



You are always welcome at....
**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.



22nd SUNDAY in
 ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.42 No.41 02nd / 03rd September 2017

PARISH STAFF:

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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: 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.

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

Blessing of Residence for Priests

Bishop Vincent will visit our parish this weekend and bless the new residence. I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Marose Koster who designed this residence and took into account all the ideas expressed by members of the building committee. As well, I would like to thank and congratulate Leo Stacey, our project manager, for organising all the trades necessary and putting up with our constant questions and suggestions. The efforts of both of these people have resulted in the building we now have before us. I do appreciate that both of them listened very carefully to the ideas that were presented to them and tried to be faithful to these ideas. At the same time, it was important that they felt free to make their recommendations and suggestions and even to tell us at times when things were impractical.

I would also like to express our gratitude particularly to Joyce Inglis and Steve McGuirk for their ongoing involvement as part of the committee.

The idea of a presbytery was first discussed in about 1994, so it has been a very long journey. During that time, the financial support of the parishioners and the activities of the finance committee have led to the development of the total complex we now have here at St Andrew the Apostle, Marayong.

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 ...

- ♦ CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2017
- ♦ BLESSING OF RESIDENCE FOR PRIESTS
- ♦ COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY
- ♦ BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
- ♦ UPCOMMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

From Monsignor Ron ...

This weekend we have Jeremiah who seemed to be a very gentle person who loved peace and calm. Yet, he was regarded as a traitor by the powers that be in his country. He felt so threatened he wanted to run away rather than accept that he was called by God to deliver a very difficult message. The reality is if he was going to be true to himself, he had to proclaim God's message in order that his people be saved.

The message of St Paul would have been very helpful to Jeremiah when he suggests that we need to accept and make the best of every situation and go through the ups and downs of life, living each day in God's love and grace. What Paul was talking about living in faith for God, or to put it another way, accepting that each one of us is a person through whom the Holy Spirit works in order that our life be a blessing for others for the glory of God. Too often, we attempted to think we have very little to offer but we always need to remember that we are, each and every one of us, God's gift to the world in which we live and the people with whom we associate.

Living a Christian life is not always going to be easy nor is it going to be clear sailing. We see this in the life of Jeremiah. We see this in a life of St Paul. As well, we see it in the life of Jesus himself. I suppose one of the hardest lessons to learn is that this life we are living now is not the be all and end all of our existence. Of course, this is the message presented to us through all the various forms of media which tells us everything we need to have in order to be happy. The reality is we are preparing ourselves for eternity and we do this by growing to our full potential, potential given to us by God in our creation. This involves living the way of life that

Jesus gave to us. If we accept the invitation of Jesus to live this way of life we are promised that whatever life tosses at us we can have an inner peace and joy which will only be totally fulfilled in eternal life.

Finally, it is always important to try to see a positive side to the confusion and troubles of daily life. We might add to this that our vocation as disciples of Jesus is to help others to see the positive side of life as well.

Angelus Address by Pope Francis

"We are all in need of growing in faith and of strengthening our trust in Jesus. He can help us to rediscover the way, when we have lost the compass of our way; when the way no longer seems flat but rough and arduous; when it's hard to be faithful to our commitments. It is important to nourish our faith every day, with attentive listening to the Word of God, with the celebration of the Sacraments, with personal prayer as "cry" to Him —"Lord, help me!" — and with concrete attitudes of charity to our neighbour.

We entrust ourselves to the Holy Spirit so that He will help us to persevere in faith. The Spirit infuses audacity in the heart of believers; He gives our life and our Christian witness the strength of conviction and persuasion; He encourages us to overcome incredulity towards God and indifference towards brothers.

May the Virgin Mary render us increasingly aware of our need of the Lord and of His Spirit; may She obtain for us a strong faith, full of love, and a love that is able to become entreaty, courageous entreaty to God."

August 20, 2017

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



MASS READINGS - YEAR A

THIS SUNDAY:

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm: Ps 62:2-6. 8-9

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

NEXT SUNDAY:

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm: Ps 94:1-2. 6-9

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 2nd / 3rd September 2017

[1st Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Ruben Bables Joe Doyle	Ged Oblea Rufino Oblea	Thong Nguyen Mario Spiteri	Ike Enriquez Luis Ortiz
COMMENTATOR	Joyce Vincent	Mary Anne Xuereb	Charmaine Mathias	YouthWorks!
FIRST READER	Roshan Thomas	Claire Blunt	Nerissa Toong	YouthWorks!
SECOND READER	Martin Zammit	Julie Nunez	Zoe Victoria	YouthWorks!
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Delia Fernandes		Nicholas Mathias	Shekha Raviraj
WELCOMER	Henryka Ogrodniczek	Annette Hudson Rita Vaughn	Dot Kaster, Des Zammit	YouthWorks!
MUSICIANS	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	YouthWorks!
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - First Sunday of the Month				

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 9th / 10th September 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 Paltto	Noe Adan Mario Picart	Robert Bautista Ferdinand 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				

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY

The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation.

Last year, through your generosity we reached the target with donations totalling \$205,000 and the Foundation thanks you for this contribution. This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held on the weekend of September 2-3.

A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal envelopes will be available next week for those who will not be here on the Father's Day weekend.

If you wish you can make online contributions at csfparra.org.au using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No 01691 in the name of the CSF with reference your name, and send e-mail to csf@parra.catholic.org.au with your details.

Tax deductible receipts for those who request them will be sent by February 2018. Thank you for your generosity.

Come.....Join.....Celebrate.....

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Parishioners are encouraged to participate as we celebrate the birthday of Mary this coming Friday evening. This has become a wonderful tradition in our parish community and a time where we can recognise the importance of the Blessed Virgin Mary as our God-given helper and our source of coming to know Jesus better to help us to deepen our relationship with him.

★5:30pm Assembly ★5:45pm Procession ★Holy Rosary
★Flower Offering ★7:00pm Holy Mass

At St Andrew the Apostle Parish Marayong on Friday 8th September 2017
(light refreshments to follow after Mass).



St Patrick's Quarter

The Diocese of Parramatta is to begin major planning on a new multi-stage project known as St Patrick's Quarter around the St Patrick's Cathedral precinct in Parramatta. The project will consist of a new Parramatta CBD school, new Diocesan building and a new residential/commercial complex.

For further information, please visit www.stpatricksqarter.org or email comms@parra.catholic.org.au.

Holy Hour for Vocations: 7 September

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (age 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations Thursday, 7th September 2017, at 7:00 pm. Join us also for the pizza at 8:00pm. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula on vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406

2017 Faith in marriage seminar: 8 September

2017 Faith in marriage seminar: Men, Women & the Mystery of Love. Presented by Dr Edward Sri at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall Parramatta on Friday 8th September, 7.30pm sharp. Register: 8838 3460 or Imf@parra.catholic.org.au. Sponsored by the Life Marriage & Family Office Diocese of Parramatta and Parousia Media.

Annual Diocesan CCD Mass: Friday 8 September

All catechists and family members are invited to the Annual CCD Mass, concelebrated by Bishop Vincent Long and priests of the Diocese at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 7 Grantham Road, Seven Hills on September 8th at 11am. Papal Blessings and other Certificates will be presented after Mass. A light lunch will follow in the Parish Hall. Please rsvp your parish coordinator or contact Maree Collis 98904731

Postal plebiscite on "same-sex marriage" announced

The Australian Government has announced there will be a postal plebiscite on whether the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act 1961 should be changed to include "same-sex marriage". Ballot papers will be sent out to households on Tuesday, 12 September and all votes must be received back by Tuesday, 7 November. Vote No, to keep marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man. You can also find more information here: <https://www.catholic.org.au/plebiscite>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 8 08:30 Reconciliation Class 3 08:45 Marriage Blessing 09:30 Sunday School	28 Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary	29 The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 20:00 Combined Music Practice	30 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:45 Spirituality of the Gospels	31 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary	1-Sep First Friday 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 19:00 Holy Hour & Mass	2 Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass 09:30 FIRST Reconciliation Ceremony 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning HJM 10:00 Rosary 16:15 Legion of Mary
3 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 1 Father's Day Appeal Father's Day 09:30 Sunday School 10:30 Youth Mass 11:45 Baptism	4 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary	5 09:00 Mass SAP yr 6 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:45 Spirituality of the Gospels	6 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:45 Spirituality of the Gospels	7 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 19:00 SVDP Meeting 20:00 Combined Music Practice for Mary's Birthday / New Hymns	8 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 17:30 Birthday of BV Mary Celebration 19:00 Mass for BV Mary's Birthday 20:00 Choir Practice HJM	9 Saint Peter Claver or Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass 09:30 FIRST Reconciliation 10:00 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning CFC 16:15 Legion of Mary 19:30 Prayer Meeting HJM
10 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 2 09:30 Sunday School	11 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary	12 The Most Holy Name of Mary 09:00 Mass SAP yr 3&4 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Finance Committee Meeting	13 Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation	14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross SAC Unity Day (liturgy) 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 10:00 Life Ascending Australia Group Meeting - FBC	15 Our Lady of Sorrows 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 19:00 Youth Mass & SAYWAT 20:00 HJM Core Meeting	16 Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning LoM 16:15 Legion of Mary
17 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 3 09:30 Sunday School 11:45 Baptism	18 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:30 SAC Yr 12 Graduation Mass	19 Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary	20 Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Hasang, and their Companions, Martyrs 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass	21 Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 19:00 SVDP Meeting	22 SAP Last Day for Students 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 20:00 Choir Practice HJM	23 Saint Pio of Pietrelcina 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
24 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 4 08:45 Marriage Blessing 09:30 Sunday School	25 School Holidays commence 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary	26 Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs 09:00 Mass SAP Yr 3 09:30 Rosary 19:15 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	27 Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest 09:00 Mass SAP yr 5 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:00 SVdP Commissioning	28 or Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr, or Saints Laurence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 14:00 Church Cleaning Group 4 19:30 Music Practice CFC	29 Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary	30 Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor 09:00 Mass 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 16:15 Legion of Mary

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