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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.



## 15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year A: Vol.42 No.34

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### PARISH STAFF:

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Monday to Friday

9.00am to 4.00pm

### 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: 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:** 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

Phone: 9671 6622

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

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

This is a reminder that on **August 1**, the registration evening for the Sacrament of Penance will take place. From **Monday, July 17**, registration forms will be available from the parish office. Parents are reminded that to be eligible to receive the sacraments, they will need to present a Baptismal certificate for their child. As well, eligible candidates are those who are parishioners of St Andrew's Parish either from living within the boundaries of the parish or because their families have chosen this parish as their place of worship.

**Classes:** Sundays 13th August, 20th August & 27th August 2017

[Classes begin with 8.45am Mass and conclude at approximately 11.30am]

**Sacrament of First Penance will be celebrated on either: [Choose one]  
Saturday 2nd, 9th or 16th September 2017 (9:30am)**



### 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 ...**

- ♦ SAYWAT JULY 2017
- ♦ MASS FOR THE SICK
- ♦ SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
- ♦ LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

## From Monsignor Ron ...

In our first reading this weekend we have the prophet Isaiah stressing the importance of God's Word to us. I think at times we underestimate the importance of Sacred Scripture. I believe this is particularly true in regard to the Old Testament. While it is true, that very often these words fell on deaf ears as far as the people they were addressed to were concerned, without them the people would not have been prepared for the Word to be fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ.

As Christians, we are united to the Word of God who became flesh. In fact, we are members of his Body. We need to realise that to help us to live the Christian life we have the word of God spoken through the Prophets and the writers of the Old Testament. Even more than this, we have Jesus himself who is the fulfilment of that Word. None of the words of God have been wasted, even if they once fell on deaf ears. If we listen to them today and allow them to help us we will grow more deeply aware that our lives are united with Christ. The Old Testament prepared mankind for the coming of the Saviour. Let us permit our reflections help us to attain the salvation he has offered to us.

This message is reinforced in our gospel reading this weekend where we see a sense of sadness in Jesus at the inability of people to understand his true meaning. We have often heard the Parable of the Sower who went out to sow seed. I think one of the important lessons in this parable is that at no time did Jesus imply that the people who misunderstood him were evil or that they maliciously attacked him.

However, there is a warning for all of us in this parable. God continually lavishes his gifts, his teachings, and his invitations on us. So often, we fail to accept them and at times even to notice them.

What we all need to do is to be the seed planted in good soil. We need to make a definite commitment to Jesus each day, and to rearrange our lives to follow through on that commitment each day.

The problem is not in receiving God's word. We all do that. The problem we face is in treasuring it and putting it into practice in our lives. Perhaps we are not better because we are not responding to God's word with our whole mind with our whole heart and with our whole soul.

### Reflection for the Week

Gratitude, then, is the basis of all holiness. The holiest person you know is the most grateful person you know. That is true too for love, the most loving person you know is also the most grateful person you know because even love finds its basis in gratitude. Anything we might call love, but that is not rooted in gratitude will, at the end of the day, be manipulative and self-serving. If our love and service of others does not begin in gratitude, we will end up carrying peoples' crosses and sending them the bill.

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



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

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



#### MASS READINGS - YEAR A

##### THIS SUNDAY:

##### 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalm: Ps 64:10-14

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

##### NEXT SUNDAY:

##### 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wis 12:13, 16-19

Psalm: Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

#### THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 15th / 16th July 2017

#### [3rd Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Stephen Debrincat Edward Yuliardhyanto	Charles Hyson John Fernandes	Noe Adan Mario Picart	Robert Bautista Luis Ortiz
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Mary Anne Xuereb	Chris Bettiol	Carmelita Liceralde
FIRST READER	Marian Fernandez	Fely Perez	Maria Hyson	Therrie Chin
SECOND READER	Edward Yin	Laurinda Atienza	Bernardo Rivera	Eduardo Gatchalian
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Volunteer Required	Aradhana Hyson	Jaden Victoria	Volunteer Required
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				

#### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 22nd / 23rd July 2017

#### [4th Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Rudy Rupac Ike Enriquez	Candido Velasco John Blackford	Mario Picart Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan Robert Bautista
COMMENTATOR	Stephen Debrincat	Claire Blunt	Antonette Elogious	Maryanne Bautista
FIRST READER	Felecia Silva	Pauline Sultana	Maricor Espinosa	Judith D'Cruz
SECOND READER	Lisa D'Souza	Nila Mangona	Luz Tiqui	Vicky Ilagan
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Sian D'Souza	Vianney Rodrigues	Derca Elogious	Emily Webb Natalie Webb
WELCOMER	Marian Fernandez Melville Fernandez Henryka Ogronniczek	Agnes iligan	Mathias Family	Editha Brady Carl Republica
MUSICIANS	Hearts	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Couples For Christ
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Fourth Sunday of the Month				

## MASS FOR THE SICK WITH THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

As a community, we pray for those who are ill in our community. Our prayer should also be an indication of our desire to support these people in any way we can. We pray that our God will give the healing most needed by these people who receive the sacrament. Healing is always offered, but it is always the healing that God knows we need most of all. In some cases, this will be physical healing. In other cases, it will be spiritual, emotional or psychological. In other words, whatever is most needed is the gift that God gives.



This sacrament is for those who are experiencing serious illness, preparing for an operation, and for those experiencing the infirmity of old-age.

We invite our parishioners to come along to this Mass to pray for those experiencing illness at this time. We also encourage you to offer transport to people you might know who might benefit from the sacrament. Our next celebration of the sacrament will take place on Saturday morning July 22 at 9:00am.

## from the IFM, LIFE TO THE FULL: HEALTH, FAITH & FITNESS

The IFM's new lifestyle program aims to show how our faith can be expressed through care for our bodies.

The great Saint Augustine once said: "take care of your body like you will live forever but take care of your soul like you would die tomorrow". And it is in this spirit that we have put together this unique and informative program.

The program will be a 2-hour workshop and will look at:

- Nutrition and best practices for healthy eating.
- Exercise and how we can use our natural movement patterns to create or improve exercise programs.
- How these things are important elements of life in faith (with a special focus on some key theological themes).

All these will be done in a spirit of prayer and we will finish with some guided Lectio Divina (meditation with the scriptures). The program will not be an intense exercise session but rather will explore each of the above elements with some key information points as well as a few practical tips and tricks.

This program is open to all, so whether you're an experienced exerciser or just starting out, come along and don't let the winter cold keep you from being the best version of yourself.

We look forward to seeing you for an enjoyable, informative and prayerful session to see how our faith and healthy living go hand in hand.

**\*\*BLACKTOWN LOCATION\*\***

Date: 26 July 2017 Time: 6:30pm Food and Refreshments; 7pm Start 9pm Finish

Venue: Institute for Mission Address: 1-5 Marion St Blacktown, (Just off Flushcombe Rd)

## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: 28 July

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 6:30pm Friday (*please note new day*) for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. For information about priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta and Holy Spirit Seminary, please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan, Director of Priestly Vocations, [vocations@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@parra.catholic.org.au)

## SCREENING OF THE SULTAN AND THE SAINT: 29 July

The Australian premiere of a new film about the historic meeting between St Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt, Malik Al-Kamil, in the midst of the conflict of the Fifth Crusade, will take place on 29 July at Western Sydney University's Parramatta South Campus. More information and a trailer for the film can be found at: [www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com](http://www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com)

Tickets are \$10. Book at <https://sultansaintsydney.eventbrite.com.au>

The screening is being co-hosted by Diocese of Parramatta.

## CAMELOT MUSICAL: 18-20 August

Artes Christiis delighted to present one of the world's most loved (but rarely performed) musicals, Lerner & Loewe's CAMELOT starring acclaimed film, TV & Stage actor Donald Macdonald (Merlyn) alongside Paul McLeod (Arthur), Emily Potts (Guenevere) and a cast & live orchestra of 75. From the writers of My Fair Lady, this Tony Award Winning musical brings to life all the romance, pageantry and intrigue of King Arthur And his legendary Medieval Kingdom with this production of CAMELOT proudly supporting Ephpheta, the Catholic centre for deaf and hard of hearing people. Shows: 18-20 August; Seymour Centre TIX from \$35, Ph 9351 7940 or [www.camelot2017.com](http://www.camelot2017.com)

Sunday	
16	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 3 08:45 Altar Server Training 09:30 Sunday School 11:45 Baptism
Monday	
17	Registrations Open for Reconciliation School recommences Yr7-12 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary
Tuesday	
18	School recommences Yr K-6 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary
Wednesday	
19	09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass
Thursday	
20	Saint Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 19:00 SVDP Meeting
Friday	
21	Saint Laurence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 19:00 Youth Mass & SAYWAT 20:00 Choir Practice HJM
Saturday	
22	Saint Mary Magdalen 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





(St. Andrews Youth Word And Teaching)

Our next SAYWAT will be held on:  
Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2017 at 7.00pm.

The theme for the night is:

**"How deep is your love?"**

The evening commences with our Youth Mass followed by supper and social & faith activities.

The evening will conclude by 10:00pm. We ask parents to pick up the participants by this time.

The evening is open to all young people from Yrs 4 to 12. Bring a friend and a \$2 donation. SAYWAT is held on the third Friday of the month.

## Anniversary of Marriage Blessings

If you would like to be involved in the Blessings of Marriage Anniversaries to be celebrated in the month of July, you are asked to contact the parish office with your details.

This will take place on Sunday,  
July 23, at the 8:45am Mass.



## Forthcoming Meeting

### \*\*\* Catechist Meeting \*\*\*

Monday 7th August 2017.

10:00am, in the Fr. Byrne Centre.

*We also invite people interested in joining this very important Ministry to come along to the meeting.*



## An Invitation to LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR 2017

The Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Community will be conducting a *Life in the Spirit* Seminar in our parish.

### *How will the LIFE IN THE SPIRIT Seminar help you?*

1. To establish, re-establish or deepen your personal relationship with Christ.
2. To yield to the action of the Holy Spirit in you and through you.
3. To make greater use of ways to grow in the relationship with Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit
4. To deepen your awareness that you are never alone in dealing with life's troubles and that your life is always full of hope irrespective of circumstances.
5. To be more whole, effective and loving in your family, workplace and as a true Christian.

#### WHERE:

St. Andrews Primary School Hall

#### WHEN:

Weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> & 30th July  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

#### INFORMATION:

Josie Durante: 0452 486 323  
Parish Office 9622 0817

## EVER THOUGHT OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

We hope you don't mind us asking this question, but experience has shown us that time and again many people feel drawn to the Catholic community. Often they would like to ask some questions but don't know where to start. Well, there is one place to begin, and that is through this parish community.

At St Andrews Parish, Marayong, we offer opportunities for people to come together, with members of the Parish community, to find out what makes the Catholic Church or, rather, what makes Catholics tick.

There is no "hard sell" and no strings attached. We provide a friendly series of informative evenings among friends. We would be delighted to share with you some of our own experiences of what it means to be Catholic. We would like you to learn about the community we belong to and the values that are important to us.

To find out when and where the next program is being held,  
please contact the parish office on 9622 0817.

*We encourage members of our Parish family to offer this invitation to people they know who might be interested in having a look at the Catholic Church.*

#### 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**