



# 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.



## 3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year A: Vol.49 No.08

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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  
Fr. Floyd Gatana, SM  
Maria Hyson  
(Sacramental Coordinator)  
Merlinda (Merly) Generalao,  
Michelle Sultana &  
Joe Clemson  
(Office staff)

#### PARISH OFFICE:

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Monday to Friday  
9.00am to 4.00pm  
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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  
*NO Evening Mass*  
Thursday: 9.00am  
Friday: 9.00am  
Saturday: 9.00am

#### PARISH SCHOOLS:

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

[www.standrewspmrayong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.standrewspmrayong.catholic.edu.au)

Principal: Yvette McGowen

Phone: 8869 6700

Address: 36 Breakfast Road  
Marayong 2148

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

[www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au)

College Principal:

Stephen Kennaugh

Phone: 9626 4000

#### **Campus -**

##### **JUNIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 7-10)**

Address: 116 Quakers Road  
Marayong 2148

##### **SENIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 11-12)**

Address: 50 Breakfast Road  
Marayong 2148

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

*The Sacrament of First Penance Program will take place in Term 1  
for children in Years 3 & above who have been baptised.*

**REGISTRATION FORMS** to be collected from the Parish Office from **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**REGISTRATION EVENING: Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 7.00pm** in the Church

**CLASSES: Sundays 10th March, 17th March and 24th March 2024**

[Classes begin with 8.45am Mass and conclude at approximately 11.30am]

**SACRAMENT of First Penance will be celebrated on :**

**Saturday 6th April (9:30 am) and/or Saturday 13th April (9:30 am) 2024**



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FACILITATORS

Current facilitators as well as people interested in becoming facilitators for our Sacramental Programs in 2024 are asked to contact the Parish Office by the end of January.



# St Vincent de Paul Society

## CHRISTMEAS APPEAR 2023

*good works*

Many of us celebrate Christmas by exchanging gifts and having a special meal. Unfortunately, the families we visit Christmas is just another day. This Christmas we assisted forty families with Christmas hampers (large laundry baskets) and gift cards from \$125 - \$175 depending on the size of the family to the total value of \$6,160. We hope it made a difference to the way they celebrated Christmas, perhaps exchanging gifts and having a special Christmas meal.

We thank the parish community for your donation of gift cards and cash to the value of \$8,480. The surplus will be used to assist families during 2024. We thank St Andrews College for donating and preparing the Christmas hampers and the youth ministry for assisting with the distribution of the hampers.

### 2023 Summary

- Home visits 75
  - Value of food \$3182
  - Woolworths food vouchers \$2925
  - White goods/furniture/clothing vouchers etc \$5796
- Christmas hampers and gift cards not included in this summary.*

On behalf of the families, we assist we would like to thank St Andrews Parish community for your continued support to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER:		20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2024			[3rd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Primrose Fernandes	Elvie Clark, Normie Santos	Mario Picart	Mauricio Balisbisan (Baptism)	
COMMENTATOR	Linda Bravo	Julie Nunez	Antonette Elogious	Socorro Amos	
FIRST READER	Sony Cuaycong	Sharmali Perera	Delia Crisostomo	YouthWorks	
SECOND READER	Mercy Aquino	Elizabeth Abbey	Martin Zammit	YouthWorks	
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	Bradley D'Cruz	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Linda Bravo, Christine Zammit, Cezar Estrera, Mary Ann Zammit	Maryse Pereira, Agnes Zabala, Suzanne Daniels	Derica Elogious, Rose Rotik, Maria Webb, Henrietta D'Sa, +1	Aida Jamolin, Therrie Chin, Maria Carpio, Peter Maw, Prue Saunig, Maricor Espinosa	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogronniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert		Aileen Dela Cruz	
MUSIC	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir	

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER:		27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2024			[4th Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Ike Enriquez, Kartiko Effendy	Aileen Dela Cruz, Joenel Dela Cruz		Noe Adan	
COMMENTATOR	Normie Santos	Julie Nunez	Donna Ison	Lita Picart	
FIRST READER		Elvie Clark	Nerissa Toong	Linda Raneer	
SECOND READER	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam		Maria Hyson	Peter Maw	
PROJECTIONIST	Yaqueline Metcalfe		Mariah Cutajar	Jerome Chin	
ALTAR SERVERS	Aidan & Brianna D'Silva, K Vaz, C Anderiesz, Isabelle & Jasmine Metcalfe			Amber & Abigail Chin, Bradley D'Cruz	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Zenaida Bables, Dolette Enriquez, Primrose Fernandes, Henryka Ogronniczek,	Anthony Culbert, Maurice Perera, Suzanne Daniels	Rose Rotik, Maria Webb, Anette Morales, Luke Binny, Joshua Daly	Mario Picart, Brenda Payne, Therrie Chin, Anna Amos, Maria Carpio, Maricor Espinosa	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogronniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert			
MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	Couples For Christ Australia	

## CATECHISTS - THE MINISTRY OF SHARING OUR FAITH

All catechists are invited to join with the teachers from our local Catholic schools as we celebrate **Mass for a successful year in 2024**. This Mass will be celebrated on:

**Tuesday, January 30 at 10:00am** in our parish Church.

One of the essential missions of the Catholic community is to provide the education of our faith. In this regard, the work of our catechists, who provide faith education for the children in our local state schools, is of vital importance.

There will be a **meeting of catechists**, and people interested in joining this ministry, at **10:00am on Thursday, February 8** in the Fr Byrne centre.

### Bishop Vincent presents a conversation with Monsignor Tomas Halik:

12 February 2024

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to a conversation with Czech priest and theologian Monsignor Tomas Halik on Monday 12 February at 6pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta.

Registration is free, but places are strictly limited. To register visit

<https://parracatholic.org/events/tomashalik/>

## PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA

Father, you reached out by the power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus your Son to share your love for all creation.

You invite everyone to share in your life made available to us in Jesus.

You established the Church to bring your good news to all people.

Let your Holy Spirit help us to be the presence of your saving love to all.

May that same Spirit help us to proclaim your good news in a way that is meaningful to people and touches their hearts.

May we, like Mary, Help of Christians, have the courage of the cross, to fulfil the mission you gave us, no matter what the cost.

Sharing his confidence and trust in you, we ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*(from the National office for evangelization)*

## The Parish Office will be closed

On Friday 26th of January 2024  
For the Australia Day public holiday.



### MASS READINGS -YEAR B

#### THIS SUNDAY:

#### NEXT SUNDAY:

#### 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5. 10

Psalm: Ps 24:4-9

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

#### NEXT SUNDAY:

#### 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deut 18:15-20

Psalm: Ps 94:1-2. 6-9

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

### MASS TIMETABLE CHANGES: Wednesday Novena & First Friday evening Masses will resume from the beginning of February in 2024.

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

Martha Aquino, Maribelle Bacabag, Joseph & Irene Bouquet,  
Ernestito Bunye, Fortunato Cartisano, Paul Clemson,  
Mary Cumbo, Fabiana Dela Cruz, Norman Drew,  
Dominador Dulaong Sr., Hector Fernandez,  
Felix Flaminiano Jr, Edward Galea, Mavis Gehrig,  
Engracio Gonzales, Nathan Ervin Gopiao, Anthony Grima,  
Narciso Ignacio, Tomas Jan Sr., Margaret Jennins,  
Marciano Malaluan, Genera Malate, Carmel McLoughlin,  
Daniel Milo, Sr., Marilyn Macabulos Nalapo, Perla Sicut,  
Vincent Sicut, Remedios Alvarez Solarte, Avito Sto Tomas,  
Tomas Tan Sr, Robert Vilorio, Aeldred & Riolen Weber,  
Peter Wheeler, Stella & Felic Zammit, ,  
Besterwitch & Hyson Families, Collins & Quinn Families,  
McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, All Souls in Purgatory.  
.....**Please remember in your prayers**

### Sunday

21-Jan

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Counters: Group 3

Marriage Blessing - All Masses

**07:30** Mass

**08:45** Mass

**10:30** Mass Youth

**11:45** Baptism

### Monday

22-Jan

Monday of week 3

in Ordinary Time,

Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr

**09:00** Mass

**15:30** Jnr Legion of Mary

**19:00** SVdP Meeting

### Tuesday

23-Jan

Tuesday of week 3

in Ordinary Time

**09:00** Mass

**19:00** Legion of Mary

### Wednesday

24-Jan

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop,

Doctor

**09:00** Mass

**19:30** Music Practice CFC

*no evening Mass*

### Thursday

25-Jan

The Conversion of

Saint Paul, Apostle

**09:00** Mass

**14:00** Church Cleaning Group 4

**19:00** Social Justice group meeting

### Friday

26-Jan

Australia Day

**09:00** Mass

**15:30** Jnr Legion of Mary

**18:00** Adoration - Youth

**20:00** Choir Practice HJM

Public Holiday

*Office Closed*

### Saturday

27-Jan

Saturday of week 3

in Ordinary Time

Saints Timothy and

Titus, Bishops,

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin,

*Saturday memorial of the*

*Blessed Virgin Mary*

CFC - Evangelisation Rally (Hall)

**09:00** Mass

**09:40** Legion of Mary

**16:00** Jnr Legion of Mary

**17:00** Vigil Mass

**18:30** Prayer Meeting HJM



# DECREE

## DECREE OF PROMULGATION

### DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

On Pentecost Sunday, 28 May 2023, I formally convoked the first Synod in the Diocese of Parramatta in accordance with Canons 460-468 of the Code of Canon Law and the Instruction of Diocesan Synods (1997). The Synod opened on Friday 13 October 2023 and closed on Sunday 15 October 2023 on the theme “Behold I am doing a new thing”, Isaiah 43:19.

The purpose of the Synod was to identify priorities for the development of a Pastoral Plan to deepen communion, participation and mission, and become a more synodal church.

Preceding the Synod, the Diocese of Parramatta engaged in a process of prayer, listening, dialogue and discernment to learn and understand the path to becoming a more synodal church. The fundamental question that guided the synodal process was: “In what ways can we respond to the call of the Holy Spirit to be a more synodal Church in the Diocese of Parramatta?”

In recognition of the composition and diversity of the Diocese, deliberate and intentional processes were used to engage a broad range of people from all walks of life. This process of listening and discernment included families, clergy, religious, young people, children, work-teams, schools, community services and parish communities. The consultation processes encouraged voices of people that are not often heard, including First Nations peoples, the poor, homeless, refugees and asylum seekers, migrants, LGBTIQA+ individuals, those with disabilities, the elderly and those who spoke in advocacy for creation. Over 5,000 individuals were engaged in the process.

Through a combination of prayer, analysis and discernment, six key themes were identified and presented in the Working Document:

“Becoming a more synodal Church in the Diocese of Parramatta”:

1. An inclusive and welcoming Church
2. A humble and healing Church
3. A listening Church
4. A Church renewed in spirit and prayer
5. A Church that reaches to the margins
6. A Church walking together

Each theme contained multiple resolutions for prayer, discernment and voting by the members of the Synod assembly.

The Synod assembly was composed of 195 members, eight observers and four periti (experts). During the Synod assembly, 24 of 25 resolutions were affirmed, having received at least a two-thirds majority of votes cast, excluding abstentions.

*(The complete resolutions along with Bishop Vincent’s concluding paragraph will be published in our bulletin over the coming weeks for your information and reflection).*

*The Synod Decree of Promulgation is available to download on the Diocese of Parramatta website:*

<https://parracatholic.org/synod/>