



THE SACRED HEART OF CROYDON

19 January 2020

2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME



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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 20 January

Weekday, Ordinary Time

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Communion

Tuesday 21 January

St. Agnes - Memorial

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass

Wednesday 22 January

Weekday, Ordinary Time

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass

Thursday 23 January

Weekday, Ordinary Time

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass

Friday 24 January

St. Francis de Sales - Memorial

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass

Saturday 25 January

The Conversion of St Paul - Feast

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

Sunday 26 January

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

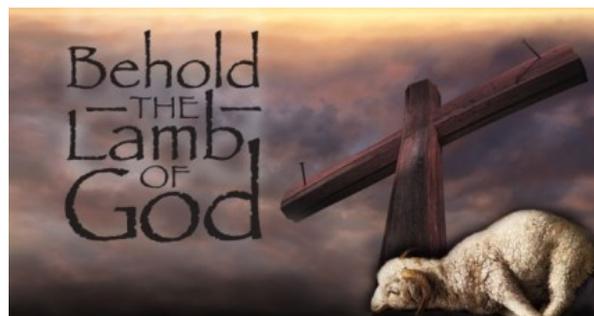
Next week's Readings:

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Is 8:23 - 9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

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.

St. Francis de Sales

St. Francis de Sales was born to a noble family at Chateau de Sales in the Kingdom of Savoy near Geneva, Switzerland on August 21, 1567. He was a Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

Francis was both intelligent and gentle. From a very early age, he desired to serve God. He knew for years he had a vocation to the priesthood, but kept it from his family. His father wanted him to enter a career in law and politics.

In 1580, Francis attended the University of Paris, and at 24-years-old, he received his doctorate in law at the University of Padua.

All the time, he never lost his passion for God. He studied theology and practiced mental prayers, but kept quiet about his devotion. To please his father, he also studied fencing and riding.

God made his will clear to Francis one day while he was riding. Francis fell from his horse three times that day. Every time he fell, the sword came out of the scabbard, and every time it came out, the sword and scabbard came to rest on the ground in the shape of the Christian cross.

After much discussion and disagreement from his father, Francis was ordained to the priesthood and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, in 1593, by the Bishop of Geneva.

During the time of the Protestant reformation, Francis lived close to Calvinist territory. He decided he should lead an expedition to bring the 60,000 Calvinists back to

the Catholic Church.

For three years, he trudged through the countryside, had doors slammed in his face and rocks thrown at him. In the bitter winters, his feet froze so badly they bled as he tramped through the snow.

Francis' unusual patience kept him working. No one would listen to him, no one would even open their door. So, Francis found a way to get under the door. He wrote out little pamphlets to explain true Catholic doctrine and slipped them under the doors. This is one of the first records we have of religious tracts being used to communicate the true Catholic faith to people who had fallen away from the Church.

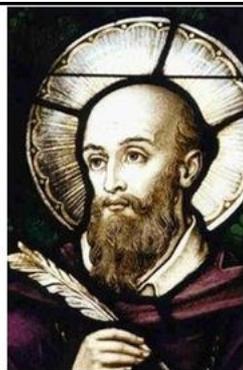
The parents wouldn't come to him, so Francis went to the children. When the parents saw how kind he was as he played with the children, they began to talk to him.

By the time Francis returned home, it is believed he brought 40,000 people to the Catholic Church.

St. Francis de Sales was beatified on January 8, 1661 and canonized on April 19, 1665 by Pope Alexander VII.

He is often featured with the Heart of Jesus and a Crown of Thorns.

In 1923, Pope Pius XI named St. Francis de Sales the patron saint of Catholic writers and the Catholic press because of the tracts and books he wrote. He is also the patron saint of the deaf, journalists, adult education, and the Sisters of St. Joseph. His feast day is celebrated on January 24.



"Do not wish to be anything but what you are and try to be that perfectly."
~St. Francis de Sales

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.