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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.



11th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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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

Confirmation Mass: 7.00pm

Wednesday: 9.00am

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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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Principal: Mr M. Tonnet

Phone: 8869 6700

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Marayong 2148

ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE

College Principal: Mr N. Vidot

Phone: 9626 4000

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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

CANCELLATION OF NOVENA

Due to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation there will be no Novena this week.
Of course, parishioners are most welcome at the Confirmation Masses.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING

We have come to that time of year again where we are asked to seriously consider and pray about our involvement in the financial well-being of our parish family. We have received so much from past and present parishioners and it is now our task to continue to provide for the present and to set the groundwork for the future.

Each wage earner in the parish, irrespective of age, is requested to make a commitment on a regular basis to the financial support of the parish. You can do this by taking out a set of parish envelopes, by using a credit card or direct debit. Parishioners who are already involved in the planned giving are asked to collect the envelopes from the back of the church. You can also obtain forms to use with credit cards or direct debit.

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
- ♦ PARISH FINANCE SUNDAY
- ♦ ST VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY
- ♦ CATECHISTS COMMISSIONING
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

From Monsignor Ron ...

This weekend we are asked to reflect on our confidence and trust in our loving God and in his plans for us and for our world. This confidence and trust should lead us to respond by becoming more committed disciples of Jesus.

We began with a reading from Ezekiel this weekend. I find three important messages in this passage. The first is that God always takes the initiative in our world and in the spreading of his kingdom of love. The second is that, on our part, we need patience, faith, prayer, and especially the spiritual vision to discover the growth of the kingdom in our world, in our lives and in the events that occur around us. The third point is that we need a commitment to look for and carry out what he wants us to do in all the events of our daily lives throughout every day.

Then we moved on to St Paul writing to us as he wrote to the Corinthians. I think St Paul is telling us how to live our lives with faith now at this time. We are on a journey of faith and because we do believe, we know that our God is near to us in every moment. St Paul reminds us to live our lives realising that this is a time of preparation for eternal life. No matter what life tosses at us we are encouraged to live in such a way as to please our God in all things because we do believe that life has meaning and purpose and is meant to be lived with our loving God.

Our gospel reading this weekend presented us with two parables, the parable of the seed that grows and the parable of the mustard seed. In the first parable we see that the farmer does not know how the seed grows for it has a secret of life and of growth within itself. We are reminded that God alone has the secret of life. Then we have the

parable of the mustard seed and are told that its growth to its full potential is an image of the kingdom of God where there is a home for all who enter. There is continuous growth, but it is going to be slow growth. What we do believe is that it is always becoming what God intends it to be and that we are involved in helping this to come about.

There is a wonderful quote which has many variations. One of them is the following – *You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day, by the deeds that you do and the words that you say. People read what you write, if it's false or it's true. What do you want the gospel according to you to be?*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At our recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting it was brought to our attention that there are some areas where we are in need of extra help in our parish family. They are: Acolytes, Commentators for Mass and people to help with the counting of collections on a Sunday morning. If you think you would be able to help with the latter or be involved with the former two, would you please contact the parish office.

St Vincent DePaul Society Volunteers

To date, we have a number of volunteers for the re-establishing of the St Vincent DePaul Society in our parish community. We plan on having a meeting in July and it would be helpful if more people could volunteer for this very important, practical and down-to-earth ministry.

Changed Mass Readings

Next weekend we celebrate the Birthday of St John the Baptist which means our Sunday readings are taken from the feast day rather than the normal Sunday readings.

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



MASS READINGS -YEAR B

THIS SUNDAY:

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm: Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:6-10

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

NEXT SUNDAY:

THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalm: Ps 138:1-3, 13-15

Second Reading: Acts 13:22-26

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 16th / 17th June 2018

[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	Edsel Paltoo John Blackford
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Mary Anne Xuereb	Jane Cauchi	Carmelita Licalalde
FIRST READER	Melville Fernandez	Fely Perez	Vinetta Lobo	Vicky Ilagan
SECOND READER	Edward Yin	Laurinda Atienza	Alicia Cianflone	Donnie Velasco
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required	Leah Mitchell	Volunteer Required
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: 23rd / 24th June 2018

[4th Sunday of the Month - Even Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Joe Doyle Ike Enriquez	Candido Velasco John Blackford	Mario Picart Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan Robert Bautista
COMMENTATOR	Stephen Debrincat	Claire Blunt	Derica Elogious	Maryanne Bautista
FIRST READER	Marilyn Villa	Pauline Sultana	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required
SECOND READER	Doris Barrios	Nila Mangona	Lydia Villamarin	Jay Ilagan
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Sian D'Souza	Volunteer Required	Belinda Elogious	Emily Webb Natalie Webb
WELCOMER	Marian Fernandez Melville Fernandez	Agnes iligan	Volunteer Required	Editha Brady Carl Republica Jerome Chin
MUSICIANS	Hearts	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Couples For Christ
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Fourth Sunday of the Month				



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by the Very Rev Peter Williams on June 19 and June 20. We have over 100 candidates and we do ask that parishioners continue to pray for our candidates and for their families. It is also suggested that we all reflect on the place of the Holy Spirit in our lives, on our relationship with the Holy Spirit, and on our use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we have received in Baptism and in Confirmation.

Reflection on the Prayer for Confirmation

Celebrant: Dearly beloved,
let us pray to God the almighty Father, for these, his
adopted sons and daughters, already born again to
eternal life in Baptism, that he will graciously pour out the
Holy Spirit upon them to confirm them with his abundant
gifts, and through his anointing conform them more fully
to Christ, the Son of God.

(All pray in silence for a short time.)

Celebrant: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who
brought these your servants to new birth by water and
the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send upon them,
O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of
wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and
fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with
the spirit of the fear of the Lord.
Through Christ our Lord.



MASS FOR THE SICK

On Saturday morning, June 23, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will take place during the morning Mass at 9:00am. This is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to come together to pray for sick parishioners, relatives and friends.

As well, it is a very important occasion for those experiencing serious illness, the infirmity of old age, or preparing for an operation to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

If you have a neighbour, friend or fellow parishioner you know who would benefit from the Sacrament, we do encourage you to bring them along. There will be morning tea after this Mass.

ST ANTHONY'S TOONGABBIE

The Catholic community of St Anthony of Padua, Toongabbie, will be having a celebration of the gifting of the first-class relic of St Anthony of Padua. The reception of the Relic will take place on June 21 at 6:30pm in the courtyard of St Anthony's School i.e. Bishop Vincent long and will be followed by a solemn candlelight procession to St Anthony's Church where the relic will be permanently kept in the church. Bishop Vincent will celebrate mass at 7:30pm.

See St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie website www.stanthonyschurch.org.au or phone 02 9631 3316 for full details of the celebrations.

Sunday
17
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Counters: Group 7
Finance Sunday
08:45 Marriage Blessing
09:30 Sunday School
11:45 Baptism
Monday
18
09:00 Mass
09:30 Rosary
19:00 Legion of Mary
Tuesday
19
Saint Romuald, Abbot
09:00 Mass SAP yr2
09:30 Rosary
19:00 CONFIRMATION Ceremony
Wednesday
20
09:00 Mass
09:30 Rosary
19:00 CONFIRMATION Ceremony
Thursday
21
Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
08:00 Mass
08:30 Rosary
14:00 Church Cleaning Group 4
Friday
22
Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs
09:00 Mass
09:30 Rosary
16:00 Junior Legion of Mary
20:10 Choir Practice HJM
Saturday
23
Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop
<i>Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
09:00 Mass for the Sick
09:30 Rosary
09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary
16:00 Music Practice Worship Hymn
16:15 Legion of Mary
19:10 Prayer Meeting HJM

IN NEED OF CHANGE *(Pope Francis, Pentecost Homily, 20-05-2018)*

Today, then, let us learn what to do when we are in need of real change. And who among us does not need a change? Particularly when we are downcast, wearied by life's burdens, oppressed by our own weakness, at those times when it is hard to keep going and loving seems impossible. In those moments, we need a powerful "jolt": The Holy Spirit, the power of God. In the Creed, we profess that he is the "giver of life". How good it would be for us each day to feel this jolt of life! To say when we wake up each morning: "Come, Holy Spirit, come into my heart, come into my day".

THE CATECHISTS COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

Our catechists will renew their commitment to the ministry in which they are involved at Masses on the weekend of June 23/24. This will be an opportunity for parishioners to consider their involvement in this vitally important ministry in the parish. One of the basic duties of Christians is to share their faith and this is a very practical way to do this to young people who are present in our state schools in the parish.

BECOME A CATECHIST - AN SRE VOLUNTEER!

Who? Me? Yes...why not you? If not you...then who? What is an SRE? SREs are parish volunteers who:

- Teach and share their faith with children of their parish who attend government schools.
- Have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.
- Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people.
- Are people who respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved.

In this parish Special Religious Educators, (aka Catechists) go into 4 state primary schools. New volunteer SREs will be given support, training, teaching materials and will start as a classroom helper.

To register your interest or make further enquiries visit or call the Parish Office.

from the
Diocese of
Parramatta

Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

CANDIDACY FOR MARRIED DIACONATE (HOLY ORDERS): 24 June

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will be accepting into Candidacy for (Holy Orders) of Married Diaconate - Mr Roderick Pirota, Mr John Cinya, Mr Roque Dias and Mr Thong Nguyen at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 24 June at 11:00am.

REFUGEE WEEK: 17-23 June

Jesuit Refugee Services are requesting parishes, community groups and individuals to join in a unique fundraising event - Cook2Connect - during the upcoming Refugee Week, to support asylum seekers and refugees living in the community. The fundraising event will enable JRS to continue and extend the help they now offer to our suffering brothers and sisters. To register, call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or email Joanna.brooke@jrs.org.au or visit www.jrs.org.au.

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth

Invite you to join them in a Holy Family Association gathering.

Date: Saturday, 23 June 2018. **Venue:** Queen of Poland Convent 116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong
10.30 am Introduction to the Sacraments – Baptism and Confirmation.

What are the sacraments and why do they matter?

Speaker: Dr. Mariusz Biliniewicz – Senior Lecturer in Theology (University of Notre Dame)

12.00 pm Mass followed by Lunch.

For more information please call Sr Alicja ahf@csfn.org.au Tel. 9626 7847

Younger Widowed Support Group - Next gathering is on Tuesday 19th June from 7pm – 9pm at 13 Buller St, North Parramatta.

Stepping Beyond Support Group – This group supports men and women who are experiencing a divorce or separation. Next gathering: Tuesday 26th June Time: 7pm – 9pm Venue: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta.

Please call Rita on 8843 2575 for further details or to register.