



THE SACRED HEART OF CROYDON

5 January 2020
The EPIPHANY of the LORD



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Parish Office Hours

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

Parish Priest

Fr. Len Size

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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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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 6 January

Weekday of Christmas Time

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Communion

Tuesday 7 January

Weekday of Christmas Time

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass

Wednesday 8 January

Weekday of Christmas Time

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass

Thursday 9 January

Weekday of Christmas Time

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass

Friday 10 January

Weekday of Christmas Time

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass

Saturday 11 January

Weekday of Christmas Time

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

Sunday 12 January

The BAPTISM of the LORD

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

Next week's Readings:

The BAPTISM of the LORD

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

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.

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.

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.

Adopt an Abundance Mentality

We live in a culture of scarcity. There's never enough money, enough time, enough bandwidth, enough choice, enough freedom, enough friends, enough of this ability or that opportunity—you name it, there's never enough.

If you have a self-talk script that starts with "If only I had . . ." Stop. Stop right there. That's your scarcity talk up to no good. Remind yourself that you have plenty. Plenty of options, plenty of ability, plenty of opportunity.

Three tips to fostering an Abundance Mentality:

1. **Gratitude.** Be grateful for what you have, no matter how little that may be. Thank God for it. Thank your parents for giving you life. Thank the Centrelink person for your welfare payment. Thank each and every person in your life and acknowledge that everything you have is a gift.

2. **Stop the envy.** Instead of upward comparing yourself to the celebrity elite (which is a constructed fantasy anyway), downward compare your situation to the vast majority of the world's population. Think you are time poor? Factor in having to carry your water from the village pump each day. Think you lack money for clothes? Spare a thought for those who only get charity hand-me-downs.
3. **Social Media Reality Check.** It's the happy place where everyone posts the good times. Whether it's the gob-smacking breakfast they're eating, the awesome adventure they're experiencing, or the amazing romance they're having, it's easy to conclude that EVERYBODY is having a better life than me. It's not real and it's not helpful. Stop following the fantasy makers, and fill your newsfeed with content that inspires you to be a better person.

Taken from Frankly Magazine

The Value of a Smile

A smile is nature's best antidote for discouragement. It brings rest to the weary, sunshine to those who are sad, and hope to those who are hopeless and defeated.

A smile is so valuable that it can't be bought, begged, borrowed, or taken away against your will. You have to be

willing to give a smile away before it can do anyone else any good.

So if someone is too tired or grumpy to flash you a smile, let him have one of yours anyway. Nobody needs a smile as much as the person who has none to give.



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.