



Sacred Heart Parish Croydon  
*on "Monastery Hill"*

**The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

28<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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### **Parish Office Hours**

#### **Monday and Tuesday:**

9.00am - 12.30pm

Closed on Wednesday

#### **Thursday and Friday:**

9.00am - 3.30pm

#### **Parish Priest:**

Fr. Melvin Llabanes

#### **Deacon:**

Rev Phil King

#### **Parish Secretary:**

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### **Sacred Heart Primary School**

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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.

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

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

### **Catholic Women's League**

Please contact the parish office.

### **Parish Choir**

Please contact the parish office.

### **Mass Times**

Saturday: 6.00pm Sunday 9.30am

Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Friday after 9.30am Mass

Saturday 5.30pm until 6.00pm

### **Weekday Rosary**

Before Mass

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

First Friday of the month after 9.30am Mass

### **Divine Mercy Prayers**

Friday 8.30 – 9.25am



### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**We pray for all who are sick, especially**

Bill Gallagher, Betty Croker,  
Olga McDonald,  
Michael Westworth,  
Colleen Skedden,  
Lucy Horgan,  
Helen Vosgerau,  
Peter Ward, Marion Ward,  
Edie Bastin, Patrick Connell,  
Josie Bevi, Damian Moran,  
Bill Horgan, Rob Clarke.

**We pray for** those parishioners that are unable to be among us this weekend, for those who have died recently:

#### **Luciano Besek**

(FUNERAL: Sat 27 Dec at 10.30am Sacred Heart, Croydon)

**and for** those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

## Rosters

**The EPIPHANY of the LORD**

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

Saturday 3 January

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Monica Gaynor and Yasmin Semena

### **Readers**

Bhing Balmores

Sunday 4 January

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Carol Koper, Shane Lawrence and Janet Beck

### **Readers**

Katherine Kottakkal and Wilma DeJong

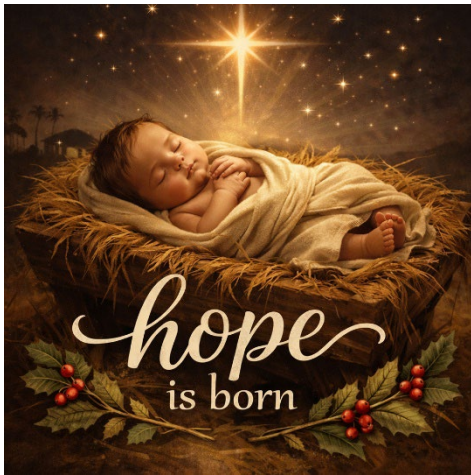
### **Musician and Cantor**

**Saturday 3 January**

TBA (Organist)

**Sunday 4 January**

TBA



The greatest  
gift didn't  
come in a  
sleigh,  
He came in a  
manger.

## **Official Close of the Jubilee Year**

On Christmas Eve 2024, Pope Francis symbolically opened the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica, marking the start of the 2025 Jubilee Year.

Jubilee years happen every 25 years and are times of reconciliation and renewal. The Holy Father reminded us, Jesus, 'is the destination of our pilgrimage'.

The Official close of the Jubilee Year will be on 6 Jan *Feast of the Epiphany* with the symbolic closing of the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica.

## **2025 Archbishop's Christmas Message - 'What Is this Hope We Wish Each Other?'**

When we wish someone a 'Happy Christmas', there's a quiet gift that comes with those words. Hope is that gift. We are saying, I hope that you and those you love may be well, whatever your circumstances.

'Happy Christmas' is more than a seasonal greeting. It's a small ritual of kindness that says, 'I want what is good for you, even if life is imperfect.'

Hope is a kind of glue. It binds our relationships together across time. At Christmas especially, hope takes on a gentle but persistent strength—the belief that peace and joy are possible, even in difficulty.

For children, hope at this time of year looks like anticipation: presents, surprises, family moments. It is immediate and tangible.

For us adults, especially parents, hope often becomes an intentional responsibility: the desire to provide, to make each day a blessing, even under pressure.

For grandparents, and those gone before us, hope is often about peace, endurance and unity. They cherish what they have, knowing how fragile life can be.

In our Christian life, hope goes far deeper. It is not merely a feeling; it has become enfleshed in a person. Our hope has a name: Jesus Christ, Emmanuel—God-with-us.

At Christmas, we remember not only the child in Bethlehem but the God who came through to us and for us, and who continues to do so.

This is hope beyond optimism. It is a light the darkness cannot overcome. Christian hope is the light of the world.

The birth of Jesus is part of each of our stories. His coming assures us that this broken world is still destined for goodness and beauty.

In your challenges, burdens and suffering, take heart: God's love and peace are truly present for all who thirst for him.

So, when someone wishes you a 'happy Christmas' in the Christian sense, they offer more than goodwill. They offer a gift: *You are not alone. Hope is real—today and every day.*

I wish you and your families a joyful and hope-filled Christmas.

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.

**Sacred Heart Parish is committed to the mission of the Gospel to worship, grow, belong and serve as Disciples of Christ. This mission commits us to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.**

**We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land of the Kulin Nation who have walked upon and cared for this country. We pay our respect to them and their Elders, past, present and emerging.**