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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.



19th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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FR. BYRNE CENTRE:

(Parish Meeting Rooms)

38 Breakfast Rd, Marayong.

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: 7.00am, 9.15am

12.00 noon & 7.00pm

Wednesday: 9.00am

12.00 noon & 7.00pm

Thursday: 8.00am

Friday: 9.00am

Saturday: 9.00am

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

Rosary: Before 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.

PARISH SCHOOLS:

ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY

Principal: Mr M. Tonnet

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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

FAITH FORMATION:

SPIRITUALITY OF THE GOSPELS

Three Wednesday evenings from August 23 at 7:30 PM

In Spirituality of the Gospels, the modern quest for spiritual fulfillment is met with profound insights from the gospels. All four gospels call readers to become faithful followers of Christ, but each gospel has a special focus on Christ. Responding to any gospel's special focus promises to also nourish a distinct spirituality, one that will resonate with the spiritualities of saints and disciples both ancient and modern. Hardin finds in Matthew's gospel a spirituality based on Christ's transformative presence within us; in Mark is found the challenge of martyrdom; in Luke the call to embrace the poor; and in John disciples are called to contemplative virtues springing from grace and love.

Lesson 1 — Introduction; Context for exploring Biblical Spirituality

Lesson 2 — Exploring Matthew's Spiritual Vision

Lesson 3 — Exploring Mark's Spiritual Vision

Lesson 4 — Exploring Luke's Spiritual Vision

Lesson 5 — Exploring John's Spiritual Vision

Lesson 6 — Conclusion: The Spiritual Journey Continues



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 ...

- ♦ FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
- ♦ LETTER FROM BISHOP VINCENT
- ♦ FAITH FORMATION WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
- ♦ SOME MATTERS OF CONCERN
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

From Monsignor Ron ...

Peter is the model of a very human journey of faith. He seeks, he steps, he falls, he is saved, he praises, and it will all repeat itself again and again. If we say we are Christians and never make a step like Peter, trusting our faith and trusting Christ, then how do we know we really do believe? Every time Peter tried to show his faith, he failed: he betrayed Jesus verbally; he ran away, he took the side of Satan and today he took his eyes off Jesus and began to sink.

But every time he fell and his faith failed, he rose up again and became closer to Christ. He had the good sense at least to call out for help. In the moment of his weakness he knew enough to reach out to Christ, who is going to be his rock. The failures of Peter only made him love Christ more and only made him rely on Christ more. The journey of St Peter teaches us many lessons, but the fundamental one is to focus our lives on God. We are called to open our lives to God, to allow him to shape and fashion us through our own personal uniqueness, through his word, through the liturgy and the sacraments, and through the events of daily life. The key is to focus on God, to listen to him and to respond to his movement in our lives.

St Peter was called twice by Jesus -- at the beginning, he was the impulsive go-getter. The second time, the call was to a man who had experienced three years with Jesus, and a man who knew his own weaknesses. The enthusiasm had not lessened, but now it was not just an emotional decision. To Peter, Jesus was God, and he was the meaning of life.

For our lives to be focused on God, we need to meet God and make him part of all we do. Our first

reading teaches us an important lesson in this. Elijah went to meet God -- God was not in the mighty wind, the earthquake, or in the fire. In other words, God is not going to come into our lives in dramatic ways. God was present to Elijah in the gentle breeze -- God is present to us in the ordinary events of life -- he is present to us all the time. He is present in prayer and he is present in the Eucharist.

If we are going to focus on God in our lives we need to develop this awareness of his presence and make him part of all we do and make him our main adviser. St Peter teaches us that to focus on God is a lifelong project and has many ups and downs. The main thing is to use the opportunities presented to us each and every day, and to discover the call of Jesus to us in the ordinary events of daily life.



(St. Andrews Youth Word And Teaching)
Our next SAYWAT will be held on:
Friday, 18th August, 2017 at 7.00pm.
The theme for the night is:

"Starving"

All young people from year 4 to year 12 are invited to join us for what is a night of fun and a night of faith from 7:00pm, when Mass commences, until 10:00pm.

Parents are reminded that they need to collect the members of their families at 10:00pm. SAYWAT is held on the third Friday of the month.

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



MASS READINGS - YEAR A

THIS SUNDAY:

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9. 11-13

Psalm: Ps 84:9-14

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

NEXT SUNDAY:

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1. 6-7

Psalm: Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8

Second Reading: Rom 11:13-15. 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 12th / 13th August 2017

[2nd Sunday of the Month - Even Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Romy Gapud Emmanuel Tabone	Gus Kaster Edsel Paltoo	Noe Adan Mario Picart	Robert Bautista Ferdin Chin
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Claire Blunt	Lita Picart	
FIRST READER	Ralph Vaz	Antonette Elogious	Roseanne Victoria	Carmelita Liceralde
SECOND READER	Teresita Cacdac	Belinda Elogious	Rose Rotik	
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Nicholas King	Derica Elogious	Jaden Victoria	Abigail Chin
WELCOMER	Annette Hudson	Claire Blunt Agnes Iligan	Mathias Family	
MUSICIANS	Hearts	NO Music Mass	Couples For Christ	Dingalings
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Second Sunday of the Month				

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 19th / 20th August 2017

[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 Thong Nguyen	Robert Bautista Luis Ortiz
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Mary Anne Xuereb	Jane Cauchi	Carmelita Liceralde
FIRST READER	Melville Fernandez	Fely Perez	Maria Hyson	Therrie Chin
SECOND READER	Edward Yin	Laurinda Atienza	Alicia Cianflone	Donnie Velasco
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Volunteer Required	Aradhana Hyson	Revathi Hyson	Rachel Berry
WELCOMER	Melita DelosReyes	Annette Hudson	Denise Farla Dot Kaster	Peter Maw
MUSICIANS	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	St Andrew's Family Choir	Living Word Choir
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Third Sunday of the Month				



THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This Tuesday, August 15: Masses: 7:00am, 9:15am, 12 noon, 7:00pm.

The feast of the Assumption is a holy day of obligation which means that it is a day on which we are bound to participate in the celebration of the Mass. We do encourage all parishioners to make every effort to participate in celebrating this important feast day.

On this feast day, we celebrate Mary's welcome into heaven as she is received both body and soul to eternal life. Let us welcome her into our hearts as we look forward to that eternal life for ourselves which she has already received.

The most striking aspect of Mary for us in today's world is the love that she has inspired in Christian believers for so many centuries. From the moment she agreed to the invitation announced by the Archangel Gabriel, Mary's life was dominated by living a life of love for her son and through him a life of love for all humanity. In fulfilling her role as mother to Jesus, Mary takes a unique place both in the life of Christ and in the lives of everyone who believes in him.

Reflection for the Week

Lord God, after you raised your Son from the dead, you gave your Holy Spirit to his disciples to enable them to proclaim in his name the healing you poured upon the world. Fill me with that same Holy Spirit so that I may be a fearless witness to your truth. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

“Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection”

The aim of the Journey is to galvanise a Diocese-wide, faith-filled urge to bring about a community and political culture that values fair and compassionate treatment of people seeking refuge and protection in Australia.

The launch will take place on Sunday 27 August 2017 from 2pm to 4pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hills, 7 Grantham road Seven Hills. Bishop Vincent and Father Tom Smolich SJ, the newly appointed International Director of Jesuit Refugee Services will be our special guest speakers.

Inviting all Catholics living in the Parramatta Diocese to think seriously and to pray earnestly about the challenges that face us all.

Following the Launch those attending are invited to stay for a light afternoon tea. To assist with catering, we ask that you kindly indicate if you will be attending the launch, by telephoning the Social Justice Office 8838 3461 or letting us know online at

<https://register.eventarc.com/38860/invitation-to-migrant-and-refugee-sunday-launch-27-th-august>

From Social Justice Office Diocese of Parramatta

Matters of Concern :

1. There have been a number of acts of vandalism in the toilet blocks lately. As we have done in the past when this has occurred, it is necessary to lock the toilets when the church is not being used for services.
2. You will have noticed the repairs that are taking place in the foyer of the Church. This in part is due to the age of the building and in part due to movement in the ground. There are other areas of the church which need to be looked at and when we get a quote for this work we will look at the best way to proceed.
3. There has been another attempt to break into the candelabra near the tabernacle. Fortunately, we were able to repair the damage. We will now move towards having cameras on the property and in the church.

When we were looking at our finances for the Parish we mentioned that the ongoing maintenance of the property would increase as time goes on. It seems that the time is upon us, so we do encourage parishioners to offer whatever financial support they can to the parish.

Sunday	
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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Counters: Group 6	
08:30 Reconciliation Class 1	
09:30 Sunday School	
10:30 Altar Server Installation	
Monday	
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Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr	
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
19:00 Legion of Mary	
Tuesday	
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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
07:00 Mass	
09:15 Mass - SAP	
10:00 Rosary	
12:00 Mass - Parish + SAC Senior	
19:00 Mass	
Wednesday	
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Saint Stephen of Hungary	
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
19:00 Novena & Mass	
Thursday	
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08:00 Mass	
08:30 Rosary	
19:00 SVDP Meeting	
Friday	
	18
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
16:00 Junior Legion of Mary	
19:00 Youth Mass & SAYWAT	
20:00 HJM Core Meeting	
Saturday	
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Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary	
10:00 Church Cleaning LofM	
16:15 Legion of Mary	

Letter to the People of the Diocese of Parramatta

Dear brothers and sisters of the Church in Parramatta,

It has been a little over one year since I was installed as the fourth Bishop of Parramatta. In that time, I have met many of you, visited a majority of our parishes, toured our schools and seen the work you do with those in need in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

I am grateful for the work you do and the way I was welcomed into this Diocese by you, my brothers and sisters who are the Church in Parramatta. One thing that has been clear during my time visiting all corners of this Diocese is that we are growing. Be it growth in seminarian numbers, the establishment of new schools or the sheer number of new people who now call Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains home.

In fact, since 2006, our population has grown from 1,100,000 to a record 1,500,000 people now calling this area home. In the Parramatta region alone, it is estimated an additional 70,000 new homes will be built in the next 20 years. This growth is evident across the Diocese. Building cranes dot the skyline. Paddocks have been turned into new housing estates. New motorways and train lines are under construction.

The 2016 Census also clearly highlighted Catholicism as the leading religion of Western Sydney and across many Local Government Areas (LGAs). Catholicism is the largest Christian group in Australia at 22.6% of the total population. Though, in our Diocese, this rises to over 30% in some LGAs. In the next 20 years, the population in this region is expected to grow further by a staggering 600,000 people. This means in Blacktown, Penrith and Parramatta LGAs alone, hundreds of thousands of new people will call this area home. As your bishop, I am committed to following the lead of Pope Francis in making the Church in Parramatta the Church of the poor and the Church for the poor. Meeting the needs of our growing family and planning for future generations are two of my main priorities.

As the local, state and federal governments are already investing heavily in this region by building motorways, light rail, train lines and new airports, we too, as the Church in Parramatta need to invest in physical infrastructure to meet the need. Our mission, modelled on the servant leadership of Christ, will be better served if we have the physical infrastructure in place to meet that need. For us to be like Christ, the Good Shepherd, and to spread the message of Our Lord, we must also look at how the message of Christ can reach all, especially those on the margins and fringes of our society.

In the years ahead there will be several new building and expansion projects undertaken by our Diocese. This will include Westmead, Marsden Park, Box Hill, school science park at Luddenham, new churches like Kenthurst, and other major projects that will be announced in due course.

It is clear, that we are 'not living in an era of change, but change of an era'. In much the same way the Universal Catholic Church has changed since Second Vatican Council, we too, as the Diocese of Parramatta, will now be entering a change of era. Like any phase of growth, there will be challenges. Funding will be an issue, so too will the availability of land and the burden growth places on already stretched resources. Another challenge will be the uncertainty this change of era brings. All change, brings a level of anxiety and a sense of loss. I understand how leaving behind the familiar and the comfortable and embarking on a new path can create worries and feelings of helplessness and unease.

We have nothing to fear.

As our faith teaches us, we must know when to let go of the old ways and old habits and embark on the new. The renewal of the Church in this era, is not only a spiritual renewal, but also a physical renewal that must be embarked upon if we are to meet the need and spread the word of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As such, I ask that we all work together to ensure we can continue to be the face of Christ in order to meet that need that we are now facing. I ask you work to with me as your servant leader, to overcome the challenges we will face so that we are able to be the face of Christ to the people of the Diocese of Parramatta. The population will boom and this region will grow. May the Holy Spirit forever guide us so that we are able to meet these new challenges and embrace this new era with faith, hope and love in the promise of Christ to be with us.

On this feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Patroness of the Diocese of Parramatta, we pray that her patronage remains over us and that she will continue to intercede on our behalf as we embark on this new era in the life of our Diocese.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv

Given at Parramatta on 8 August A.D. 2017,

Solmnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Patroness of the Diocese of Parramatta

