YEAR B**

*All who live in me,  
and I in them, bear much fruit.*

### First Reading

Acts 9:26-31

#### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

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

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:26-28, 30-32

#### **R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him.

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**

### Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

#### **A reading from the first letter of St John**

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

### Gospel

John 15:1-8

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:



### OUR SICK:

George Habib, Justin Cardoza, Dan Nguyen, Carmel Hall, Franco Zardo, Ken Davey, David Scott, Anna Sagese, Nha Thanh Le, Jim McClure, Hien Vu Thai Nguyen, 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, 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 who makes a pastoral visit to the city of Venice today, that his meeting with women prisoners, with the youth, and the celebration of the Eucharist with the people, will enliven their faith in Jesus.  
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

We pray for the Church,  
that all believers will make their home in Jesus  
and bear much fruit for the life of the world.  
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

We pray for each other in the Church, that living in Christ,  
we will seek holiness by prayer and charity, and so be agents  
for change and healing in our broken world.  
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

We pray on this World Day for Safety and Health at Work for  
good working conditions for all workers, healing for those injured  
or made sick through their work, and justice in every working  
situation.  
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

We pray with greater intensity for peace and the relief of those  
suffering across the Holy Land, in Ukraine, Ethiopia and Sudan,  
remembering Christians in Northern Nigeria who continue to be  
murdered, with their churches and homes destroyed.  
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who have died in wars and through violence  
against women, that they may live in God forever.  
We also remember...  
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Thanks to YOU...

Our Project Compassion Collections totaled  
**\$5744.70!**

We are constantly amazed at how generous our  
Croydon Park Parishioners are.  
Your kindness and support will make a huge difference  
in helping those who are very much in need.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus is teaching his disciples. He calls himself the "true vine". Do you know what a vine is?  
What grows on a vine? Grapes grow on vines. Do you like grapes? Jesus calls us his branches because he supports us, like a tree trunk supports its branches. And he wants us to bear fruit for him.

What do you think this means? Do you think he wants us to grow grapes?!

What Jesus means is that he wants us to stay close to him and follow his teachings. This means being the best we can be, loving each other, and loving the beautiful world he has given us.

But this world is changing. Because we humans have treated the planet badly, our climate is heating up. And the hotter it gets, the more we see big weather disasters like storms or droughts – when there is no rain and everything dries up like the vine we heard about in today's gospel.

Everyone is affected, but the poorest people suffer the most.

How would you feel if you had hardly anything to eat or drink?

We all have a part to play to protect our world, so that it stays a beautiful place for us all to live in safely.

There are many ways that we can show love for our neighbour and care for our world. Can you think of some, so that you will be like the strong, healthy branches on the vine that Jesus talks about?

## Our Parish Family

Congratulations to our Parishioner **Gam Tran**  
celebrating her 80th Birthday. May God bless her  
with good health, peace, love and happiness.



## Exciting Youth Event coming up...

# POWERUP 2024

**SAT: 18 | 5 | 24**  
**3PM-9:30PM**

**BLACKFRIARS PRIORY SCHOOL**

17 PROSPECT RD, PROSPECT SA 5082

At Blackfriars Priory School, 17 Prospect Rd, Prospect  
By Catholic Office For Youth & Young Adults

The day will begin with interactive workshops on the themes of social justice, the environment, music and faith. There will be live music, food and the opportunity to celebrate Mass together. We have a special guest, Gen Bryant, joining us from Melbourne to deliver a music workshop and lead us in praise and worship!  
**Register now for Power Up 2024 through [trybooking.com](https://trybooking.com)**



# ADELAIDE ARCHDIOCESE NOTICES

## Public Rosary – Praying the Rosary for Peace

First Saturday of every month. You are invited to join Our Lady on Saturday May 4 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. For more information contact: Mr Patrick Greenrod – Legion of Mary – 0414 769 635

## Adelaide Botanic Gardens Tour

The Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide invites you to the Adelaide Botanic Gardens Tour to celebrate Indigenous native flora for Laudato Si' Week on Saturday May 18 from 12pm to 1.30pm, meeting spot is at The Visitors Centre (North Terrace Adelaide SA 5000). Spots/places are limited so register early at [www.trybooking.com/CQVLG](http://www.trybooking.com/CQVLG)

## Adult Confirmation

There will be an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for adults who have been baptised but not yet confirmed with Father Dean Marin VG. This celebration will be held at the 6pm Mass in St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Saturday July 20. For further information and to register for Adult Confirmation, contact the Office for Worship on 8210 8130.

## Caritas Australia's Sudan Crisis Appeal

Following the outbreak of conflict in Sudan a year ago, 25 million people, including 14 million children, now need humanitarian assistance and support, according to the United Nations. Nine million have been displaced from their homes. Damage to infrastructure has impacted access to food, water, healthcare services, and even banking. Sudan now teeters on the edge of a famine. Caritas partners in Sudan have distributed food at 17 gathering points for internally displaced people, as well as delivering multipurpose cash assistance, water and hygiene services, and gender-based violence protection. Caritas Australia take solace in the breadth of our partner network in the region. Their tireless work ensures the generosity of our supporters here in Australia reaches people in need. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Sudan Crisis Appeal. You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/sudan](http://www.caritas.org.au/sudan) or phone 1800 024 413

## Mass Times: Apr 30-May 5

### 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
	-7.00pm	Mater Dei (Vietnamese 1st Friday)

### 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).*

## Mass Counts

Across Australia in all Catholic Churches the annual count of people at Mass will take place on the weekends of May.

## 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 Archdiocese of Adelaide is forming a new group called "Embrace Life".

This group will be centered on informing the Catholic community about issues affecting the most vulnerable, with a particular focus on education around abortion and euthanasia. "Embrace Life" aims to interact with agencies who offer support to those contemplating abortion or euthanasia, and those who feel the pain after losing a loved one in such circumstances.

Through quarterly meetings, we will examine our Catholic call to care for all people, at all stages of life, and develop strategies to inform, educate and take appropriate action about issues which do not promote the dignity of human life.

I invite you to share this information in your communities and encourage parishioners who feel passionately about their call to protect life and support families who have experienced loss through abortion or euthanasia, to consider their participation in this new Archdiocesan initiative. Expressions of interest are now being accepted, and can be forwarded to Mr. James Lloyd, Pastoral Leader: Justice, Healing and Inclusion at [jlloyd@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:jlloyd@adelaide.catholic.org.au) by 15 May, 2024.

# 2024

## Marian Procession



The 75<sup>th</sup> Marian Procession will be held on **Sunday May 19** beginning 2pm at Victoria Park processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. Group assembly at 1:30pm.

*We encourage you to attend!*

The Marian Procession began in 1949 and is the longest running consecutive Catholic event in Australia. This year the Procession celebrates 75 years and will continue its path in the streets of the Adelaide CBD. It began and flourished at the Rostrevor Seminary and has since been hosted in an array of venues such as various parklands throughout the CBD, the Adelaide Showgrounds and once in the Cathedral due to inclement weather.

The Marian Procession is a wonderful opportunity to gather communities together and provide a prayerful experience with Mary at the centre. **For the first time, we will not gather behind community/parish signs provided by the Archdiocese, rather focus on walking together, as One Church.**

Each year a different Marian image or theme is selected for the Procession aimed to highlight a feast or event within the Catholic Church or celebrate a local community or parish. This year, we celebrate the Marian Procession on Pentecost Sunday.

The Procession is followed by a time of prayer, a reflection on the Gospel, a collection and concludes with benediction.

The simplicity has always been and will remain in the act of gathering, praying the rosary and coming together in community to be a public witness of our Catholic faith.

## CROYDON PARK CATHOLIC PARISH YOUTH

THIS SUNDAY  
APRIL  
28TH

faith, fellowship, food

Time: 12:00pm (after 10:30am mass)

Where: St Margaret Mary's Church Hall, Torrens Road

Ages: 15+



## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm- 8.00 pm**
- **Wed, June 26<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am-12.00 pm**
- **Wed, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.*

## Parish Pastoral Council Nominations

Parishioners, aged 18 and above are invited to nominate for the Parish Pastoral Council. Many members have reached the end of their Term and so there are a number of vacancies. We wish the Council to be reflective of the cultures of the parish and provide important advice about the parish and its needs. This is an opportunity for parishioners to be contributors of ideas and to have a say. Terms are for two years and meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of the month (10 times a year.)

**Please give this your consideration.**

We need a strong and vibrant Council for our future.

The Council is the principal advisory body to the Parish Priest and Parish Team.

**Nominations Close April 30th**



I, \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

wish to nominate myself/or \_\_\_\_\_ for the Parish Pastoral Council.

***If you are nominating someone else, their permission is required plus their contact details.***