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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.

## 27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year A: Vol.42 No.46 7th / 8th October 2017

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### PRESBYTERY:

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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: 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.

### 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  
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**JUNIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 7-10)**  
Address: 116 Quakers Road  
Marayong 2148

**SENIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 11-12)**  
Address: 50 Breakfast Road  
Marayong 2148



*Reach out. Give life.*

## Mission Sunday—October 14th / 15th, 2017

The annual appeal for Catholic Missions will take place next weekend and we are encouraged to see how generosity towards this appeal as part of our participation in the worldwide mission of the church in its work of evangelisation and mission activity.

*I have come so that you may have life and have it to the full (John 10:10).*

This year we are invited to participate in the life-giving mission of Jesus, supporting women and children's health in Uganda. In Uganda bringing life into the world is often fraught with danger, with many women taking great risks to reach health facilities. The St Luke Bujuni Health Centre do not have the capacity to deal with the influx of high risk pregnancies amongst the many expectant mothers who come through the doors.

Please come prepared next weekend and give generously

### 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 ...

- ★ Music Committee Meeting—Oct 10th
- ★ Our Lady of Fatima Mass—Oct 13th
- ★ HSC Students Intention Mass—Oct 15th
- ★ RCIA PROGRAM COMMENCES—OCT 16TH
- ★ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

## From Monsignor Ron ...

We might be tempted to think that St Paul was being somewhat unreal when he tells us to dismiss all types of anxieties from our minds. It is important to reflect about what he is saying. For one thing, he is certainly not suggesting that we ignore the difficulties that come our way in daily living. Nor is he suggesting that we stop becoming involved in life. What he is saying is that we need to accept the reality that difficulties will always be present, but, at the same time, we need to remember that God is always with us and he is always committed to supporting us in the best possible way he can.

On our part, we need to learn to spend quality time in the presence of the Lord and accepting that this will provide us with the balance and perspective needed to face whatever life tosses at us. It is important to accept that God is on our side and that it is in our relationship with God alone that we will find inner peace.

However, for this to happen, we need to take what is happening in our lives to our prayer time to talk over these things with our loving God. I do not believe we can stress the importance of this sufficiently. Prayer time is not just about saying

prayers. It is about talking over what is important in our lives with our God. In doing this, it is essential that we do not do all the talking but allow plenty of quiet time. We have every reason to trust that God will support us, that he will give us encouragement, aid, and his strength in the best possible way. What is important in this statement is that God will help us in the best possible way. To use a rather simplistic example, if we pray to win the lottery to help us in our financial problems, it is unlikely that it will happen. However, we may gain insights and direction from our prayer time that will lead us down a better path.

When we pray, we are acknowledging that we are in the presence of God. Since we can pray anywhere and at any time, we know that God is with us in every moment. Consequently, when we come to pray we are reminding ourselves that we have the greatest power on earth available to help us to work through whatever is happening in our lives and to discover something positive. While we may not discover solutions to our problems, we can still be at peace because we come to know more clearly our dependency upon our God and more importantly his love for us. We also discover the reality of our importance to him and his desire to walk with us through all the circumstances of life.

### Music Committee Meeting:

There will be a meeting of the music committee on Tuesday, October 10 at 8.00pm.

We encourage representatives of all our music ministry groups to come along.

### Ordinations to the Permanent Diaconate:

Rodrigo Rupac, a parishioner of St Andrew the Apostle Parish, and Jerome Emmanuel will be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday, October 21 at 10:30am in St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta.

There will be refreshments served after the Mass.

To help with numbers for catering, please leave your name with the parish office if you are intending to attend.

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



### MASS READINGS - YEAR A

#### THIS SUNDAY:

#### **27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm: Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

#### NEXT SUNDAY:

#### **28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalm: Ps 22

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

#### **THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 7th / 8th October 2017**

#### **[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 Ferdin Chin
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Claire Blunt	Lita Picart	Peter Maw
FIRST READER	Ralph Vaz	Antonette Elogious	Roseanne Victoria	Allen Brady
SECOND READER	Teresita Cacadac	Belinda Elogious	Rose Rotik	Maury Villanueva
PROJECTOR OPERATORS		Derica Elogious	Jaden Victoria	Abigail Chin
WELCOMER	Annette Hudson	Claire Blunt	Mathias Family	
MUSICIANS	Hearts	NO Music Mass	Couples For Christ	Dingalings

#### **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Second Sunday of the Month**

#### **NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 14th / 15th October 2017**

#### **[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 Thong Nguyen	Robert Bautista Luis Ortiz
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Mary Anne Xuereb	Jane Cauchi	Carmelita Licalde
FIRST READER	Melville Fernandez	Fely Perez	Maria Hyson	Therrie Chin
SECOND READER	Edward Yin	Laurinda Atienza	Alicia Cianflone	Donnie Velasco
PROJECTOR OPERATORS		Aradhana Hyson	Revathi Hyson	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**

## Reflection for the Week

“the grace of God, God is active, sharing himself with people, changes people. It enabled Jesus to go willingly to his death on a cross in the hope that God would raise him to new life. It enabled Paul, one of the best persecutors of the church, to become a missionary of the very movement he had once attempted to destroy. Grace of God continues to be offered to people today. If it is accepted, it transforms those who welcome it. It makes them fearless evangelisers of the basic message that Jesus died for our sins, that he was buried, and that he was raised from the dead by God.”

**Prayer:** Ever-living God, with your grace you kept your Son faithful to the mission of saving the world that you had entrusted to him. Keep me faithful in proclaiming Jesus Christ as the Redeemer of the world, and grant that after death I may share his resurrection. He is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

*(A spirituality for mission by Fr. Mark Boyer)*

**Mass in honour of Our Lady of Fatima:** We are preparing to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the Apparitions at Fatima, and there will be a special Mass on Friday evening October 13 at 7.00pm. Mass will be preceded by praying the Rosary. Please note this important date in your calendars.

### Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima

*O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most Holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein, may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.*

## EVER THOUGHT OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC OR BECOMING CATHOLIC EVEN IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE ONE?

This program is called the **RCIA** or the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**. Each year we offer this program to the parishioners of St Andrew's. It has proven over the years to be a wonderful journey to a new beginning for those who are already Catholics. More importantly, it is a program directed at people who do not share our faith, but would like to consider becoming more involved and committed to the Catholic Church.

*I would like to invite all parishioners to consider inviting a family member, a neighbour or friend who lives in the area to consider whether or not they would be interested in becoming a Catholic, or at least exploring the Catholic religion.*

Secondly, there are quite a number of people who come to Mass each weekend, who have not yet taken that final step to full membership of the Catholic Church. I am inviting you to consider participating in this program when it starts later in the year.

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 experience 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.

The next programme commences on Monday, October 16. If you are interested 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.*

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, September 26, 2017:** The attendance at this meeting was extremely poor and this was disappointing as we hoped to plan for the remainder of the year, and to commence looking at what we as a parish community could reasonably hope to achieve in 2018. Unfortunately, with the poor attendance this was not possible.

Certainly, we have confirmed some activities for the month of October. There are the special Marion celebrations on October 7 and October 13. The legionary will once again take responsibility for leading the Rosary before each of our weekend celebrations of Mass.

As well, we will be having our annual Bereavement Mass on Friday, November 3 at 7.00pm. This is a special occasion for those who have lost a loved one but also a wonderful opportunity for all of us to remember the extended family belong to as members of God's family. In doing this, we pray throughout the month of November for the Souls in Purgatory that they may quickly enter into the fullness of eternal life. From next weekend, it will be November Mass Offering Envelopes available at the doors of the church.

One of the other matters raised was the necessity of having a 'working bee' in the Fr. Byrne Centre. This will be coordinated by the three main groups currently using the Centre. These are the Legion of Mary, HJM, and Couples for Christ. As well, all those who use this Centre are asked to ensure that everything is tidy when they finish, rubbish is taken to the bins, lights turned out, windows closed and doors locked.

All parishioners and groups in the parish are reminded that the Parish Pastoral Council is the forum where events are booked and organised in the light of the parish. More material will follow next week.

### Call for Nominations: Deanery & Diocesan Pastoral Councils

Bishop Vincent Long is calling for nominations for Deanery Pastoral Councils and the Diocesan Pastoral Council. For more information, including the nomination kit, please contact Richard or Tanya from the Diocesan Ministry Centre on 02 8838 3460 or visit [parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils](http://parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils).

Nominations close on Sunday, 5 November 2017.

**If you are interested in believe you have something to contribute to these committees, please contact the parish office for more information.**

<u>Sunday</u>	
8	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 6 09:30 Sunday School
<u>Monday</u>	
9	Saints Denis, Bishop, and his Companions, Martyrs, Saint John Leonardi, Priest School recommences 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary
<u>Tuesday</u>	
10	09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 20:00 Music Committee Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	
11	09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation
<u>Thursday</u>	
12	08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 10:00 Life Ascending Australia Group Meeting - FBC
<u>Friday</u>	
13	09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass Our Lady of Fatima 20:00 Choir Practice HJM
<u>Saturday</u>	
14	Saint Callistus, Pope, Martyr, Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning CFC 16:15 Legion of Mary 19:30 Prayer Meeting HJM



**REMINDER:** Next Sunday, October 15th at 10.30am mass will be for the special intentions of all our HSC students. We are all asked to keep these students in our prayers at this time of year.

### **PRAYER For Families:**

Today and throughout this week, we pray for all marriages and families in Australia. *Heavenly Father, grant that our families may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches. Make us ever more mindful of the sacredness and beauty of the family in God's plan.*



### **Liturgy Conference presented by Office for Worship**

The theme for this year's conference will be "Liturgy, the Living Presence of Christ" with a keynote speaker Fr. Peter Williams VG EV. This conference will be held at St Andrews parish in the hall on Saturday November for from 9:30 AM until 3 PM. Registration is \$20 which includes lunch. People attending will be able to choose from many workshops including music and copyright, Scripture and the season of Advent, organising a Mass, bringing Christ to the Sick, making Christ present through a culture of hospitality, choosing hymns for Mass, music and Advent, and the presence of Christ in the Word.

There will be more information on the Diocesan website.

Parishioners of St Andrew's parish are encouraged to participate in the areas where they are involved. For more information contact the parish office.

### **National Catholic Mission and Identity Symposium:** 18th October

BBi is hosting an exciting and ground-breaking event that will bring together respected and dynamic leaders in Catholic education, along with esteemed Bishops and mission identity thought leaders. The purpose of the symposium is to engage Australian educational leaders in the most essential issue in Catholic education: honouring the call to prophetic leadership for the 21st century.

For more details please visit: [www.bbi.catholic.edu.au](http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au)

### **Holy Land Pilgrimage: January 2018**

Fr John McSweeney from St John XXIII Catholic Parish Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens will be leading a 15 day Holy Land pilgrimage (with three day optional extension in Petra, Jordan). Cost, details and further information available through Harvest Journeys under the tour code: 8PV03; phone: 9390-5460, email: [info@harvestjourneys.com](mailto:info@harvestjourneys.com) or visit [harvestjourneys.com](http://harvestjourneys.com).

### **Journey of Faith to Italy & Malta 2018**

Pilgrimage with Fr Luis Herrera and Lisa Bright. Fr Luis Herrera, Assistant Priest of Mary, Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown, is accompanying a pilgrimage to Italy & Malta from 27th August – 18th September 2018. An information night will be held on Friday, 13th October 2017 at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. RSVP for catering purposes by 29 September tel 1300 550 830 or [katrina@olivetretravel.com.au](mailto:katrina@olivetretravel.com.au) Limited spaces available so reserve your space early. For more details or booking forms, please contact Lisa at parish office tel (02) 9622 1125 or [lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au)

### **Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 2018: Rise Up**

A wonderful opportunity for a faith formation experience for parishioners, leaders, teachers, catechists ... All people in ministry and all people who would like to enrich their faith! Join this pilgrimage group to attend the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 14th—23rd March 2018. Cost of pilgrimage \$3080 for 7 days with some additional expenses. Please contact Lisa Bright on 9622-1125 or email: [lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au) for an information pack.

**Catholic Bushwalking Club** is looking for new members interested in Bushwalking, Camping, Canyon and Skiing trips.

Please apply via website [www.cbcsnw.org.au](http://www.cbcsnw.org.au) or contact Linda on 0478-919-427

