



# 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.



## 33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year A: Vol.48 No.51

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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,  
7.00pm  
Thursday: 9.00am,  
Friday: 9.00am  
Saturday: 9.00am

#### PARISH SCHOOLS:

#### **ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY**

[www.standrewspsmarayong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.standrewspsmarayong.catholic.edu.au)  
Principal: Yvette McGowen  
Phone: 8869 6700  
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Marayong 2148

#### **ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE**

[www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au)  
College Principal:  
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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's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care chaplaincy services

Help Catholic Care chaplains  
*give comfort, faith, and hope*  
to people suffering  
this Christmas 



Will you support our chaplains to listen with the ear of the heart?

Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our 15 Catholic Care chaplains to provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to seriously ill, lonely, and distraught people this Christmas.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at

[yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you.



## WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

We celebrate the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time this weekend and in the Gospel Jesus tells the parable of talents. One servant gets five and gains five more, another servant gets two talents and produces two more, while the third servant buries his one talent and tries to give it back to the master.

The master says to the first two servants, the servants who used the talents given to produce more, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater, come and join in your master’s happiness.”

The surprising thing is for the master to say that the talents given were ‘small things’ considering that a talent represented 20 years worth of labour. The master’s property given out was large and worth many millions of dollars, in today’s terms, so how can we understand that these were small things?

One way to understand this is to recognise that financial resources are external or outside a person and so are not as large or as important as the personality traits or qualities of a person. Obviously, financial resources are important, as they allow people to look after themselves, their family, community and wider world but just because someone has a million dollars does not make them a good person nor does only have 5 dollars mean someone else is bad or an evil person. The more important questions revolve around how a person uses these ‘small things’? Does a person try and hold onto what they have, or do they share and are generous; do they use their resources to build up and encourage themselves and others to live life to the full or do they sow division? We can reflect on the third servant in the parable as well. Fear prevented him from gaining anything from the talent given. He buried it rather than putting it in the bank, so that the master could have gotten the interest as well. Fear should never stop a person from taking sensible risks so that the fullness of life can be experienced.

Finally, we are invited to recognise how the ‘talent’ in the parable is a financial term but we can also think of it as our gifts – what we are good at. God gives us talents, do we use them or are we afraid and try and bury them?

..... from Fr Redmond

### THIS WEEK’S ROSTER: 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 [3rd Sunday of the Month]

MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Romeo Gapud Primrose Fernandes	Elvie Clark	Rudy Fu Mario Picart	Ike Enriquez (Baptism)
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Erna Ferrer	Julie Nunez	Antonette Elogious	Peter Maw
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Mirza Alata	Sharmali Perera	Delia Crisostomo	Therrie Chin
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Ralph Vaz	Agnes Zabala	Martin Zammit	Linda Rane
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Demmfirah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Aidan & Brianna D'Silva, K Vaz, C Anderiesz, Isabelle & Jasmine Metcalfe		Aradhana Hyson, Janelle Kakodkar	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Bernardo Rivera, Cezar Estrera, Nenette Gapud, Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Suzanne Daniels, Maurice Perera, Geraldine Pereira	Rose Rotik, Derica Elogious, Donna Ison, Henrietta D'Sa, Maria Webb	Aida Jamolin, Maricor Espinosa, Merlie & Honorio Domingo, Prue Saunig, Estrellita Viola
<b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert		Aileen Dela Cruz
<b>MUSIC</b>	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	St Andrew's Family Choir	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir

### NEXT WEEK’S ROSTER: 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023 [4th Sunday of the Month]

MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Myles Anderiesz, Kartiko Effendy	Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz		Noe Adan ?
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Nenette Gapud	Julie Nunez	Maria Hyson	Lita Picart
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Steiner Desouza	Elvie Clark	Felix Villamarin	Socorro Amos
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Sony Cuaycong	Nila Mangona	Lydia Villamarin	Peter Maw
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>			Mariah Cutajar	Jerome Chin
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Aidan & Brianna D'Silva, K Vaz, C Anderiesz Isabelle & Jasmine Metcalfe			Amber & Abigail Chin
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Zenaida Bables, Dolette Enriquez, Christine & Mary Ann Zammit,	Anthony Culbert, Geraldine Pereira, Linda Dessa	Rose Rotik, Annette Morales, Joshua Daly, Maria Webb	Anna Amos, Mario Picart, Therrie Chin, Virginia Salom, Maria Carpio, Estrellita Viola
<b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert		
<b>MUSIC</b>	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Couples For Christ Australia

**IF YOU WANT PEACE, WORK FOR JUSTICE** Is the title of a fifty one year old MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE PAUL VI FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE DAY OF PEACE This [message](#) - an invitation to celebrate the Day of Peace! Was addressed to : *'Men of thought! Men of action! All mankind living in 1972!'* and concluded with the call to action - *'wish to give life to deeds which will be convergent expressions of a sincere desire for Justice and a sincere desire for Peace.* ' Catholic Social Teaching offers guidance towards actions that breathe life into these deeds by addressing issues related to social, economic, and ecological justice in the world.

## PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

### PARTICIPATION

All people have a right to participate in the economic, political, and cultural life of society. It is a fundamental demand of justice and a requirement for human dignity that all people be assured a minimum level of participation in the community. It is wrong for a person, or a group, to be excluded unfairly or to be unable to participate in society.

### GLOBAL SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPMENT

We are one human family. Our responsibilities to each other cross national, racial, economic and ideological differences. We are called to work globally for justice. Authentic development must be full human development. It must respect and promote personal, social, economic, and political rights, including the rights of nations and of peoples. It must avoid the extremes of underdevelopment on the one hand, and "super development" on the other. Accumulating material goods and technical resources will be unsatisfactory and debasing if there is no respect for the moral, cultural and spiritual dimensions of the person.

## From the PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dear Parishioners,

Over the past six months, the Parish Finance Committee (PFC) has worked with Fr Kevin to update our Finance Committee Statutes. As part of that process, most of the existng committee has moved on to help the Parish in other areas allowing us to bring some new members onto the PFC. As part of that process, we are seeking nominations of people parishioners believe would be an asset to the committee. As per the Statutes, the parish priest will appoint from those being nominated.

If you would like to nominate someone, please contact the parish office. You will be required to give your name and contact details, and the name and contact details of the person being nominated and one or two points outlining why you think they would be an asset to the Finance Committee.

Nomination will close on the evening of Sunday 3rd December

Thank you for your ongoing and very fine support.

Fr. Kevin Medilo, sm

Parish Priest



### MASS READINGS -YEAR A

#### THIS SUNDAY:

#### **33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Prov 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

Psalm: Ps 127:1-5

Second Reading: 1 Thess 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

#### NEXT SUNDAY:

#### **CHRIST THE KING**

First Reading: Ezek 34:11-12. 15-17

Psalm: Ps 22:1-3. 5-6

Second Reading: 1 Cor15:20-26. 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

## Available in the PIETY STORE

Australian Edition: Reflections from local contributors!

Designed to help you to keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life. \$20



There are other items for sale including Columban Calendars \$10 & Advent Reflections \$8.

<b>Sunday</b>
19-Nov
<b>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Counters: Group 7 Marriage Blessing - All Masses
<b>07:30</b> Mass
<b>08:45</b> Mass
<b>10:30</b> Mass - Youth
<b>11:45</b> Baptism
<b>Monday</b>
20-Nov
Monday of week 33 in Ordinary Time
<b>09:00</b> Mass
<b>15:30</b> Jnr Legion of Mary
<b>Tuesday</b>
21-Nov
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>09:00</b> Mass
<b>18:00</b> SJG CRISP program
<b>19:00</b> Legion of Mary
<b>Wednesday</b>
22-Nov
Saint Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr
<b>09:00</b> Mass
<b>19:00</b> Novena & Mass
<b>19:30</b> Music Practice CFCA
<b>Thursday</b>
23-Nov
Thursday of week 33 in Ordinary Time
Saint Clement I, Pope, Martyr Saint Columbanus, Abbot and Missionary
<b>09:00</b> Mass
<b>10:45</b> Church Cleaning Group 4
<b>18:00</b> Social Justice group meeting
<b>Friday</b>
24-Nov
Saints Andrew Dung-Lac & his Companions, Martyrs
<b>09:00</b> Mass
<b>15:30</b> Jnr Legion of Mary
<b>18:00</b> Youthworks Adoration
<b>19:00</b> Choir Practice HJM
<b>Saturday</b>
25-Nov
Saturday of week 33 in Ordinary Time
Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr
Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>09:00</b> Mass for the Sick
<b>09:40</b> Legion of Mary
<b>16:00</b> Music Practice Worship Hymn
<b>16:00</b> Jnr Legion of Mary
<b>17:00</b> Vigil Mass
<b>18:30</b> Prayer Meeting HJM <i>Bishop's Christmas Appeal</i>



## PARISH YOUTH GROUP

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### 10 COMMANDMENTS FOR THE INTERNET AGE

Archbishop Eamon Martin, Coadjutor Archbishop of Armagh, from *'The New Media and the Work of Evangelization'* – May 20, 2014

"The internet has become like the nervous system of our culture, in which more and more people are expressing and exploring their identity, picking up and discarding their values and attitudes, expressing their feelings and prejudices, befriending and unfriending each other, measuring each other's status and importance, relevance and appearance. If our young people and people are living in this gigantic network, then we, as people of faith need to be in there, dialoguing with the inhabitants of this world, with the men and women who dwell in the web."

Here are Archbishop Martin's digital media principles in full:

1. Be positive and joyful. Offer 'digital smiles' and have a sense of humor. Remember that it is the 'Joy of the Gospel' that we are communicating, so, as Pope Francis says: no 'funeral faces' or 'sourpusses'!
2. Strictly avoid aggression and 'preachiness' online; try not to be judgmental or polemical – goodness knows, there is enough of this online already! Instead, try Pope Francis' approach of 'tenderness and balm'.
3. Never bear false witness on the internet.
4. Remember 'Ubi caritas et Amor' (where charity and love are). Fill the internet with charity and love, always giving rather than taking. Continually seek to broaden and reframe discussions and seek to include a sense of charity and solidarity with the suffering in the world.
5. Have a broad back when criticisms and insults are made – when possible, gently correct.
6. Pray in the digital world! Establish sacred spaces, opportunities for stillness, reflection and meditation online.
7. Establish connections, relationships and build communion. Church has always been about 'gathering'. In this, it is worth considering an ecumenical presence for the Christian churches online. The internet tends to be a place of ethical and intellectual relativism, and often of aggressive secularism. The scandal of disunity among Christians can be easily exploited and exaggerated. Therefore, we must seek to share resources so that we can have a powerful Gospel witness. Wouldn't it be wonderful if people started noticing online: 'See how these Christians love one another'.
8. Educate our young to keep themselves safe and to use the internet responsibly.
9. Witness to human dignity at all times online. Seek, as Pope Benedict once said, to 'give a soul to the internet'. We are well aware of the pervasive prevalence of pornography on the internet which can 'pollute the spirit', destroy and degrade human sexuality and relationships, reduce persons to objects for gratification, draw millions into the commodification and commercialization of sex, feed the monster that is human trafficking.
10. Be missionary, be aware that with the help of the internet, a message has the potential to reach the ends of the earth in seconds. In this regard, let us foster and call forth charisms in younger committed people who understand the power and potential of the net to bear witness.

### Social Justice group

Heartfelt thanks to the wonderfully generous parishioners who supported our Refugee Outreach event last weekend. It was a tremendous success and over \$2,400.00 was raised. We now have sufficient funds to begin the process to welcome a refugee household early next year. Each and every contribution is invaluable to us.

*Many thanks from St Andrew's Social Justice Group.*



### Diocese of Parramatta on Social Media

Connect with the Diocese and find out the latest news and events on Social Media:



Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic>

Twitter @parracatholic

#### HOME VISIT

Would you like a visit from a priest or parishioner?

Name .....

phone .....

#### SICK OR HOUSEBOUND

Do you know someone who would like Holy Communion or a visit?

Name .....

phone .....

#### PLANNED GIVING

Would you like to support our parish?

Name .....

phone .....

**PLEASE PLACE ON COLLECTION PLATE AND YOU WILL BE CONTACTED**