

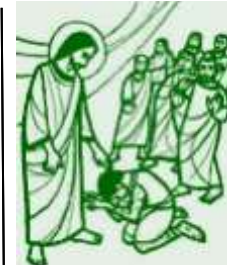


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ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH MARAYONG

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.



6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year B: Vol.43 No.11 10th / 11th February, 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: 7.30am 9.15am
12.00 noon & 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
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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

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL

Funds raised by *The Catholic Foundation* will support the *Seminary, CCD, the Ephpheta* and *CatholicCare*.

The Catholic Foundation needs to raise \$2.5 million annually to sustain the works of the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains - including the formation of our seminarians, providing Christian education in public schools, empowering our disabled with job training, supporting our deaf and assisting single mothers facing homelessness.

What sets these works apart from many other charities is that these are the official works of the Diocese of Parramatta. These are our collective works.

Please give generously and sustain our works of faith, hope and charity across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

You will also need to provide your address or email in the Envelope, to be receipted for your tax-deductible donation of \$2 or more.

Appeal Envelopes for *The Catholic Foundation* will be collected this weekend. Please give generously, and thank you for your support.

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 ...

- ♦ CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL
- ♦ THE SEASON OF LENT
- ♦ CATECHISTS MEETING
- ♦ FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FACILITATORS NEEDED
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

From Monsignor Ron ...

Throughout human history there are people who find themselves cast out. There are refugees from famine, war, civil strife, and persecution. There are the poor and the sick who are unable to care for themselves as well as the addicted who are caught in a vicious cycle. Unfortunately, it is an ever-growing list. The same is certainly true of our world today and of our country as well. Each day our news services are full of disasters, crimes which are quite often the result of addiction or the situation people find themselves in.

Possibly, it is a hard truth to face, but we all do treat some people as outcasts. We could take the example of our attitude to refugees. Do we see them as people who deserve to be treated with human dignity and respect? By that, I mean do we see them as our equals which in the eyes of God they certainly are as they are loved as much by God as every other person. We could also take the example of people due to circumstances who live on the streets and people who come to us asking for a handout.

I believe that our gospel reading this weekend is asking us to look at who are the outcasts in our society and the people we regard as outcasts personally. Are there people whom we wouldn't want to touch? On the other side, do we ever feel like the leper? Have we ever experienced Jesus in a similar way to which he did? This is a good moment to reflect on how we have welcomed the healing and restoration to wholeness that Jesus has offered to us personally.

When the leper approaches Jesus, he was confident that Jesus was on his side. It gave him hope and the boldness to ask. The response of Jesus is full of affirmation and encouragement; "Of

course I want to cure you. Be cured."

I believe this is the challenge given to us today. That is to try and touch people's lives with kindness, concern and compassion. St Paul reminds of this when he says: "Never do anything offensive to anyone... Be anxious for the advantage of everybody." This has to become the attitude that should characterise all our dealings with every single person without exception.

Sacramental Program Dates for 2018 ...

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This Program will commence in Term 1 for children in Years 3 and above who have received the Sacrament of Penance.

Registration Forms ... may be collected from the Parish Office starting **Monday 12th February 2018** [These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office on Sundays 18th & 25th February between 9.30-11.30am]

Registration Evening:
Tuesday, 27th February 2018 at 7.00pm
In the Church

Classes: Sundays 11th March & 18th March 2018
[Classes begin with 8.45am Mass and conclude at approximately 11.30am]

Sacrament of First Holy Communion:
Saturday 7th April at 6pm and
Sunday 8th April 2018 at 8.45am or 12:15 pm



MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING



Members of the music ministry are reminded that their next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, February 13** at **8:00pm** in the Fr. Byrne Centre.

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



MASS READINGS - YEAR B

THIS SUNDAY:

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46
Psalm: Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11
Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

NEXT SUNDAY:

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15
Psalm: Ps 24:4-9
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 10th / 11th February 2018 [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 Ferdinand Chin
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Claire Blunt	Lita Picart	Peter Maw
FIRST READER	Felecia Silva	Antonette Elogious	Roseanne Victoria	Allen Brady
SECOND READER	Teresita Cacdac	Belinda Elogious	Rose Rotik	Maury Villanueva
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Sarah Debrincat	Derica Elogious	Jaden Victoria	Abigail Chin
WELCOMER	Annette Hudson	Claire Blunt Agnes Iligan	Volunteer Required	Jerome Chin
MUSICIANS	Hearts	NO Music Mass	Couples For Christ	Dingalings
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Second Sunday of the Month				

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 18th / 19th February 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 Volunteer Required	Robert Bautista Volunteer Required
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	Leah Mitchell	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				



CATECHISTS MEETING

Our first catechists meeting for 2018 will take place on Monday morning February 12. We encourage all our catechists to make the effort to attend. As well, we would like to encourage and invite other parishioners to participate in this ministry which is so vital to the faith education of so many of our young people in our local schools. This is a good place to obtain more information and also to discover the support and help offered to you if you decide to participate as a catechist or catechist helper in our parish.

FACILITATORS FOR SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS 2018

To ensure that our young people are prepared for reception of the Sacraments they register for this year; we are in need of facilitators to aid them and their parents in the sacramental programs.

We encourage those who have helped in the past to offer their services again. At the same time, we do encourage parishioners, including young adults, to give serious consideration to becoming involved in this wonderful work of faith education in the lives of our young parishioners.

All the materials that you need are provided to facilitators and practical, down-to-earth support is offered by our sacramental coordinator.

If you are able to help, please contact the parish office. By doing this you can obtain further information and you can also register as a facilitator.

THE SEASON OF LENT – OUR PERSONAL JOURNEY TO EASTER

Ash Wednesday occurs this week. Between now and Easter is that special time each year when we focus in a more committed way on our faith journey. This is a time for new beginnings. This is a time for reflection and deepening of faith. This is a time where we recommit ourselves to belonging to Christ and calling ourselves Christians. This journey leads up to that moment and Easter when we recommit in a conscious and practical way to our faith by the renewal of our baptismal promises.

Some thoughts for the journey:

1. Receive the Ashes this Wednesday as a sign that you are glad to be a Christian and as an expression also of your commitment to renewal and deepening of your faith.
The celebration of Mass will take place at 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 12 noon, and 7 PM.
2. Commit to special spiritual endeavours during this time. There will be Mass and Stations of the Cross at 7 PM each Friday evening during Lent. This is a wonderful means of reflection on the love of God for us and on our need to respond to such a personal love.
I would suggest that we also make an effort to participate more often in the celebration of the Mass. If we are unable to attend the 9 AM Mass, please remember there are evening Masses on Wednesday evening and Friday evening at 7 PM.
3. Commit to our Reflection evenings. There will be a Lenten discussion/Reflection evening each week during lent on a Wednesday evening in the Fr. Byrne centre. We do request that you consider your involvement. If you are interested, the booklets that will be used are for sale in the piety store
4. The personal spiritual exercises of the season of Lent are Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. We need to work out how to spend more time in prayer. We need to commit to self-denial, giving up something for the season of Lent and hopefully practising some form of self-denial each and every day, something that is planned at the beginning of the day. Almsgiving which is another way of saying becoming a loving person in our care and concern for other people. I would encourage people to make a special effort in regard to family and those people with whom we have constant contact.
5. In regard to almsgiving I would strongly recommend Project Compassion which is the church's official way of providing help to people in difficult or deprived situations in our country and throughout the world. Please take home with you set of envelopes or a project compassion box and make a commitment and a sacrifice in offering your financial support where it can be of great benefit to people in need.

Sunday	11
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Catholic Foundation Appeal</i> Counters: Group 6 09:30 Sunday School	
Monday	12
<i>Registrations Open - First Holy Communion</i>	
09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 10:00 Catechist Meeting 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:15 RCIA	
Tuesday	13
09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 20:00 Music Committee Meeting	
Wednesday	14
Ash Wednesday	
07:30 Mass 09:15 Mass SAP 10:00 Rosary 12:00 Mass 19:00 Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation	
Thursday	15
08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 19:00 SVDP Meeting	
Friday	16
09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 19:00 Youth Mass & SAYWAT 19:30 Stations of the Cross 20:10 Core Meeting HJM	
Saturday	17
Commemoration of The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	
09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning LofM 16:15 Legion of Mary	



Parish Youth Ministry

(St. Andrews Youth Word And Teaching)

The first gathering for our youth Ministry will take place on:

Friday, 16th February, 2018 at 7:00pm.

These evenings are for students from year 4 through to year 12. Evening starts at 7 PM and concludes at 10 PM. The first hour is taken up with the celebration of Mass and during Lent Stations of the Cross. This is followed by a meal and then a number of social activities, concluding with a faith dimension.

There are two things that are worth mentioning:

1. This has proven to be a very popular evening over the last few years, so we do encourage young people to come along.
2. Parents are reminded that they need to pick up the young people at 10 PM.

World Youth Day 2019 Information Evenings

Every three years WYD provides an opportunity for young people (aged 16-35) to be immersed in the beauty, intensity and adventure of our Catholic faith as we unite with the youth of the world in the presence of Pope Francis. Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta invite young people of our Diocese on a journey to the host city of Panama in Central America during January 2019. Unique to our Diocese, we will be immersed in a sharing of faith, culture and local experiences in the shadow of ancient pyramids, Basilica's and the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe as we pass first through Mexico. Visit www.parrawyd.org and join us for one of three upcoming information evenings to learn more.

All are from 7:00 - 8:30pm.

Monday 12 February –

St Andrew's Parish, Marayong

Thursday 15 February –

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

Tuesday 20 February –

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Mary's

Anniversary of Marriage Blessings

Marriage blessings for the month of February will be held on Sunday 18th February at the 8:45am Mass.

If you are celebrating an anniversary in the month of February and would like to be involved in this, please contact the parish office.



PLANNING FOR PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS

In three months' time, on Saturday May 19, we will be celebrating Pentecost once again in our Parish.

On behalf of the Parish and the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, we would like to invite you to a planning meeting on Tuesday, February 20 at 7:30pm in the Fr Byrne Centre.

Thank you so much in advance.



Painting the Fr Byrne Centre

—volunteers please— Saturday February 24

A working party is being organised to paint the Fr Byrne Centre on Saturday February 24.

If you are able to assist by:

- ◇ Offering your labour on the day.
- ◇ Providing painting equipment or drop sheets.

Please contact the parish office.



Notices from the Diocese of Parramatta

Deanery and Diocesan Pastoral Councils

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv launched our new councils on Saturday 2 December at St Andrew's Parish, Marayong. He called on our councils to be listening bodies, particularly to those who are "outside the tent". Council members are to be connected to the grassroots, to help him listen and respond to the real needs and concerns of the people. More information, including council membership, can be found on www.faithinourfuture.org.au



Diocese of Parramatta on Social Media

Connect with the Diocese and find out the latest news and events on Social Media:



Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic>

Twitter @parracatholic

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