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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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year B: Vol.43 No.22 28th / 29th April, 2018

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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
Holy Hour & Mass: 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

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

On Friday May 4, we have our monthly Holy Hour in which everyone is invited to come together for the celebration of Mass followed by devotions. This gives us the opportunity to spend one hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament offering our praise and worship in a spirit of thanksgiving.



SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION



On Saturday May 5, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance as a community. In this time of Easter, we are encouraged to get very practical in the living out of our faith and in our commitment to be disciples of Jesus. Part of this process does need a new beginning which is available to us in the Sacrament of Penance. This will take place at 9:30am after the Saturday morning Mass.

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 ...

- ♦ CALENDAR FOR MAY 2018
- ♦ FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES
- ♦ MARIAN DEVOTIONS IN MAY
- ♦ SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - CONFIRMATION
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

From Monsignor Ron ...

In our gospel passage this weekend, Christ offers to us this beautifully striking image of the vineyard, when describing the intimate nature of the relationship between himself and his disciples. He is saying that his followers are to be so closely united with him as to share his ideals, attitudes and concerns. The vine, with its life-giving energy, is a vibrant and dynamic image of the Christian community. Just as a branch is dependent on the vine for food and life, we are dependent on Jesus for divine life and spiritual sustenance. This is one of the main themes of St John's gospel, that of belonging and the profound oneness that exists between each one of us and Christ, who is our life.

We can easily forget that as branches of the same vine, we are also connected to one another and called to form a community of love. It is not sufficient to have a personal relationship with Christ if we fail to reach out in love and understanding to those with whom we rub shoulders in the course of our daily work. We are all expected to look after, care for and have a responsibility towards one another. Our belonging to Christ challenges us to move beyond petty jealousies and realize that we need each other.

We all know that there are areas of our lives where there is dead wood which, instead of producing new and more fruitful growth, is sapping our energy. Jesus teaches emphatically that true discipleship consists in producing the fruit of good living. The gospel is very much our gospel of hope. This is a good time to learn that if we stay connected to the vine, we will bear much fruit, more than we ever imagined.

Today, let us realize the without Jesus we are really nothing and our lives a waste of time. Let us realize the importance of developing a deep friendship with him which comes from prayer, study and doing his will. Finally, if we truly love Jesus we are to love those he loves. The best way we can express our love for others is to bring Jesus to them by continuing his work. Remember, we are not on our own; we are united to Jesus always; as well, the Holy Spirit lives within us and he is our energizer, our guide, our comforter, and of course our challenger. Each day, ask fervently for the power of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord of the harvest, the yield of believers is plentiful, but the workers are few. In your mercy send more labourers among your people to guide them and to pick their plentiful fruit. Grant that I may be a worthy servant in your kingdom, where you live and reign with your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE EASTER SEASON

Since, there is a great emphasis on the Acts of the Apostles during the Season of Easter as we reflect on the early church, we are going to conduct a series of video presentations with discussion time during the month of May. We do encourage parishioners to participate in the scripture study and reflection. It will take place on a Wednesday evening at 7:45pm until 9:00pm. This will commence on Wednesday, May 2.

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



MASS READINGS -YEAR B

THIS SUNDAY:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31
Psalm: Ps 21:26-28. 30-32
Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24
Gospel: John 15:1-8

NEXT SUNDAY:

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48
Psalm: Ps 97:1-4
Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10
Gospel: John 15:9-17

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 28th / 29th April 2018

[5th Sunday of the Month - Even Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Edward Yuliardhyanto Joe Doyle	Fred Inglis Edsel Paltoo	Joy Kakodkar Mario Spiteri	Gus Kaster Volunteer Required
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Julie Nunez	Jane Cauchi	Carmelita Liceralde
FIRST READER	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Agnes Iligan	Felix Villamarin	Vicky Ilagan
SECOND READER	Maria Valentine	Pauline Sultana	Doris Barrios	Donnie Velasco
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Delia Fernandes	Volunteer Required	Samara Brenna	Jerrick Morales
WELCOMER	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required	Dot Kaster	Peter Maw
MUSICIANS	Dingalings / Hearts	NO Music Mass	Pimig Pinoy Choir	St Andrew's Children's Choir

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Fifth Sunday of the Month

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 5th / 6th May 2018

[1st Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Ruben Bables Joe Doyle	Ged Oblea Rufino Oblea	Volunteer Required Mario Spiteri	Ike Enriquez Volunteer Required
COMMENTATOR	Joyce Vincent	Mary Anne Xuereb	Maria Hyson	YouthWorks!
FIRST READER	Roshan Thomas	Anthony Culbert	Nerissa Toong	YouthWorks!
SECOND READER	Martin Zammit	Julie Nunez	Zoe Victoria	YouthWorks!
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Delia Fernandes	Volunteer Required	Vesna Kenny	Shekha Raviraj
WELCOMER	Volunteer Required	Annette Hudson Rita Vaughn	Dot Kaster, Des Zammit	YouthWorks!
MUSICIANS	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	PK Choir	YouthWorks!

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - First Sunday of the Month

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY

Today, we choose you, Mary, standing before all the saints, to be our mother and our Queen. We dedicate ourselves to you in humility and love; our bodies and our souls, our gifts and our possessions, the merit of good deeds, those present, past, and still to come. We freely give you the right to deal with us and everything we have as you see fit, for the greater glory of God, both now and for eternity. Amen. (St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort)

Marian Devotions in May

During the month of May, the Rosary will be prayed before all our weekend Masses. We do encourage people to come early to join us in this devotion of Mary. In praying the Rosary, we are honouring God for the gift of Mary, seeking her guidance in our lives, and asking her help to come to know Jesus better. In advance, we express our gratitude to members of the Legion of Mary for leading us in these prayers.



To Children in the Parish You are cordially invited to actively participate in the...
May Flower Offering to our Blessed Virgin Mary

It is to be held on **Saturday, 12th May 2018** leading to the 6pm Vigil Mass.

It will start with the **Holy Rosary at 4:45pm** followed by the flower offering to our Blessed Mother.

All children are encouraged to wear their Sunday best.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CONFIRMATION

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, & 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.



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

There will be a meeting of the Parish Finance Committee on Tuesday May 1 at 7:00pm in the parish office. We encourage members of the Finance Committee to be in attendance.

CELEBRATE PENTECOST

Saturday 19 May 2018 | 5:20pm Rosary | 6:00pm Mass |
Followed by International Supper and Concert at the Primary School Hall.
You are encouraged to wear your national costume or something red.



Volunteers are needed to help with the following:

- ★ Food/household item donations for the poor from parish groups; for families wishing to donate a parcel and be part of the Offertory procession please contact office and bring your parcel wrapped in red or yellow in the Mass.
- ★ Decorating the church and setting up tables/chairs in the hall on May 19 at 10:00 am.
- ★ Donation of drinks and food from different nationalities; preferably finger food and easy-to-serve food as there will be no heating facility. The hall will be open from 4:30pm for food donations on May 19.
- ★ Donations for Door Prizes. Please bring them to the Parish Office and if wrapped please indicate what the prize is.
- ★ Serving of food.
- ★ Packing away tables/chairs and cleaning up the hall afterwards.

Please come and join us to make the Feast of Pentecost a joyful occasion to honour the Holy Spirit, celebrate the birthday of our Church and to bring our Parish community together.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29-Apr 5th Sunday of Easter 08:45 Mass SVDP certificates 09:30 Sunday School	30-Apr Saint Pius V, Pope <i>Registrations Open</i> <i>Confirmation</i> School Commences 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:15 RCIA	1-May Saint Joseph the Worker 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Parish Finance Committee Meeting	Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:00 Faith Formation & Discussion	Saints Philip and James, Apostles 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary	First Friday 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 19:00 Holy Hour & Mass 16:15 Legion of Mary	5 09:00 Mass 09:30 Reconciliation 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning HJM 10:00 Rosary 16:15 Legion of Mary
6 6th Sunday of Easter Counters: Group 1 09:30 Sunday School 10:30 Youth Mass 11:45 Baptism	7 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary	8 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 20:00 Music Committee Meeting	9 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:00 Faith Formation & Discussion 19:30 Baptism Preparation	10 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 10:00 Life Ascending Australia Group Meeting - FBC	11 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 20:00 Choir Practice HJM	12 Saints Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs Saint Pancras, Martyr 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning CFC 16:15 Legion of Mary 19:30 Prayer Meeting HJM
13 The Ascension of the Lord Counters: Group 2 Mother's Day 09:30 Sunday School	14 Saint Matthias, Apostle 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary	15 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 <i>Registration Evening</i> <i>Confirmation</i>	16 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:00 Faith Formation & Discussion 20:00 Combined Pentecost Music Practice	17 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 20:00 Music Practice	18 Saint John I, Pope, Martyr 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 19:00 Youth Mass & SAYWAT 20:00 HJM Core Meeting	19 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning LoM 16:15 Legion of Mary 18:00 Mass & Pentecost <i>Celebration</i>
20 Pentecost Counters: Group 3 08:45 Marriage Blessing 09:30 Sunday School 11:45 Baptism	21 Saint Christopher Magallanes and his Companions, Martyrs 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary	22 Saint Rita of Cascia 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Sacramental Facilitators Meeting - Confirmation	23 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:00 Faith Formation & Discussion	24 Our Lady, Help of Christians 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 14:00 Church Cleaning Group 4 19:30 Music Practice CFC	25 Saint Gregory VII, Pope Saint Mary Magdalen of Pazzi, Virgin Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 20:00 Choir Practice HJM	26 Saint Philip Neri, Priest Catholic Foundation Appeal 09:00 Mass for the Sick 09:30 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 16:15 Legion of Mary 19:30 Prayer Meeting HJM
27 The Most Holy Trinity Catholic Foundation Appeal Counters: Group 4 08:45 Confirmation Class 1 09:30 Sunday School	28 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary	29 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:15 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	30 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass	31-May The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary	1-Jun Saint Justin, Martyr First Friday 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 19:00 Holy Hour & Mass	2-Jun Parish Retreat <i>Saturday memorial of</i> <i>the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 09:00 Mass 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning HJM 10:00 Rosary 16:15 Legion of Mary