



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.



24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.48 No.43

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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
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PRESBYTERY:

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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

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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

"NOT SEVEN, I TELL YOU, BUT SEVENTY-SEVEN TIMES."

Our Scripture readings for this Sunday remind us of God's unconditional love and mercy which calls us to walk the path of forgiveness and reconciliation. Psalm 102 tells us that God does not treat us "according to our sins" but instead crowns us with His love and compassion. The First Reading from the Book of Sirach summons us to show forgiveness and compassion for those who hurt us and not to nurse 'resentment and anger'.

The Gospel for this Sunday reveals to us once again the great and beautiful mystery of God's infinite mercy and forgiveness. God's boundless mercy and forgiveness is always offered to each of us. The call to forgive comes from the truth that God has always forgiven us.

The gospel comes from the concluding part of chapter 18 of Saint Matthew. This gospel has emphasized the importance of forgiveness as followers and disciples of Jesus Christ. The author of the gospel uses the image of the king who cancels and forgives the debt of his servant. The servant owes to the king a 'ten thousand talents' which denotes a huge amount of money that could mean billions of dollars in our present-day terms. Obviously the king is just, compassionate and forgiving, he rightly expects that, in turn, his servant will be so as well.

The king was so disappointed and angry to learn that the forgiven servant was so cruel and unforgiving to his fellow servant who only owed him a 'hundred denarii' (a few thousand dollars). The king shows extraordinary mercy in forgiving the debt. But the forgiven servant refuses to imitate his master's generosity towards another servant in the household in debt to him.

We receive so much mercy and forgiveness from the sacred and loving heart of Jesus in spite of our sinfulness and human failings. The call to forgive is sacred for we are personally forgiven by Christ himself, especially in the sacrament of penance.

God's boundless love and mercy enable us to forgive one another. But forgiving can be very hard and challenging for those who are close to us. Sometimes the hardest place to forgive is in our 'home' when a member of our family, a friend or a member of a community has hurt us deeply. It could take time to walk the path of forgiveness and reconciliation. May we have the grace and courage to forgive from the heart not only 'seven times but seventy-seven times'.

..... from Fr Kevin

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER:		16 th & 17 th September 2023			[3rd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Primrose D'Silva, Rudy Alfonsius Fu	Elvie Clark Aileen Dela Cruz	Maria Hyson Mario Picart	Mauricio Balisbisan (Baptism)	
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	Martin Zammit	Therrie Chin	
PROJECTIONIST	Demmyfrah 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 Zammit, 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			
MUSIC	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir	

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER:		23 rd & 24 th September 2023			[4th Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Ike Enriquez,	Joanel Dela Cruz Aileen Dela Cruz		Noe Adan	
COMMENTATOR		Julie Nunez	Maria Hyson	Lita Picart	
FIRST READER	Doris Barrios	Donna Ison	Felix Villamarin	Peter Maw	
SECOND READER	Sony Cuaycong	Elvie Clark	Lydia Villamarin	Linda Ranee	
PROJECTIONIST	Yaqueline Metcalfe		Mariah Cutajar	Jerome Chin	
ALTAR SERVERS	Aidan & Brianna D'Silva, K Vaz, C Anderiesz, Isabelle & Jasmine Metcalfe			Amber & Abigail Chin	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Ralph Vaz, Myles Anderiesz, Anne Marie Moriarty, Dolette Enriquez	Agnes Zabala, Geraldine Pereira, Linda Dessa	Rose Rotik, Maria Webb, Annette Morales, Joshua Daly, +1	Virginia Salom, Brenda Payne, Socorro Amos, Anna Amos, Maria Carpio, Maricor Espinosa	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert			
MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Couples For Christ Australia	

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal - Thank You



Thank You for your generosity and compassion. Our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised over \$11,200 to care for our retired priests and clergy in ill health. Your generosity enables our Clergy Support Foundation to nurture our retired priests' physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing, and provide for daily living essentials and medical expenses for our ageing priests. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit:

parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal

or scan this QR code. Thank you.



Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal

DONATE NOW

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.

Diocesan Interfaith Commission

Walking Together for Peace gathering: 21 September

The Interfaith Commission Diocese of Parramatta invite you to an interfaith gathering to mark the UN International Day of Peace. This is an opportunity to have real conversations and positive dialogue with people from faiths different to your own.

The gathering will be held on Thursday 21 September from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. To RSVP, please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/walking-together-for-peace>



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



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY:

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm: Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18
Second Reading: Phil 1:20-24. 27
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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

George Attard, Eduardo Baluyot, Romeo Caringal, Jerick Meandre Castro, Alicia Cercado, Herman Chin Sr, Rita Clark, Paul Clemson, Mary Cumbo, Alberto Danao, Lorna & Hubert De Vera, Tiannah Jasmine Del Rosario, Owen & Sheila Doyle, Francis D'sa Severina, Toby Jamolin, Pelagia & Joaquin Dunuan, Nazario Dunuan Jr & Sr, Rhyes Manual, Jack Meagher, Felix Moncada, Carlo Muscatello, Thomas Nazal Jr., Romeo Pablo, Maryrose Parsons, Serge Pasnin, Esperanza Perez, Allan Redden, Saviour Spiteri, Kath & Don Sullivan, Emilia & Valentin Ulep, Carmen Vella, Manjula Xavier, Victor & Maryanne Vella, Aeldred & Riolen Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Vivian, Osbourne, Redden Family, Duchenne & Farla Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Besterwitch & Hyson Families, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory ...**Please remember in your prayers**

Sunday

17-Sep

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Counters: Group 11

Marriage Blessing - All Masses

07:30 Mass

08:45 Mass

10:30 Mass

11:45 Baptism

Monday

18-Sep

Monday of week 24
in Ordinary Time

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

Tuesday

19-Sep

Tuesday of week 24
in Ordinary Time,
Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr

09:00 Mass SAP yr4

18:00 SJG CRISP program

19:00 Legion of Mary

19:00 Confirmation Ceremony

Wednesday

20-Sep

Saints Andrew Kim Taegon,
Priest, and Paul Chong Hasang,
and their Companions, Martyrs

09:00 Mass

19:00 Confirmation Ceremony

19:30 Music Practice CFCA

Thursday

21-Sep

Saint Matthew,
Apostle, Evangelist

09:00 Mass

Friday

22-Sep

Friday of week 24
in Ordinary Time
SAP Last Day for Students

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

19:00 Choir Practice HJM

Saturday

23-Sep

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina
09:00 Diocesan Mass for
the Season of Creation

09:40 Legion of Mary

16:00 Music Practice Worship
Hymn

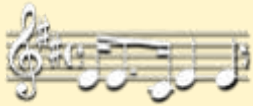
16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary

17:00 Vigil Mass

18:00 Prayer Meeting HJM

ATTENTION MUSICIANS *Request from the Music Committee*

Our Choirs are seeking some new talent - Singers and Musicians especially keyboard. If you can help in this regard please speak to members of the choir at your Mass or contact the parish office.



Migrant and Refugee Sunday: 24 September

This year's World Migrant and Refugee Theme is, ***"Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay."*** Pope Francis explains for a healthy society there should always be "the freedom that should always mark the decision to leave one's native land." Migration movements throughout the world continue unabated, "ensuring that that freedom is a widely shared pastoral concern."

PRAYER

God, Father Almighty, grant us the grace to work tirelessly for justice, solidarity and peace, so that all your children may enjoy the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.

Grant us the courage to denounce all the horrors of our world, and to combat every injustice that mars the beauty of your children and the harmony of our common home.

Sustain us by the power of your Spirit, so that we can reflect your tender love to every migrant whom you place in our path, and to spread in hearts and in every situation the culture of encounter and of care.

DISCERNING

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

REFLECTION

The Synod is a process of spiritual discernment, of ecclesial discernment, that unfolds in adoration, in prayer and in dialogue with the word of God. "God's word is "living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Heb 4:12). That word summons us to discernment and it brings light to that process. It guides the Synod, preventing it from becoming a Church convention, a study group or a political gathering, a parliament, but rather a grace-filled event, a process of healing guided by the Spirit. In these days, Jesus calls us, as he did the rich man in the Gospel, to empty ourselves, to free ourselves from all that is worldly, including our inward-looking and outworn pastoral models; and to ask ourselves what it is that God wants to say to us in this time. And the direction in which he wants to lead us.

*ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE ROMAN CURIA
Benediction Hall Thursday, 23 December 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

