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ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH MARAYONG

Parish Vision Statement

We are an active and welcoming Catholic community, where people of all ages draw closer to God. His love is expressed through each one of us by prayer, liturgy and reaching out in service to one another.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year B: Vol.43 No.20

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday (Vigil) 6.00pm
Sunday:
7.30am, 8.45am, 10.30am .

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Each Sunday morning
after the 8.45am Mass.

Weekday Masses:

Monday: 9.00am
Tuesday: 9.00am
Wednesday: 9.00am
Novena & Mass: 7.00pm
Thursday: 8.00am
Friday: 9.00am
Youth Mass & SAYWAT 7.00pm
Saturday: 9.00am

Mass for the Sick: 4th Saturday
of the month at 9.00am

Rosary: After each morning
Mass and before the
Saturday Vigil Mass

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

- After weekday morning Masses.
- Saturday: 4.30pm - 5.30pm
- Anytime by arrangement.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sunday
of each month at 11.45am

Baptismal Preparation:

2nd Wednesday of each month
at 7.30pm
in the Fr Byrne Centre.
Please book for Baptisms
with the Parish Office.

PIETY STALL:

Open after Masses on Saturday
night and Sunday morning or
by asking for an appointment
at the Parish Office.

FR. BYRNE CENTRE:

(Parish Meeting Rooms)
38 Breakfast Rd, Marayong.

PARISH SCHOOLS:

ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY

Principal: Mr M. Tonnet

Phone: 8869 6700

Address: 36 Breakfast Road
Marayong 2148

ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE

College Principal: Mr N. Vidot

Phone: 9626 4000

Campus -

JUNIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 7-10)

Address: 116 Quakers Road
Marayong 2148

SENIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 11-12)

Address: 50 Breakfast Road
Marayong 2148

MASS FOR THE SICK

Our celebration of Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for this month will take place on Saturday, April 28.

We do encourage parishioners to inform those who would benefit from the sacrament to come along to this Mass. It is also recommended that parishioners offer to drive people to and from the Mass.

We are very grateful to the members of Life Ascending Australia, our parish ministry for seniors, who organise a morning tea to follow this Mass. If you are able to help by bringing along something for this morning tea, we do encourage you to do this.



FR. BYRNE CENTRE

The sound system and the video system in this venue have been updated and people who are using it are asked to treat it with the utmost care. There is a new amplifier and new speakers. If people using the system require the use of microphones, they are asked to arrange this through the parish office.

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you have not filled out a Registration Form, please do so as soon as possible and return it to the Church or Parish Office. Forms are available at the back of the Church.

If you are a new parishioner, we ask you to complete a Registration Form, and return it to the Parish Office.

Bulletin Highlights ...

- ♦ **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**
- ♦ **RCIA RECOMMENCES**
- ♦ **SAYWAT UPDATE**
- ♦ **ST VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY**
- ♦ **UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS**

From Monsignor Ron ...

Our reading from St John has words that have the ability to stop us in our tracks. "I am writing this to stop you sinning." These are very appropriate words for us to reflect upon. Certainly, no one of us is perfect and we do have this tendency to be rather self-centred. To me, more than anything else I would see these words as applying to what could be describe as our sins of omission. These are the failures to grab the opportunities to be loving people. These are the failures to grasp the opportunities to grow in our faith. These occur when we are not prepared to move out of our comfort zone and commit ourselves to live as a disciple of Jesus every moment of every day.

Thinking about these words of St John, I would suggest that he could just as easily have said that he was writing to show us how to be Saints. When we think about this I think we will discover that this is the reality. We were created to be Saints, people who grow to our full God-given potential as loving people and people who are ready to live with our loving God for all eternity.

However, I wonder if we really accept the fact that we were created to be Saints. Do we really want this? Do we really believe in our heart of hearts that Jesus has the only answer to a happy, joyful, peaceful, and fulfilling life? Do we really believe that we are in the presence of God in every moment? Do we really believe that he is constantly inviting us through prayer, through the people in our lives, and through the offence we experience, to continue growing as loving people?

We are so brainwashed by the values of society, that we have fallen into the trap of seeing this worldly lifestyle as necessary for a meaningful

existence. Unfortunately, too often to achieve this worldly lifestyle we keep God at a distance and we fail to totally accept our need of him. This is a tremendous pity for we run the risk of missing out on what life is all about.

If we keep God remote or in the shadows of our lives we will not see and experience our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who knows our problems, walks with us, accepts us the way we are, and who only wants to help us. This was a problem faced by the leaders of the chosen people who were quite satisfied in their comfort zones. They did not see that they needed a Saviour because they were the Chosen People. They did not see Jesus is relevant to their lives.

If we follow their example, we will not grow as God intended us to grow. If we do not have faith in the fact that the risen Lord is with us, if we don't really accept that he alone has the meaning of life, if we don't really believe that he walks through life with us, then he is as good as dead to us.

We need to admit we are sinners; we need to admit that we do need saving; we need to admit that our lives are nowhere near as good as they should be. If we really accept this, then Jesus is our Saviour and this is very important to admit. People who do not believe that they need to be saved cannot appreciate the love for us that is present in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

RCIA RECOMMENCES:

On Monday evening April 16 we will have the first of three meetings as a follow-up to the RCIA Program. All parishioners are invited to attend.

The theme this week will be "the Coming Kingdom." This looks at sin and forgiveness, the resurrection of the dead, the world to come, the kingdom now in this moment.

Please contact the Parish Office, if you are **unavailable** for your rostered Ministry.



MASS READINGS -YEAR B

THIS SUNDAY:

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

Psalm: Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

NEXT SUNDAY:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Psalm: Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29

Second Reading: John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 14th / 15th April 2018

[3rd Sunday of the Month - Even Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Stephen Debrincat Edward Yuliardhyanto	Charles Hyson John Fernandes	Morie Balisbisan Edsel Paltoo	Robert Bautista <i>Volunteer Required</i>
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Mary Anne Xuereb	Jane Cauchi	Carmelita Liceralde
FIRST READER	Melville Fernandez	Fely Perez	Vinetta Lobo	Therrie Chin
SECOND READER	Edward Yin	Laurinda Atienza	Alicia Cianflone	Donnie Velasco
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	<i>Volunteer Required</i>	<i>Volunteer Required</i>	Leah Mitchell	<i>Volunteer Required</i>
WELCOMER	Melita DelosReyes	Annette Hudson	Denise Farla Dot Kaster	Peter Maw
MUSICIANS	Hearts	NO Music Mass	St Andrew's Family Choir	Living Word Choir
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Third Sunday of the Month				

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 21st / 22nd April 2018

[4th Sunday of the Month - Even Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Joe Doyle Ike Enriquez	Candido Velasco <i>Volunteer Required</i>	Mario Picart Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan Robert Bautista
COMMENTATOR	Stephen Debrincat	Claire Blunt	Derica Elogious	Maryanne Bautista
FIRST READER	Marilyn Villa	Pauline Sultana	Chris Bettiol	<i>Volunteer Required</i>
SECOND READER	Doris Barrios	Nila Mangona	Lydia Villamarin	Jay Ilagan
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Sian D'Souza	<i>Volunteer Required</i>	Belinda Elogious	Emily Webb Nataiie Webb
WELCOMER	Marian Fernandez Melville Fernandez Henryka Ogrodniczek	Agnes iligan	<i>Volunteer Required</i>	Editha Brady Carl Republica Jerome Chin
MUSICIANS	Hearts	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Couples For Christ
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Fourth Sunday of the Month				

REFLECTION FOR EASTER SEASON

BY ST FRANCIS DESALES

Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life;
Rather look to them with full hope that as they arise,
God, whose very own you are,
will lead you safely through all things;
And when you cannot stand it,
God will carry you in His arms.

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;
The same everlasting Father who cares for you today
will take care of you today and every day.

He will either shield you from suffering
or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace and put aside
all anxious thoughts and imaginations.



CONFIRMATION PROGRAM



At the conclusion of the school holiday period, we will be taking applications for registration in regard to the sacramental program for Confirmation. To be eligible for the sacrament at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, there are a number of requirements.

- ◆ The candidate must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Penance, and First Holy Communion.
- ◆ All candidates must be in year five or upwards.
- ◆ All candidates need to be parishioners of St Andrew the Apostle Parish either through geographic location or by having chosen this parish as their place of involvement in the church.

St Vincent DePaul Society

There will be changes in regard to the St Vincent DePaul Society as for the moment our conference will be closing down. This is happening for a number of reasons. In the first instance, the people who make up a conference have served us extremely well over a long time and given many years of service. Unfortunately, in recent times there has not been sufficient volunteers to allow us to continue conducting business as usual. Secondly, much of the work they have carried out in the past is now handled by the Blacktown hub.

It is important that we continue to offer support to people in need in our parish. In regard to this, we will still collect food items which will be distributed as needed. We will also be collecting money from the poor box to be used to help families in need within the Parish.

Naturally, in the short term, we would appreciate the help of volunteers. I would suggest that this is a wonderful way to get involved in reaching out to people and exercising our baptismal ministry. I would also ask the various groups in the parish to consider taking this on as part of their ministry.

We will need to look at re-establishing the St Vincent DePaul Society our parish as it undertakes a vital role in the life of the community and provides us with a way to be involved in outreach to our brothers and sisters who have particular needs. Ideas in regard to this would be welcome. People who would like to become involved in a new conference for the St Vincent DePaul Society are asked to contact the parish office.

At this stage, it is important that we know if people are prepared to make this commitment. Then, we can consider the idea of having an information evening.

Sunday	15
3rd Sunday of Easter	
Counters: Group 7	
08:45 Marriage Blessing	
09:30 Sunday School	
11:45 Baptism	
Monday	16
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS begin	
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
19:00 Legion of Mary	
19:15 RCIA	
Tuesday	17
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
Wednesday	18
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
19:00 Novena & Mass	
Thursday	19
08:00 Mass	
08:30 Rosary	
Friday	20
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
16:00 Junior Legion of Mary	
19:00 Youth Mass & SAYWAT	
20:10 HJM Core Meeting	
Saturday	21
Saint Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop, Doctor	
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary	
10:00 Church Cleaning LofM	
16:00 Music Practice Worship Hymn	
16:15 Legion of Mary	



(St. Andrews Youth Word And Teaching)
Our next SAYWAT will be held on:
Friday, 20th April, 2018 at 7:00pm.
The theme for the night is:

SSID: God's Fam

PW: [Insert your name]

What's the password to connect to the wifi named God's fam? All you do is insert your own name.

The evening commences with our Youth Mass at 7:00pm followed by supper and social & faith activities.

In April this is available for young people from year 9 to year 12. Families are reminded of the importance of collecting the young people at 10:00pm when the evening concludes.

SAYWAT is temporarily changing its structure for 2018 in order to implement some changes. Below is a list of when we will be running SAYWAT for each age group:

April: Year 9 - 12	May: Year 4 - 8	June: Year 9 - 12
July: Year 4 - 8	August: Year 9 - 12	September: TBC *
<i>*Please see the parish bulletin for updates</i>		
October: Year 4 - 8	November: SAYWAT's Got Talent - All year groups, Year 4 - 12	



SAVE THE DATE — CELEBRATE PENTECOST

SATURDAY, 19TH MAY 2018

Our St Andrew's Pentecost Celebration will be on Saturday May 19 evening starting at 5:20pm with Rosary, followed by Mass, International Supper and Program.

We would like to invite parishioners and group representatives who wish to get involved to our Pentecost Planning meeting on Wednesday April 18 at 8pm at the Fr Byrne Centre.

Notices from the Diocese of Parramatta

Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. All people are invited to reflect on the question: **"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?"**

Find out more at: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

The Permanent Diaconate: 6 May

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at St John 23rd Parish, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens 2768. Come and learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members. We are looking for men aged between 35 to 55 and residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of five sessions, with each session dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. The meetings will commence at 3.00pm until 6.00pm followed by the Parish Mass and Fellowship.

The 2018 dates on Sundays: 8 July, 9 September, 4 November. For further information visit

www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate or please contact any of the following deacons:

Deacon James – 0425 213 832, Deacon Tan – 0407 270 782, Deacon George – 0408 440 769

Holy Hour for Vocations: 3 May

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (age 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, 3 May at 7:00 pm. Join us also for the pizza at 8:00pm, Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula, e-mail: vocationscsfn@gmail.com mob: 0449 656 406

Catholic Outlook Survey

Tell Bishop Vincent and the Diocese of Parramatta what you think about CatholicOutlook. All responses are anonymous and confidential. Take the survey here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook



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HOME VISIT

Would you like a visit from a priest or parishioner?

Name

phone

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND

Do you know someone who would like Holy Communion or a visit?

Name

phone

PLANNED GIVING

Would you like to support our parish?

Name

phone

PLEASE PLACE ON COLLECTION PLATE AND YOU WILL BE CONTACTED