



THE SACRED HEART OF CROYDON

29 December 2019
The HOLY FAMILY
of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
9.00am - 3.30 pm. Closed on Wednesdays.

Parish Priest

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Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism will be celebrated by
appointment following a Baptism
Preparation Program.

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment with at least
6 months notice.

Sacred Heart Retreat Centre

For Bookings

Contact Robby on 0422 189 329

St. Vincent de Paul

If assistance is required, contact
St. Vincent de Paul: 1800 305 330
(Free Call)

Care Group

Maree Minogue: 0402 310 617

Young at Heart Club

Lorna Nardella 9723 2198

Seniors Group

Wilma De Jong 0488 776 294

Catholic Women's League

Christine Koelewyn 9725 4318

Choir

Faye Hewitt 9723 6089

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finished with this publication



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Weekend Mass Times: Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm,
Neocatechumenal Mass 7.30pm, Sunday 8.15am and 10.15am
Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Saturday: 9.30 am (Note: on 2nd Thursday
monthly Seniors Mass is at 10:30am, this Mass replaces the 9.30 am Mass)
Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation: Friday after 9.30 am Mass and
Saturday 5.30 pm until 6.00 pm

WEEKLY CALENDAR 2019

Monday 30 December

6th day of the Nativity

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Communion

Tuesday 31 December

7th day of the Nativity

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass

Wednesday 1 January

MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD - Solemnity

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass

Thursday 2 January

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory - Memorial

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass

Friday 3 January

Weekday of Christmas Time

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass

Saturday 4 January

Weekday of Christmas Time

6.00 pm Vigil Mass preceded by Reconciliation from 5.30 pm
7.30 pm Neocatechumenal Mass

Sunday 5 January

The EPIPHANY of the LORD

8.15 am Mass
10.15 am Mass, followed by tea and coffee

Next week's Readings:

The EPIPHANY of the LORD

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Next week Readers:

There is no roster until February, until then it is on a volunteer basis, please put
your name down on the list if you are available.



Please pray for:

We pray for all who are sick, especially **Lucy Horgan, Beryl Clark,** .
We pray for those parishioners that are unable to be among us this weekend, for those who have died recently, and for whose anniversary occurs at this time.



Baptisms

There will not be any Baptisms during December and January. Any queries, please contact the parish office.

The parish office is now closed and will re-open Monday 3rd February. The office answer machine will be on and all messages checked daily for urgent requests.

Special ministers

The roster runs out after Sunday, 22 Dec. There will not be another until the beginning of February 2020.

Until then, it's on a volunteer basis. Please put your name down on the list on the wall next to the sacristy if you are available. When you come in to Mass, do check these sheets and consider stepping up to fill in as needed.

Work on the next roster will take place mid-January. Please contact Orietta on 8288 2811 if you have changes, special requests or questions about the roster for special ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist.

Postage Stamps

Margaret Warner is still collecting postage stamps -these go towards fundraising for the Mary Mackillop Mission in Peru. If anyone has stamps please cut around them or leave them on the envelope and give them to her or leave them at the St Vincent De Paul Piety Stall for her. Thank you

Magnificat Prayer Group

Will return on the first Monday in February (3rd February 2020).

PIETY STALL

We have children's Bibles, First Bibles, Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion, Confirmation, Wedding and Anniversary items all for sale at great prices! We also have 'Family' and 'Mr & Mrs' lanterns, Noah's Ark jumbo floor puzzles and 'Thinking of you' plaques.

Please come along and say 'Hello' and have a look around our stall.

Laundry Café Crisis

We have been blessed with our own café because of the hard work of Greg Boysen, John O'Dwyer and many others. Fortunately Greg and John stayed on and learnt how to brew beautiful coffee and subsequently a number of others how coffee was brewed.

To maintain opening hours at the café we need regular volunteers to assist and take over the café.

Currently, we are open from 8.00am, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (during school terms) and close at 11.00am.

We have some existing volunteers, who are happy to continue in 2020 but we need many more volunteers. If we want to operate the café in 2020 we need at least 15 new volunteers to train and offer their services on one or a number of the above times.

Training will be provided for interested parties. Please contact Lynn in the office on 9724 4888.

Fr. Len



PRAYER OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH, CROYDON

Sacred Heart of Jesus be with us and send us wisdom through the Holy Spirit to guide our decisions and actions, so that we may do our part in the building of the Kingdom of God. May we reflect to all the loving care of God our Father. May we grow in the likeness of you the Son who came to serve and give your life for all. May Mary, our Mother, and our special Patrons, St. Edmund and St. Francis de Sales plead on our behalf to the Father, through You the Son in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

VISION STATEMENT :

"Sacred Heart Parish is a joyful Catholic community in which, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, the love of Christ is offered through worship, sacraments, education, pastoral and charitable outreach and the lived witness of Gospel values in order to nurture, sustain and support the growth of the Catholic faith in Croydon and beyond."

Privacy in 2001 the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information, including health information collected from individuals. This parish is committed to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the legislation.

The Sacred Heart Parish of Croydon, along with the ARCHDIOCESE of Melbourne, is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

Being one with Nature:

One of the greatest gifts God has given to us is Nature, Birds, Bees, Bears, Deer and the list keeps going on. To watch Nature as it grows, or blooms is a special gift to all of us that have sight. Many of us take it for granted ignore it and yes some try to kill it for sport. If we would only take the time to be one with nature we would see the world in a different light.

"In a world gone astray from God there is no peace, but it also lacks charity, which is true and perfect love...

Nothing is more beautiful than love. Indeed, faith and hope will end when we die, whereas love, that is, charity, will last for eternity."

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

"We might say the whole mystery of our redemption in Christ, by his incarnation, his death and his resurrection, consists of this marvellous exchange: in the heart of Christ, God has loved us humanly, so as to render our human hearts capable of loving divinely. God became man so that man might become God—might love as only God is capable of loving, with the purity, intensity, power, tenderness, and inexhaustible patience that belong to the divine love. It is an extraordinary source of hope and a great consolation to know that, by virtue of God's grace working in us (if we remain open to it by persevering in faith, prayer, and the sacraments), the Holy Spirit will transform and expand our hearts to the point of one day making them capable of loving as God loves."

Nature is all around us and there is an overabundance in every neighbourhood, one only needs to become still and watch.

Because cities are tightly packed suburbs offer wildlife bountiful nooks and crannies in which to hide, it can be difficult to spot the animals that live in our midst. Many thrive among paved streets, sidewalks, buildings, parking lots, and high-rises. There are animals in abundance burrowing in the soil of centre medians and tiny backyard gardens, making nests in the trees that line broad and busy avenues, and buzzing round the flowers that beautify our parks. To find these creatures, we only need to stop, look, and listen. Nature's drama is continually playing out on the window ledges where weary birds stop to roost, in the shadowy places where cautious nocturnal mammals wait for night's mantle to fall, and the fountains where playful waterfowl splash and frolic. In observing the animals that share our habitat, we become a part of their beautiful, complex, and exciting world.

Season by season, cities offer diverse ecosystems for

you to explore. If your search for urban and suburban wildlife is challenging, try to look at your community with an animal's eyes. Where there are shrubs and flowers, insects such as butterflies, ladybugs and beetles, can usually be found. The insects, in turn, attract the birds who feast upon them. Even the smallest green spaces are hosts to little creatures. At night, a different community of animals awakens to the world. Raccoons, skunks, and possums emerge to examine our human leftovers for edibles. Even pets feel the call of the wild--it's not uncommon for well-fed cats in colourful collars to stalk the streets in search of prey. Signs of habitation, like nests or hives, and audible evidence, like chirps, will help you find them.

Recognizing that you share your city with a wide range of animals can make you feel like a part of the grand circle of life and help you appreciate the importance of a healthy urban environment. You can admire the hardiness and adaptability of the urban animal while developing a sense of stewardship that inspires you to become their champion. The shrill calls of birds, the hum of bees, and the sweet squeaks of city-dwelling mammals can be a symphony that help you develop a deeper connection with the nature world.

Author unknown.

