

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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Tues	9am - 4pm
Wed	9am - 4pm
Thurs	10am - 4pm
Fri	9am - 4pm

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Fr Olek Stirrat

Sacramental Program

Coordinator:

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Next Week's Readings

September 28th 2025

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

1st Reading:

Amos 6: 1, 4-7

Psalm: 145: 6-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

2nd Reading:

1 Timothy 6: 11-16

Gospel:

Luke 16: 19-31

Give to 1st & 2nd Collections

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Adelaide Archdiocese Good Giving App.



September 21st 2025

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

**You cannot be slaves
both of God
and of money.**



First Reading

Amos 8:4-7 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Amos

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat, Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2, 4-8 (JB)

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! **R.**

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Luke 16:10-13 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?'

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.' The Gospel of the Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



RECENT: We pray for **Mary Curnow** who passed away this week (sister of Ken Davey). May she rest in peace and her family be comforted.

ANNIVERSARIES: **Philomena Nguyen Thi Chin, Bruno & Giuseppe Gallace, Domenico & Antoinetta Sorrenti, Natale, Antoinetta & Phillip Orlando, Maria Carmela Costa, and Salvatore, Giuseppa & Rosa Sorrenti.**

OUR SICK: *Pietro Fragomeli, Olivia Psaila, Tommy & Ella O'Mahony, Graham Ford, Mary McKay, Paul Geesing, Ursula & Jim McClure, Paul Marsh, George Habib, Justin Cardoza, Ken Davey, David Scott, Anna Sagese, Hien Vu Thai Nguyen, Roma Sergi, Karen Mesa, Leo Ward, Paul Nelson, Barbara Nelson, Enza Langone, Samuel Nguyen, Orlando Mammone, , Angelina Luppino, Phanxico Phuoc, Salvatore Borbouo, Carmella Mammone, Nicolena DiGiovanni, Dam Thi Khuc, Velibor, Boris & Bob Basevski, Giuseppina Candido, Mike Kain, Daryll Abrea, Veronica Aguilera, Cammi Longford, Alicea Longford, Giuse Nguyen Thanh Dam, Joseph Patrose, Thomas Peter, Joe Vozzo, Chong Vu, Marta Aguilera, Gloria Zelava, Viet Nguyen.*

Sunday Intercessions

For Pope Leo, that his appeals for peace will be heard by world leaders, especially on this International Day of Peace. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all people trapped in situations of war, longing for peace and safety, that food, water and shelter will be supplied quickly. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all of us, as disciples of Jesus, may we not be attached to possessions, but instead be willing to use them for the good of others. Lord hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For each other, that we will prove to be trustworthy people in the small and large issues of life, bringing hope to all who are struggling. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the works of Catholic Charities, that our support this week will be a sign of our commitment to the welfare of people in need. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died that they may be taken to the place of eternal peace with the Holy Trinity. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

7 - 8pm in St Joseph's Centre on Tuesdays Oct 7th & 21st.

For all ages. Run by Fr Olek, focusing on the Gospel of John. Register at hello@croydonparkparish.com.au



GOSPEL REFLECTION

All of Luke 16 is devoted to teachings about wealth and possessions, a topic about which Luke seems to be particularly concerned.

Who is God for us? Is money like a god for us, something we idolise and seek after constantly? Media seems to suggest that if one is wealthy, one has it all.

So who is God for you?

- Discuss your ideas and images of God.

The gospel calls us to think about our priorities, things of the world or things of God. The reading from Romans helps us focus our thoughts: be sincere, hate everything that is evil, love each other as brothers and sisters, be hopeful, be patient and never stop praying. These are all ways of choosing things that are 'of God'.

- Share/discuss times when you were patient / hopeful / sincere/ showing love for others.
- How did you feel?
- What happened?
- Why was this a good experience for you?
- Talk about the way you prefer to pray and share your positive experiences of prayer.

The simple message is that
**we show our love for God
by loving one another.**

(www.liturgia.com.au)



**Our new RCIA Programme will begin
on Wednesday October 15th
at 7:30pm in the Parish office**

and conclude at the Easter Vigil, Saturday 4th April 2026.

The sessions will occur weekly on Wednesday nights with a break from mid-December to the end of January.

If you know anyone who wants to explore if God is calling them to be baptised into the Catholic Church, please encourage them to contact the parish office, come along and join our RCIA Programme.

Saint Andrew in the Gospels, after meeting Jesus for the first time, invited others likewise to encounter the Lord and "Come and See" what friendship and life with Jesus is about.

If interested, contact the Parish Office on 8346 0944 or hello@croydonparkparish.com.au

PARISH ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEKEND: FAMILY MASS

Sept 21st

Please join us for light refreshments after Mass at St Margaret Mary's and St Patrick's this weekend and enjoy being part of this wonderful Parish community!

Please bring a plate of food to share!



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

7pm Next Friday September 26th

St Margaret Mary's Church

(Join us on the 3rd Friday of each month to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet)



BUILDING WORKS

AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

St Patrick's Church will be closed from next weekend Sept 27th to Oct 12th while the Ceiling & Roof are repaired.

The usual Wednesday and Sunday morning Masses will be relocated to Mater Dei Church

(55 Beaufort St, Woodville Park) on the following dates:

- Sun Sept 28th 8.30am
- Wed Oct 1st 9.15am
- Sun Oct 5th 8.30am
- Wed Oct 8th 9.15am
- Sun Oct 12th 8.30am

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

Mass Times: Sep 23rd - 28th

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 *Mater Dei (Note change of venue)
- 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).

Our Parish Schools

-St Patrick's School

Principal: Mrs Catherine O'Dea

33 Dudley St, Mansfield Park (8303 4500)

www.stpatsmp.catholic.edu.au

Playgroup Wed & Fri, 9.30-11.30am



-Whitefriars School

Principal: Mr Frank Congedi

45 Beaufort St, Woodville Park (8178 7700)

www.whitefriars.catholic.edu.au

Playgroup Tues & Thurs, 9-10.30am



-St Margaret Mary's School

Principal: Ms Kelly Campbell

5 Eldon Street, Croydon Park (8245 5800)

www.smms.catholic.edu.au

Playgroup Fridays, 9.15-10.45am



St Margaret Mary's School

Reception 2026

We have a few spaces open for 2026 Reception enrolment, for children who turn 5 before 1st May 2026.

Please call the office on 82455800

to find out about enrolment or to arrange a tour.

Discover Palms Volunteering



Develop community self-reliance & create lasting change!

Discover Palms International Volunteering in this special session where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at

palms.org.au/events

Date: Thurs 30 Oct 2025

Time: 7.30pm – 9pm AEDT



St Margaret Mary's Feast Day

Multicultural Lunch



Sunday October 19th

10.30am Mass followed by our Multicultural Lunch

Write your name on the list in the foyer and let us know which food you will bring:

Indian, Vietnamese, Italian, Filipino, Brazilian, Bangladesh, Albanian, Lebanese, African, Aussie, Desserts, Other?

Or contact the Parish Office to let us know how you can help on 8346 0944 or hello@croydonparkparish.com.au

Migrant and Refugee Sunday Next Weekend Sept 28th

This year's theme is
'Migrants, missionaries of hope'.

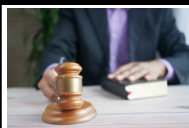
Pope Leo XIV's message highlights that migrants and refugees are missionaries of hope, whose resilience inspires faith and renewal. He urges the Church and society to welcome all migrants as blessings, helping build a more just, united world. You can find the Pope's letter [here](http://www.vatican.va) (www.vatican.va).

How Can We Celebrate?

DRESS UP NEXT WEEKEND! Be proud and brave and wear your cultural attire to Mass next weekend. You may wear cultural attire from where you've migrated from, or you might wear attire that has been gifted to you or may have acquired during your travels. It is a day of celebrating the many cultures that make up this country in which we live in.

ADD A LEAF TO OUR PARISH FAMILY TREE

Whether you're a recent arrival or longtime resident, add your family name, country of origin, and year your family Arrived in Australia to our list in the foyer to be added on a leaf to our Parish Family Tree. This will be displayed next weekend in our newsletter and at the weekend Masses.



Jubilee of Justice

The Jubilee of Justice highlights the Church's enduring commitment to justice and the need to address social inequalities. It calls individuals to reflect on their role in promoting justice and mercy, and to engage in meaningful dialogue on these issues.

Church Teaching Pope Leo XIV (2025) emphasizes that peace is rooted in justice, recalling Pope Leo XIII's legacy of social teaching. He urges action against global inequalities, unjust working conditions, and societal fragmentation. Governments must foster peaceful societies by supporting families and protecting the dignity of all, especially the vulnerable—from the unborn to the elderly, and including migrants and the unemployed.

Pope Francis (Laudato Si', 2015) draws attention to global inequity and ecological debt, particularly between the global north and south. He calls for ethical international relations and urges developed nations to reduce resource consumption and support sustainable development in poorer countries.

Prayer Let us pray for the whole human family, that we may all embrace each other with justice, dignity and respect, and for peoples and nations that live under the yoke of debt, that they may flourish in freedom.



Leaving Collection This Weekend

This weekend we will take up a collection for the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools. Please give generously. You can also make a donation online at <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/cc> or use the QR code. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



ADELAIDE ARCHDIOCESE NEWS & EVENTS

SEASON OF CREATION CELEBRATION

Experience 'Peace with Creation' on Sunday September 28, 2pm to 4pm at Mercy Grove, Belair National Park.

Come and engage in a prayerful reflection in nature. Bring a plate to a shared afternoon tea. Free entry to Belair National Park via Main Entrance, then follow the signage to Mercy Grove. Limited parking available. For information contact Deacon Tee Ping 0409 538 328

NIGHT OF WORSHIP: STORY & SONG

During the Pilgrims of Hope Conference, there will be a special night of worship with song and story at **The Monastery on Wednesday, October 1, 6pm** for a 7pm start.

The concert will feature some of Australia's most gifted Catholic musicians and songwriters with a blend of original music and popular praise and worship songs. More than just a concert, this night is about community. All ages are invited as this evening promises to be a moving and unforgettable celebration of music, our faith, and the Jubilee Year of Hope. Arrive early from 6pm to enjoy the food trucks before the music begins. Registration for all attendees is required due to limited space. Click here for [FREE TICKETS](#) (Flyer attached)

PILGRIMAGE AND MASS

with Archbishop O'Regan in Adelaide
celebrating Mass at the Jubilee pilgrimage site of St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on

Saturday October 11 at 10.30am.

Reconciliation will be offered from 9am.

If you wish to attend this Mass, please register at the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DFBHR>. All are welcome!



Couples For Christ Christian Life Programme



Oct 12th to Nov 23rd, 3-6pm in St Margaret Mary's Hall

A Catholic faith formation program that includes inspiring talks on living a Christian faith which will help participants to rediscover and enrich their faith in the Lord, strengthen family relationships and friendships and get to know new people as our parish community grows. This program will be conducted over seven Sundays. It is offered to couples, singles, widow and widower at no cost. For more information, see Vicky Manalo or email Alvin at aljafer29@yahoo.com.ph