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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.



28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.42 No.47 14th / 15th October, 2017

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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:

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ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE

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Campus -

JUNIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 7-10)

Address: 116 Quakers Road
Marayong 2148

SENIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 11-12)

Address: 50 Breakfast Road
Marayong 2148

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 from 9:30am until 3:00pm on Saturday November 4. 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: parracatholic.org/ofw

or email Office for Worship: ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au

Parishioners of St Andrew's parish are encouraged to participate in the areas where they are involved.

For more information contact the parish office.



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 ...

♦ **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:**

DEANERY & DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCILS

♦ **MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS**

♦ **LITURGY CONFERENCE**

♦ **UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS**

From Monsignor Ron ...

St Paul presents three thoughts we need to incorporate into our lives if we are going to live successful lives in the eyes of God.

Firstly: I am ready always for anything life brings, for there is nothing I cannot overcome since I have God's help always to strengthen me. Do we really believe that God is actively and personally involved in the lives of each one of us?

Secondly: If we share the hardship of others and help them, God will fulfil our needs lavishly. We are most receptive to God in our lives when we reach out to others, and this is especially true when we reach out to people in need.

Thirdly: The most important things in life are accepting God as God and always wanting what he wants. The place we give to God in our lives is important for balance, perspective and purpose. As well, seeking to act always as God would expect us to act is the key to success.

St Paul really lived out this philosophy of life. As a result, he was able to face difficulties and trials with the same confidence as he faced good times. This was so because he was convinced that God was with him, loving and supporting him all the time. Difficulties were not made easier, but Paul knew he was never alone and that God was present, loving and helping him.

To attain this approach to life is very important, and our parable today offers some very practical and positive suggestions. Jesus is saying that while God Our Father has opened wide the doors of heaven and invited everybody into his kingdom, entrance is by no means automatic and should not be taken for granted. We have to work and be spiritually

prepared. We need to attempt to prove ourselves worthy of the invitation. The point that Jesus is making is that there is no room for complacency because membership of the Church does not guarantee salvation.

We are invited every day to follow Jesus more closely. The question we need to ask ourselves is how are we living our Christian life?

This is an important lesson from today's parable. Saying 'yes' to God is the start of a way of living that affects our whole approach to life and to every aspect of life. It should affect every day, in fact every minute of our lives.



(St. Andrews Youth Word And Teaching)

Our next SAYWAT will be held on:

Friday, 20th October, 2017 at 7.00pm.

The theme for the night is: **'Giving the Giver'**

We do encourage all young people from year 4 to year 12 to come along to what is a wonderfully enjoyable evening. The cost of the evening is a donation of one gold coin. As well, we remind parents that those in attendance need to be picked up to go home at 10.00pm. Details about this evening may be obtained from SAYWAT leaders. SAYWAT is held on the third Friday of the month.

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



MASS READINGS - YEAR A

THIS SUNDAY:

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalm: Ps 22

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

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

NEXT SUNDAY:

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Psalm: Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

2nd Reading: Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

THIS 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 Candido Velasco	Morie Balisbisan Thong Nguyen	Robert Bautista Luis Ortiz
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Mary Anne Xuereb	Jane Cauchi	Carmelita Liceralde
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				

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 21st/22nd October, 2017

[4th Sunday of the Month - Even 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	Marilyn 088Villa	Pauline Sultana	Chris Bettiol	Claudine Desira
SECOND READER	Doris Barrios	Nila Mangona	Lydia Villamarin	Jay Ilagan
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Sian D'Souza	Vianney Rodrigues	Derca Elogious	Emily Webb Natalie Webb
WELCOMER	Marian Fernandez Melville Fernandez Henryka Ogronczek		Mathias Family	Editha Brady Carl Republica
MUSICIANS	Hearts	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Couples For Christ
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Fourth Sunday of the Month				

Call for Nominations: Deanery & Diocesan Pastoral Councils

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv is calling for nominations for Deanery Pastoral Councils and the Diocesan Pastoral Council. For more information, including the nomination kit, please visit parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils or contact Richard or Tanya from the Diocesan Ministry Centre on 02 8838 3460. Nominations close on Sunday, 5 November 2017.

FROM A YOUTH LEADER WHO IS GOING TO THE ACYF

St Andrew's family! A big hello from me, Rafael, one of the many youth leaders in our parish, and I am very excited to be attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in early December of this year. As a recent university graduate, I feel that ACYF will be the perfect opportunity for me to reflect and grow in my knowledge of the faith as well as implementing this through my service in different Catholic communities, much like what the upcoming 'Year of Youth' asks of all the faithful. I am very much looking forward to being spiritually charged along with thousands of Catholic youth in this great country of ours! :)

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 Andrews. 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.

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, 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 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.

Our next program begins on this Monday evening at 7:15pm in the Fr. Byrne Centre. If you are interested contact the parish office.

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.

COMMISSIONING OF LEGION OF MARY MEMBERS:

All members associated with the Legion of Mary in the parish are invited to attend the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, October 22 where the annual commissioning of members will take place.

NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on November 2 and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and Prayer for the Pope's intentions.

During the month of November Masses are prayed for the faithful departed. The names of these people for whom Masses are requested are placed on the wall of the Church. November Mass Offering Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church. The usual offering is \$20. You are requested to print the name of the deceased so that it can be easily read.

THE MINISTRY OF BEING A CATECHIST:

The reality is each and every one of us is called to witness to and proclaim and be an apostle of the Good News proclaimed by Jesus Christ. This is part of the privilege of belonging to the family of God.

Consequently, I invite all people who are in a position to do so, in that they are retired, semi-retired or have some spare time on a Tuesday or a Wednesday to consider becoming involved in this important ministry in 2018.

Sunday
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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 7 Mission Sunday Appeal 09:30 Sunday School 10:30 Mass for HSC intentions. 11:45 Baptism
Monday
16
09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:15 RCIA
Tuesday
17
Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary
Wednesday
18
Saint Luke, Evangelist 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass
Thursday
19
08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 19:00 SVDP Meeting
Friday
20
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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Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning LofM 16:15 Legion of Mary 19:30 Prayer Meeting HJM

BAPTISMS IN SEPTEMBER 2017

We congratulate the following families who presented their children for baptism during the months of August and September.



Dominik Lucjan BRZECZEK;
Zoe Ann TROFA;
Isla COSTAS;
Tye DUNN ASTILL;
Evie Lyn MICALLEF;
Jeremiah RODGERS;
Knox Felemi O'SULLIVAN;
Izabelah Lee FOREMAN;
Moses Felemi O'SULLIVAN.

Anniversary of Marriage Blessings

On behalf of the parish community we would like to congratulate those who have celebrated their Wedding anniversaries during the month of September 2017.

Patrick & Yvonne Rodulph 53 yrs
Nanding & Alma Dela Cruz 40 yrs
Martin & Rita Zammit 39 yrs
Paul & Chris Taig 35 yrs
Ian & Menchie Biason 34 yrs



Those parishioners who are celebrating marriage anniversaries during the month of October are invited to attend the 8:45am Mass next Sunday, October 22nd for a blessing of their marriage. If you would like to be involved, please contact the parish office with your details.

HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS: October 20th Everyone is welcome to join in an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine at Mulgoa.

For more information about the priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta and Holy Spirit seminary, please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan, Director of Priestly Vocations at vocations@parra.catholic.org.au.

Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35: October 22nd 7.30pm—8.30pm One Holy Hour with prayer, reflection, meditation, praise & worship in preparation for WYD 2018 in Panama - at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa; followed by a social gathering.

Q&A Programme 'Let's Talk About What Matters' : October 22nd held at The Crypt, St Patrick's Church Grosvenor Street, Sydney 1.30pm to 3.00pm. "Finding the courage to make a Difference" with Fr Frank Brennan sj AO and Alpha Cheng. No need to book. No entry fee. For Further Information—email: catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au, or phone 02 9990-7003.

MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2017 *Mission at the heart of the Christian faith*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again this year, World Mission Day gathers us around the person of Jesus, "the very first and greatest evangelizer" (Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 7), who continually sends us forth to proclaim the Gospel of the love of God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. This Day invites us to reflect anew on the *mission at the heart of the Christian faith*. The Church is missionary by nature; otherwise, she would no longer be the Church of Christ, but one group among many others that soon end up serving their purpose and passing away. So it is important to ask ourselves certain questions about our Christian identity and our responsibility as believers in a world marked by confusion, disappointment and frustration, and torn by numerous fratricidal wars that unjustly target the innocent. What is the *basis* of our mission? What is the *heart* of our mission? What are the *essential approaches* we need to take in carrying out our mission?

Mission and the transformative power of the Gospel of Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life

The Church's mission, directed to all men and women of good will, is based on the transformative power of the Gospel. The Gospel is Good News filled with contagious joy, for it contains and offers new life: the life of the Risen Christ who, by bestowing his life-giving Spirit, becomes for us the Way, the Truth and the Life (cf. *Jn* 14:6). He is the *Way* who invites us to follow him with confidence and courage. In following Jesus as our *Way*, we experience *Truth* and receive his *Life*, which is fullness of communion with God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. That life sets us free from every kind of selfishness, and is a source of creativity in love.

God the Father desires this existential transformation of his sons and daughters, a transformation that finds expression in worship in spirit and truth (cf. *Jn* 4:23-24), through a life guided by the Holy Spirit in imitation of Jesus the Son to the glory of God the Father. "The glory of God is the living man" (Irenaeus, *Adversus Haereses* IV, 20, 7). The preaching of the Gospel thus becomes a vital and effective word that accomplishes what it proclaims (cf. *Is* 55:10-11): Jesus Christ, who constantly takes flesh in every human situation (cf. *Jn* 1:14).

The service of the Pontifical Mission Societies

9. The Pontifical Mission Societies are a precious means of awakening in every Christian community a desire to reach beyond its own confines and security in order to proclaim the Gospel to all. In them, thanks to a profound missionary spirituality, nurtured daily, and a constant commitment to raising missionary awareness and enthusiasm, young people, adults, families, priests, bishops and men and women religious work to develop a missionary heart in everyone. World Mission Day, promoted by the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, is a good opportunity for enabling the missionary heart of Christian communities to join in prayer, testimony of life and communion of goods, in responding to the vast and pressing needs of evangelization.