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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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.42 No.26

20th / 21st May 2017

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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: 9.00am
Wednesday: 9.00am
Novena & Mass: 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
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 ...

- **DIOCESAN WORKS FUND APPEAL**
- **CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING**
- **FEAST - MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS**
- **UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS**

From Monsignor Ron ...

I believe it is fairly obvious that we live in a world which is not truly based on Christian values. In fact many are seemingly either hostile or simply indifferent to the message of the gospel. Many people, even people of obvious goodwill, fail to see the importance of Jesus Christ for humanity and are all too ready to dismiss as wishful thinking any claims of having a spiritual life or an experience of God. In fact, for some people, life seems to be a meaningless span of years which we should try to make as painless as possible until death finally puts an end to us.

In this situation, we live as disciples of Jesus who have been commissioned to spread his Good News to people of this generation. How we do this I think is summed up by the answer of Jesus to his disciples: "if you love me you will keep my commandments." What this means is that we are to love one another as Jesus has loved us. Loving as Jesus loved means recognising and accepting the value of each individual, in a metaphorical sense getting our hands dirty to build up the community in which we live, leading a life of loving service even when this may not be appreciated or demands a daily effort on our parts.

When we do this, we are actually offering the world an alternative and a much better vision of what life can be like. However, remember this is invitational. It is up to the individual whether or not they accept this vision of life. If we are committed to our Christian living we are showing the difference that Jesus makes to our lives. We are offering this enduring vision to people who are willing to accept the Spirit of Truth and to allow him into their hearts.

Of course, we cannot make people do this. As I said earlier our lives are God's invitation and the tool that the Holy Spirit uses to make contact with people. But if we do our part, the world in which we live will at least be confronted by Jesus Christ and his gospel message. They will be put in the position where they can look once again at this vision of life and hopefully under the guidance of the Holy Spirit make a decision. Some will see and profit from this and will accept this vision of life.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA & OF THE MILITARY ORDINARIATE

FEAST: WEDNESDAY MAY 24

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts
our love of Mary Help of Christians.

Through her prayers and under
her protection, may the light of
Christ shine over our land.

May Australia be granted
harmony, justice and peace.

Grant wisdom to our leaders and
integrity to our citizens.

Bless especially the men and
women of the Australian Defence
Force and their families.

We ask this through
Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

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



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY:

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Psalm: Ps 46:2-3. 6-9

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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	Morie Balisbisan Thong Nguyen	Noe Adan Luis Ortiz
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Mary Anne Xuereb	Chris Bettiol	Charmaine Mathias
FIRST READER	Marian Fernandez	Fely Perez	Roseanne Victoria	Therrie Chin
SECOND READER	Nenette Gapud	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				

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 27th / 28th May 2017

[4th Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Volunteer Required 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				

Diocesan Works Fund Appeal

— May 2017



We are all aware of the importance of this appeal. The money that is raised touches the lives of an extremely large number of people. One day it might be us who will benefit from the ministries designed to help individuals and families, educational opportunities, chaplaincies and many other supportive activities of the Church of Parramatta Diocese.

Certainly, two things that affect us now and in the future are the Vocations Ministry and the formation of our seminarians who will be our future priests.

St. Andrew's parish community has the responsibility and privilege to raise \$15,550 this weekend. It is a large target, but if you our parishioners are generous, it is very achievable.

All those contributing are asked to print their name on the front of the envelope. This is important for our contribution can be a tax deduction. If you are using a credit card please check and double check your number and expiry date and make sure they are very readable.

The generosity of our parish to this appeal has always been present and it is hoped this will continue next weekend.

You are invited to take an envelope home with you this weekend to be returned next weekend..

BAPTISMS IN APRIL 2016

We offer our congratulations and prayers to the families who have celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism in our parish family. We welcome these young children who are now members of our parish family.

Louis Stefano APPUHAMY

Alyza DELA CRUZ

Kayelani Rose OBLEA

Jet FREDRICKSON

Lily Gabrielle VAN HOOMANS

Aleksandr Kostya Luka BUHAIN

Melody Artemis Do NALAPO

Lincoln Digal SAPANLAY

Ryan David WHITE

Thomas BURTON

Carmina Isabella MANGONON

Forthcoming Meetings

- ◆ Parish Finance Committee: There is a meeting of the parish Finance committee on this coming Monday in May 22 7:00pm in the parish office.
- ◆ Catechists: There will be a Catechist meeting on Friday, May 26 at 10:00am in the Fr Byrne Centre.
- ◆ Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: The next meeting of the parish pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday, May 30 7:15pm. We encourage at least two representatives from every group in the parish to attend this meeting as well as parishioners who wish to participate.

We also congratulate those people who went through our RCI A program and became members of our parish family at the Easter Vigil.

Ravin HARIPERSHAD

Jenny LEE

Lingyan 'Irene' CHEN

Alyce Jade KEIGHRAN

Sunday

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6th Sunday of Easter

Counters: Group 3

08:30 Confirmation

Class 1 - 8.45am

09:30 Sunday School

11:45 Baptism

Monday

22

Saint Rita of Cascia

09:00 Mass

09:30 Rosary

18:00 Legion of Mary

19:00 Parish FINANCE Meeting

Tuesday

23

09:00 Mass

09:30 Rosary

19:30 Child Protection evening

Wednesday

24

Our Lady, Help of Christians

09:00 Mass

09:30 Rosary

19:00 Novena & Mass

Thursday

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Saint Gregory VII, Pope, or Saint Mary Magdalen of Pazzi, Virgin, or Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor

08:00 Mass

08:30 Rosary

14:00 Church Cleaning Group 4

19:30 Music Practice CFC

Friday

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Saint Philip Neri, Priest

09:00 Mass

09:30 Rosary

10:00 Catechist meeting

16:00 Junior Legion of Mary

20:00 Choir Practice HJM

Saturday

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Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
DWF 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



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.

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.

MUSIC Practice for Pentecost



Wednesday 31st May at 8:00pm

*If you would like to join the choir for our parish celebration of Pentecost please attend this rehearsal.
The Combined Choir will be singing on
Saturday 3rd of June at the 6:00pm Mass.*

Thank you all in advance for your time and dedication.

VOLUNTEER ENGLISH TEACHER - CATHOLIC CARE SOCIAL SERVICES

For many years now we have been conducting English language classes for Refugee women at Mamre House Orchard Hills - a work of Catholic Care Social Services. The classes are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm during school terms. These classes are possible because of the generous help of volunteer English teachers. At present we urgently need a volunteer teacher to come on Tuesdays or alternatively to be on our relief list to fill in when required.

A teaching qualification is an advantage but not essential. A Working With Children Check is required. For further information please phone: Sr Janet Woods on 0418 690 487.

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~9:00pm. ★ Venue: 38 Prince St, Blacktown
*For details and registrations please contact Rita Chater Ph: 8822 2222
or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au*

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