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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 A: Vol.42 No.25

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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
SAYWAT, Youth Mass: 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

Important Evening for all Volunteers

Child Protection Training

Tuesday evening, 23rd May
St Andrews School Hall 7:30pm

On Tuesday, May 23 the Office of Safeguarding in the Diocese of Parramatta will conduct an evening on professional development in regard to child protection for all people who in any way work with children in this parish. This is government legislation and we need to conform to this. This should impact on all our groups and ministries in the parish*. I will also invite volunteers from Quakers Hill parish and Blacktown Parish to join us. Please ensure that this notice in your diaries.

*This includes members of the Legion of Mary, Acolytes, Ministers of Communion, Sunday School Personnel, all Youth Leaders and trainee leaders, sacramental program facilitators, as well as all groups who have any child related activities or childminding activities. I would also recommend this to our catechists as the people presenting this program are the experts on what is required.

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 ...

- ♦ SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
- ♦ CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING
- ♦ MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

From Monsignor Ron ...

We know that Jesus established the Church. We also know that he guaranteed that the Holy Spirit would guide this Church throughout the ages. At the same time this Church is made up of human beings. What we see in our reading from the Acts of the Apostles this weekend is one of the first disagreements amongst the members of the Church. There is nothing wrong with such disagreements so long as all parties are seeking the truth and in the case of the Church trying to discern the Will of God by seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit. What we can always be confident about is that despite the foibles of the human beings that make up the Church, the Holy Spirit is always there as the one true guide.

In the case mentioned today, we saw the introduction of married Deacons. This arose out of a need that existed and flowed from disagreements on how that need should be met. But what we see as an end result is a gift from God of the Married Diaconate.

This is particularly relevant in our day and age where there has been the reinstitution of the Married Diaconate who are ordained to the sacrament of Holy Orders and exercise vital ministries in the Church. We have a number of these men in our diocese and there are a number still in training. They celebrate Baptism; they officiate at Marriages; they preach at Mass and on other occasions. Their call is a special ministry, to be of service of the church and the people of the church.

I would like to briefly touch on our gospel reading this weekend in which we have the disciples feeling distressed and sad because Jesus is leading them. The answer of Jesus is important to them and to us. Basically, he says to them that in spite of what

happens they are to keep on trusting in God and in him. Jesus also tells them that he is preparing a place for them for eternity which is a point we all need to keep in mind as we live through our daily lives, the point that this is not the end of our existence or the totality of our existence but simply a stepping stone to our lives with God forever.

Finally, I would like to suggest that during this week we reflect on this gospel reading particularly the following sentences:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled."

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

"You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me."

"Whoever believes in me...will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father."

LESSONS FROM THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

I believe the best teaching Mary has given to us was when she met the Archangel Gabriel. This is a lesson we need to take away with us today. Mary responded, "You see before you the Lord's servant, let it happen to me as you have said." (Luke 1:38) Mary did not have to do anything, just let God do the action. It is the same for us. All that is necessary for us is to allow God dwell in us. Every time we say to God, "You see before you the Lord's servant", God comes down from heaven again, there is another Christmas and the place where we are is another Bethlehem. Let us pray now for a moment, telling God that we are his servants, asking God to let it happen to us as he has said....

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



MASS READINGS - YEAR A

THIS SUNDAY:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7
Psalm: Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel: John 14:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY:

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Psalm: Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel: John 14:15-21

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 13th / 14th May 2017

[2nd Sunday of the Month - Odd 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	Peter Maw
FIRST READER	Ralph Vaz	Antonette Elogious	Roseanne Victoria	Allen Brady
SECOND READER	Myra Estrera	Belinda Elogious	Rose Rotik	Maryanne Bautista
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Nicholas King	Derica Elogious	Nicholas Mathias	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: 20th / 21st May 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	Volunteer Required Thong Nguyen	Robert Bautista Luis Ortiz
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Mary Anne Xuereb	Chris Bettiol	Carmelita Liceralde
FIRST READER	Marian Fernandez	Fely Perez	Roseanne Victoria	Therrie Chin
SECOND READER	Volunteer Required	Laurinda Atienza	Bernardo Rivera	Eduardo Gatchalian
PROJECTOR OPERATORS		Aradhana Hyson	Jaden Victoria	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				

Our blessing prayer for this Mother's Day

For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord. R.

For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord. R.

For mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom, we pray to the Lord. R.

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

And may Almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. R. Amen.



Forthcoming Meetings

- ◆ There will be a meeting of the Parish Finance Committee on Monday, May 22 at 7:00pm.
- ◆ There will be a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on Tuesday, May 30 7:15pm.
- ◆ There will be a Catechist meeting on Friday, May 26 at 10:00am.

PROGRAM FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FACILITATORS:

We do need helpers for the sacrament program of preparation for Confirmation. If you are able to aid us as a facilitator please come along to the meeting on Tuesday evening May 16 at 7:00pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like to be involved as a facilitator, please contact the parish office.

Marriage Anniversary Blessings for the month of May

We invite those who are celebrating a marriage anniversary during May to be involved in our monthly blessing of marriages which will take place on Sunday, May 28 at the 8:45am Mass. If you wish to be involved, please contact the parish office with your details.



Sunday

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5th Sunday of Easter
Mothers Day

Counters: Group 2

09:30 Sunday School

Monday

15

09:00 Mass

09:30 Rosary

18:00 Legion of Mary

Tuesday

16

09:00 Mass SAP Yr5

09:30 Rosary

19:00 Sacramental

Facilitators

Meeting - Confirmation

Wednesday

17

09:00 Mass

09:30 Rosary

19:00 Novena & Mass

Thursday

18

Saint John I, Pope, Martyr

08:00 Mass

08:30 Rosary

19:00 SVDP Meeting

20:00 Music Practice

Friday

19

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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Saint Bernardine
of Siena, Priest

09:00 Mass

09:30 Rosary

09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary

10:00 Church Cleaning LoM

16:15 Legion of Mary

CELEBRATE PENTECOST

Saturday 3 June 2017

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 St Vincent de Paul 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 June 3 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 June 3.
- ★ Serving of food.
- ★ Packing away tables/chairs and cleaning up the hall afterwards.

Please indicate your involvement/food donation on the signup sheets at the church entrance or contact the parish office.

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.

Thank you all in advance for your time and dedication.



(St. Andrews Youth Word And Teaching)

Our next SAYWAT will be held on:

Friday, 19th May, 2017 at 7.00pm.

The theme for the night is:

"And the call isn't out there at all, it's inside me."

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.

ANNULMENT INFORMATION SEMINAR -

Solo Parent Services will be holding our annual seminar on Annulments in the Catholic Church for anyone interested in learning more about this process. Cost: \$7.00.

Date: Tuesday 23rd May Time: 6.45pm to 9pm.

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

- This monthly support group is for men and women aged approx. 55 years or younger, who are facing life after the death of a spouse or partner to come together for support and sharing. Cost: \$5.00

Date: Third Tuesday of each month -

next gathering 16th May. Time: 7pm -9pm

Both events:

Venue: 38 Prince St, Blacktown (cnr First Ave)

For details and registrations

please contact Rita Chater Ph: 8822 2222

or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

From The Communications team at the Diocese of Parramatta:

To view images of Easter Vigil 2017, go to:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/parracatholic/sets/72157682716270256>

To view images of Easter Sunday 2017, go to:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/parracatholic/sets/72157679540453823>

To watch Bishop Vincent's 2017 Easter message, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxC7HH6KAfo>

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