



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.



23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.48 No.42

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THE PARRAMATTA WAY OF SAFEGUARDING IS TO...

Act with Justice, and state that we have a zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person; ensure that laws and obligations are upheld, and safety is paramount.

"This is what the Lord asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)



PARISH STAFF:

Fr. Kevin Medilo, SM
Fr. Kevin Redmond, SM
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PRESBYTERY:

41 Breakfast Rd, Marayong

FR. BYRNE CENTRE:

(Parish Meeting Rooms)
38 Breakfast Rd, Marayong.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

- After weekday & Saturday morning Masses.
- Before Vigil Masses Saturday afternoon 4:00~4:30pm
- Anytime by arrangement.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sunday
each month at 11:45am

Baptismal Preparation:

Second Wednesday of
each month at 7.30pm
in the Fr Byrne Centre.

*Please book for Baptisms
with the Parish Office.*

PIETY STALL:

By asking for an appointment
at the Parish Office.

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday:
Vigil 5.00pm

Sunday:
7.30am, 8.45am
& 10.30am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday: 9.00am
Tuesday: 9.00am
Wednesday: 9.00am
Novena Mass: 7.00pm
Thursday: 9.00am
Friday: 9.00am
Saturday: 9.00am

PARISH SCHOOLS:

ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY

www.standrewspsmarayong.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Yvette McGowen

Phone: 8869 6700

Address: 36 Breakfast Road
Marayong 2148

ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE

www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au

College Principal:

Stephen Kennaugh

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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

Bishop Vincent Long invites you to celebrate



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PARRAMATTA



2023 SEASON OF CREATION

Mass

(followed by refreshments)

Saturday, September 23 at 9.00am

St Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church Marayong

"YOU MUST LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF."

The Church celebrates the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time this weekend and our readings present us with the challenge of living out the command: "You must love your neighbour as yourself."

Our Gospel begins by outlining the steps we are challenged to take when a brother of ours has done something wrong. Out of love, out of a desire to ensure that they live a good life, we are to 'have it out with him alone'. Then if they do not listen, then we take two or three witnesses and if that fails, then we take the matter to the community. Only after all three steps have failed to produce a correction, can we reject our brother, treating him like a pagan or a tax collector.

Love asks us to go to extraordinary lengths so that no one is automatically rejected. The Church truly has the power to bind and loose and what is bound or loosed on earth, will be bound and loosed in heaven. This authority, this gift, is not an exercise in power but of love.

So often in our world, the Church is seen as saying 'no' to things, but you and I are invited to recognise that we are not simply saying 'no' but a much bigger 'yes'. Yes to allowing ourselves and others to be respected and to live full and meaningful lives without being treated as objects to be used up and rejected.

That is the importance of the great promise Jesus makes at the end of our Gospel this weekend: "if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven." What we are agreeing too is for the good of all, it is not some sort of deal, where two people get to ask for whatever they want. We are being invited to recognise not just what a person may desire or want, but what they need. Jesus then continues and promises "where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them." We are being invited to recognise Jesus in our midst, not just what I think may make me happy.

Loving ourselves may not be easy, but without recognising our own talents and gifts how can we possibly know others? Let us pray that we may strive to love others as we are challenged to.

..... from Fr Redmond

| THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 9 th & 10 th September 2023 [2nd Sunday of the Month] | | | | |
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| MINISTRIES | 5.00pm | 7.30am | 8.45am | 10.30am |
| MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR | Nayana Menezes Lobo | Aileen Dela Cruz, Joenel Dela Cruz | Derica Elogious Joy Kakodkar | Noe Adan |
| COMMENTATOR | Nenette Gapud | Donna Ison | Vinetta Lobo | Therrie Chin |
| FIRST READER | Mirza Alata | Luz Tiqui | Antonette Elogious | Socorro Amos |
| SECOND READER | Doris Barrios | Anthony Culbert | Bernardo Rivera | Jay Illagan |
| PROJECTIONIST | Demaiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras | | Jeremy Portelli | Clare Manu, Chris Manu |
| ALTAR SERVERS | Aidan & Brianna D'Silva, K Vaz, C Anderiesz, Isabelle & Jasmine Metcalfe | | Aradhana Hyson, Janelle Kakodkar | |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Monica Desira, Honorio Domingo, Merlie Domingo, Henryka Ogrodniczek. | Linda Dessa, Julie Nunez, Geraldine Pereira | Salve Gatchalian, Julieta Pareme, Joshua Daly, Sam Cassar, Connie Cassar | Peter Maw, Mario & Lita Picart, Brenda Payne, Anna Amos, Maria Webb |
| USHERS/ WELCOMERS | Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler | Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert | | |
| MUSIC | Hearts of Jesus & Mary | NO Music Mass | Praise and Glory | Couples For Christ Australia |

| NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: | | 16 th & 17 th September 2023 | | | [3rd Sunday of the Month] |
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| MINISTRIES | 5.00pm | 7.30am | 8.45am | 10.30am | |
| MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR | Primrose D'Silva, Rudy Alfonsius Fu | Elvie Clark | Maria Hyson Mario Picart | Mauricio Balisbisan (Baptism) Aileen Dela Cruz | |
| COMMENTATOR | Erna Ferrer | Julie Nunez | Antonette Elogious | Socorro Amos | |
| FIRST READER | Ralph Vaz | Nila Mangona | Delia Crisostomo | Linda Ranee | |
| SECOND READER | Myles Anderiesz | Agnes Zabala | | Therrie Chin | |
| PROJECTIONIST | Demmiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras | | Jeremy Portelli | Louisa Velasco | |
| ALTAR SERVERS | Aidan & Brianna D'Silva, K Vaz, C Anderiesz, Isabelle & Jasmine Metcalfe | | Aradhana Hyson, Janelle Kakodkar | | |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Christine Zammitt, Mary Ann Zammit, Cezar Estrera, Nenette Gapud | Anthony Culbert, Suzanne Daniels, Linda Dessa | Derica Elogious, Rose Rotik, Maria Webb, Henrietta D'Sa, +1 | Aida Jamolin, Linda Bravo, Maria Carpio, Peter Maw, Prue Saunig, Maricor Espinosa | |
| USHERS/ WELCOMERS | Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler | Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert | | Aileen Dela Cruz | |
| MUSIC | Lorraine's Group | NO Music Mass | St Andrew's Family Choir | Fresh in Faith Youth Choir | |

Notice
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NATSICC Indigenous Voice Website – One Journey Together

NATSICC and Caritas Australia have launched www.indigenousvoice.church - a website that empowers Catholics to make an informed decision at the 2023 Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum. The site contains a collation of statements of Catholic Organisations, resources to assist in discernment and the voices of First Australians and our Catholic Leaders.

World Day of Migrant and Refugees celebration: 16 September
You're warmly invited to a family-friendly event with Bishop Vincent and our migrant communities for the World Day of Migrants & Refugees on Saturday 16 September, 2pm – 5.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills. Come hear stories, enjoy free entertainment and activities. RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/celebrating-world-day-of-refugees-and-migrants-tickets-675662363317?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>



Marriage Anniversary Blessings for September

We will offer a blessing for those who celebrate marriage anniversaries in September at **all Masses** (inc. Sat.Vigil) on **Sunday, September 17**

If you are celebrating an anniversary and would like to be involved, please contact the parish office with your details.



NEW ALTAR SERVERS

A number of young people in our parish community have volunteered to serve as altar servers in our parish liturgies. This Sunday, they will be commissioned to this ministry and we congratulate and welcome them to this important role in the life of our parish celebrations of the liturgy.



The new altar servers are:

Amaré, Maya,
Jacob, Amelia,
Bradley, Kaitlynn,
Demaiyrah, Demetrius,
Bradley & Kaitlynn.



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY:

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7
Psalm: Ps 102:1-4. 9-12
Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

During the week prayers have been requested for.....

Fr Carl Ashton, Marcelina Valdellon Afueng, George Attard, Angeles Bueno, Enrique Bueno, Jose Bueno, Paul Clemson, Jerick Meandre Castro, Fortunato Clavano Jr, Mary Cumbo, Alberto Danao, Tiannah Jasmine Del Rosario, Edwin Dosado, Domingo Gatchalian, Nicholasa Gatchalian, Toby Jamolin, Wilfredo Guerrero, Alfredo Layug, Ruben Layug, Felix Moncada, Carlo Muscatello, Esperanza Perez, Saviour Spiteri, Bernard Sultana, Peter Paul Sultana, Maria Tran Thi Khen, Maria Tran Thi Ly, Victor & Maryanne Vella, Aeldred & Riolen Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Besterwitch & Hyson Families, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory

.....*Please remember in your prayers*

| Sunday |
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| 10-Sep 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 10 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass Altar Server Commissioning |
| Monday |
| 11-Sep Monday of week 23 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SVdP Meeting |
| Tuesday |
| 12-Sep Tuesday of week 23 in Ordinary Time, The Most Holy Name of Mary 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary |
| Wednesday |
| 13-Sep Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor 09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Group |
| Thursday |
| 14-Sep The Exaltation of the Holy Cross R U OK Day 09:00 Mass |
| Friday |
| 15-Sep Our Lady of Sorrows 09:00 Mass SAP yr6 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 HJM Core Meeting 19:00 Music Practice Combined choir (Confirmation) & Fresh in Faith Youth Choir |
| Saturday |
| 16-Sep Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning LoM 14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass |

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal - caring for those who have cared for us



Our priests never stop giving their lives in service to our community. They dedicate themselves to carrying out God's ministry for as long as they are able. Let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. Your compassionate donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation to care for our priests, and provide them with personalised health and wellbeing support.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at: parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal

or scan this QR code. Thank you.



Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal **DONATE NOW**

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

The Hearts of Jesus and Mary (HJM) Prayer Community invites us for the Life in the Spirit Seminar. This Seminar aims to deepen our personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to be more whole, effective and loving in our family, workplace and community. **30th September - 1st October 2023**



WINNER OF PARISH RAFFLE

Congratulations to Merlie Domingo for winning the Raffle. (see the photo)

A big thank you to our parish community for your generous support of the Raffle.

This fundraising had generated the amount of \$ 2,554.15.

The funds will support our Community Refugee Program.

Special thanks to Fr Kevin Redmond for personally knitting the winter blanket.

ART OF ENCOUNTER

+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

REFLECTION

We too are called to become experts in the art of encounter. Not so much by organising events or theorising about problems, as in taking time to encounter the Lord and one another. Time to devote to prayer and to adoration – that form of prayer that we so often neglect – devoting time to adoration, and to hearing what the Spirit wants to say to the Church. Time to look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say, to build rapport, to be sensitive to the questions of our sisters and brothers, to let ourselves be enriched by the variety of charisms, vocations and ministries.

Every encounter – as we know – calls for openness, courage and a willingness to let ourselves be challenged by the presence and the stories of others. ...

He invites us to leave our old habits behind.

Everything changes once we are capable of genuine encounters with him and with one another, without formalism or pretense, but simply as we are.

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS St Peter's Basilica Sunday, 10 October 2021

(pause for a moment of silent reflection)

PRAYER

O God, who always walks with us on the journey of life, we call upon you to lead us forth united. Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod. Keep us anchored in your love.

Open our hearts as we listen and discern. Reveal to us the way we are called to go out into the deep. Give us the courage to pursue the mission with bold humility.

May we experience renewal in our local Church today, and for generations to come. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, who in the power of the Holy Spirit continues to guide your Church, to the fullness of your Kingdom now, and forever. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians. pray for us. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. pray for us

