

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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| Monday | Closed |
| Tues | 9am - 4pm |
| Wed | 9am - 4pm |
| Thurs | 10am - 4pm |
| Fri | 9am - 4pm |

Our Team

Parish Priest:

Monsignor Minh-Tam Nguyen

Assistant Priest:

Fr Olek Stirrat

Sacramental Program

Coordinator:

Mrs Kirsty Power

Parish Secretary:

Mrs Paula Noujaim

Next Week's Readings

October 26th 2025

30th Sunday Ord Time, Yr C

1st Reading:

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

Psalm: 32:2-3, 17-19, 23

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

2nd Reading:

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

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October 19th 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

World Mission Sunday

Celebrating the Feast of St Margaret Mary Alcoque

"I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of Jesus."

First Reading

Exodus 17:8-13 (JB)

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 120 (JB)

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help?

My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard.

No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. **R.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands.

By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. **R.**

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul.

The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. **R.**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2 (JB)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?' The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



RECENT: We pray for our parishioner **Clemente Crisci** who passed away recently. May he rest in peace and his family be comforted.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Irma Massacci (1st), **Daniel Massacci** (3rd)

OUR SICK:

Shirley McGuire, 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 as he leads the Church on her mission to announce to the world that Jesus is the true and lasting hope for all people.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our priests, parishioners, staff and students of our Parish and School at St Margaret Mary's, that as we celebrate our patron Saint, she will lead us to the loving Heart of Jesus, and to lives of charity.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the missionary priests and religious serving in our Archdiocese and across Australia, helping us to appreciate the universality of the Church and the richness of faith in all cultures.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For missionaries around the world, especially in demanding environments and persecution, so that praying continually, they will never lose heart as they open the gospel to people and serve with the charity of Jesus Christ.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the fragile peace process unfolding across the Holy Land, that with new hope in God, Palestinian and Jewish people will find in their hearts

the way of reconciliation and respect.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For missionaries who have died in the service of the Gospel, and for all who died in the Palestinian-Jewish war, that eternal peace will be theirs.

We also remember...

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

GOSPEL REFLECTION **& CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION**

Clearly this gospel passage reminds us of the importance of persevering in prayer. The parable of the unjust judge is found only in Luke's gospel. It concerns a widow who looks to the judge, time and again, for assistance and justice. Not having a husband, she turned to the law for protection and support. The parable says that eventually the judge listened to her pleas and assisted her.

In this story there are parallels between the judge and God. It is important that we do not get an incorrect message here. The Judge was unjust, God is not. The judge was worn down by the nagging of the woman. This is not the same as saying: be persistent in prayer! God cannot be worn down. The message is this: if the judge, who is unjust and seemingly uncaring can respond to the woman's persistence, how much more will God who is just and full of compassion, respond to our efforts in prayer.

- Discuss your thoughts (and maybe struggles) concerning prayer.
- When do you find time to pray?
- In what ways have your prayers clearly been answered?
- When have you been disappointed that something for which you prayed, did not eventuate?
- Discuss the importance of prayer in the lives of Christians.
- Share some of your own favourite prayers.

Prayer (and the Holy Spirit) gives us the strength to do things we couldn't ordinarily do.

- Name some things for which you would like to pray now.
- Spend some time in silent prayer and / or pray aloud with others now. The simple message is that

***we need to keep praying and praying
and never get tired.***

(www.liturgia.com.au)



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

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

The sessions 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
on 8346 0944 or hello@croydonparkparish.com.au
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.

PARISH NOTICES

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

Fr Olek is holding Altar Server's Trainings Sessions on **Saturdays October 18th and 25th**

from 10.30-11.30am at St Margaret Mary's.

**For altar servers old & new, from all three of our Churches.*

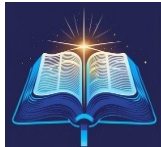
BIBLE STUDY GROUP

7 - 8pm in St Joseph's Centre on **Tuesday Oct 21st.**

For all ages. Final session!

Run by Fr Olek, focusing on the Gospel of John.

Register at hello@croydonparkparish.com.au



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

7pm Next Friday Oct 24th

St Margaret Mary's Church

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



FREE EXHIBITION: ST CARLO ACUTIS

Next Sunday Oct 26th

9am - 1pm in St Margaret Mary's Hall

Everyone is welcome to come and see the Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of the World created by St Carlo Acutis. There will be a book stall and you'll be able to write prayer petitions which will be sent to St Carlos tomb in Assisi.



ALL SAINTS DAY DRESS UP

Saturday Nov 1st

7pm in St Joseph's Centre

(next to Mater Dei Church).

Parishioners of all ages are invited to dress as their favourite Saint for the 6pm Saturday night Mass at Mater Dei then gathering & games in St Joseph's Centre after Mass.



ALL SOULS DAY

For All Souls Day Masses on the weekend of

November 1st & 2nd, parishioners are invited to bring

photo frames of loved ones and place them on a small table near the altar at the start of each Mass. We will have flowers blessed during each Mass to hand out afterwards.

Our priests will also be visiting the local cemeteries for Blessing of the Graves as follows:

-12pm Dudley Park Cemetery (Fr Olek)
46 Exeter Ter, Dudley Park

-1.30pm Enfield Memorial Park (Fr Olek)
Browning Street, Clearview

-3pm Cheltenham Cemetery (Mons Minh-Tam)
16 Chippenham Street, Cheltenham

Mass Times: Oct 21st - 26th

Weekday Masses

-Tuesday -9:15am St Margaret Mary's
-Wednesday **-9.15am** St Patricks
-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 Patricks
-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



Our Parish Family

Baptised at St Margaret Mary's last Sunday,

Ollie Horewood, son of Luke and Melissa.

May he grow in wisdom, grace, and love.

Welcome to the family of God!



Congratulations to **Monsignor Minh-Tam** as he celebrates his **34th Anniversary of**

Ordination this Sunday, October 19th. We thank him for his faithful service and we ask God to continue to bless him with wisdom, strength, and joy as he guides us all on our faith journey.



Integrity & Safeguarding

If anyone has a Child Safety concern,

contact **KIRSTY POWER**

at the Parish Office 8346 0944 or

sacramental.coordinator@croydonparkparish.com.au



ST MARGARET MARY'S FEAST DAY

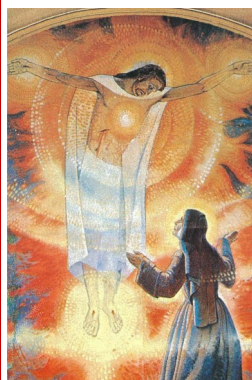
THIS SUNDAY - OCT 19TH

All parishioners are invited to celebrate this Feast at the 10.30am Mass at St Margaret Mary's Church followed by our traditional multicultural lunch & festivities.

Food stalls will be scattered around the grounds. So visit different stalls to experience food, music and cultures from around the world!

- Arrive Early
- No parking in yard
- Park on streets or Eldon St Carpark
- Bring your family & friends!
- Bring Some Food to share!
- Bring a Sun Hat
- Wear your cultural costume if you like!

Food
Drinks
Cake
Soccer
Dance
Music



About St Margaret Mary Alcoque

- Born in Verosvres, France, 22 July 1647
- Died 17 October 1690
- French Roman Catholic Visitation Nun
- Had visions of Jesus and Mary
- Devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Patron Saint for loss of parents, of those suffering with Polio, and for devotees of the Sacred Heart.



Leaving Collection This Weekend for World Mission Sunday

We are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need. Your gift will assist many Church programs around the world to:

- empower mothers to provide for their children
- equip hospitals to offer mothers a safe, dignified place to give birth and
- bring the love of Christ to those who need it most.



Please give generously to our leaving collection, or use the appeal envelopes in the church, the QR code or visit catholicmission.org.au/mission. Your generosity is a beacon of hope, assuring families that they are not forgotten. Thank you, and God bless you.



ADELAIDE ARCHDIOCESE NEWS & EVENTS

JOB VACANCIES



Office Assistant
Croydon Park Parish

Permanent Part Time - 16 hours per week

The Croydon Park Parish is seeking a friendly, organised and dedicated Office Assistant to join its Parish Team in a meaningful role at the heart of a vibrant, faith-filled community. The role involves administrative tasks, newsletter preparation, general enquiries and assisting the Parish Priest and team. Strong communication and Microsoft Office skills are essential. For more information about the role and how to apply contact recruitment@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Payroll HRIS Administrator x 2

Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

Permanent Full-Time/Part Time Opportunities

The Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide and the Payroll Team are seeking two detail-oriented and proactive Payroll HRIS Administrators to act as trusted advisors, providing guidance, troubleshooting support and contributing to continuous improvement of payroll and HRIS[1]-related processes. For more information about the roles and how to apply contact recruitment@adelaide.catholic.org.au

YOUTH RETREAT

(For ages 15-30)

CHARIS SA is organising a Youth Retreat, to be held on **Saturday October 25**, at St Peter Claver Church, Dulwich. The Retreat is about encountering Jesus by experiencing God's mercy, love and the power of the Holy Spirit working in us to transform lives.

The participants will be guided to experience the above through teachings and shared testimonies on living faith. There will be praise & worship, confession, Adoration and Mass.

This will be an opportunity for those who will be going to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival to prepare by enkindling their faith. For those who will not be going to the ACYF, this retreat will be an encounter to take back to their parishes and communities and will encourage them to live a purposeful sacramental life.

All are welcome, kindly invite other young Catholics to come.

Please scan the QR code to register.



Couples For Christ

Christian Life Programme



Oct 12th to Nov 23rd, 3-6pm in St Margaret Mary 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, widows and widowers at no cost. For more information, see Vicky Manalo or email Alvin at aljafer29@yahoo.com.ph