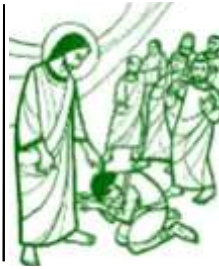




# ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH MARAYONG

## 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.



## 6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year B: Vol.49 No.11

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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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40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong 2148  
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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  
Ash Wednesday: 7.00am  
9:00am & 7.00pm  
Thursday: 9.00am  
Friday: 9.00am  
Mass & Stations: 7.00pm  
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  
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



## PARISH YOUTH GROUP

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E: [youthworksadmin@gmail.com](mailto:youthworksadmin@gmail.com) — IG / FB @youthworksmarayong

## Father Kevin's New Appointment

Our present parish priest, Fr. Kevin Medilo, sm, has been appointed as the new District Superior of the Marist Fathers in the Philippines and Thailand. His new leadership role requires him to return to the Philippines on 1st July, 2024.

He will step down as our parish priest. Fr. Kevin Redmond, sm, will be the parish administrator beginning on 1st July. Fr. Lauro Arcede, sm, a Marist priest from Philippines, will join with Fr. Kevin Redmond, sm, Fr. Floyd Gatana, sm and the parish team hopefully on the first week of September, 2024.

#### 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 FIRST PENANCE
- ♦ ASH WEDNESDAY
- ♦ STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT
- ♦ PROJECT COMPASSION
- ♦ DECREE OF PROMULGATION DoP

# Glimpse of Salvation

Salvation is at the heart of Jesus' identity and mission. The salvation in Jesus is offered to all peoples and to all creation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) teaches clearly that "Jesus means in Hebrew: 'God saves.' At the annunciation, the angel Gabriel gave him the name Jesus as his proper name, which expresses both his identity and his mission. Since God alone can forgive sins, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son made man, "will save his people from their sins" in Jesus, God recapitulates all of his history of salvation on behalf of men." (CCC, 430)

The Gospel for this Sunday provides us an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of salvation brought to us by Jesus Christ. The story of the man with leprosy in the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the meaning of salvation in and through Jesus Christ.

During the time of Jesus, having leprosy is almost like a 'dead man walking'. Those who have leprosy are declared 'unclean' and must be banished from the community. It is bad enough to have a leprosy but total exclusion from the community was like death. Without the community, a person would be considered a non-person. A leper is considered as someone who is in constant anguish physically, emotionally, mentally, socially, and religiously. With great courage and faith, this leper came straight to Jesus and pleaded on his knees to be healed. Moved with compassion and without hesitation, Jesus touched and healed him. The healing touch of Jesus had restored this man fully to his family and society. He is now physically and spiritually clean and therefore can return to his religious family. Jesus saves this leper from isolation, loneliness, prolonged suffering and being unwanted and unloved by his community. This leper has come back to life and is once again part of the human and religious community.

Our Lenten journey starts on Ash Wednesday. Lent is an opportune time to deepen our understanding and appreciation of God's Salvation through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for all of us. May our Lenten journey lead us to be more grateful of the salvific love of Jesus Christ on the cross. May the Lenten practices of abstinence, fasting, and almsgiving help us to grow our love and compassion with our suffering sisters and brothers.

..... from Fr Kevin

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER:	10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2024			[2nd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Nayana Menezes Lobo Myles Anderiesz	Aileen Dela Cruz, Joanel Dela Cruz	Joy Kakodkar, Derica Elogious	?
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Nenette Gapud	Normie Santos	Antonette Elogious	Maricor Espinosa
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Mercy Aquino	Nlla Mangona	Joshua Daly	Socorro Amos
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Doris Barrios	Julie Nunez	Rose Rotik	Lita Picart
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Demaiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Clare Manu, Chris Manu
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Aidan & Brianna D'Silva, K Vaz, C Anderiesz, Isabelle & Jasmine Metcalfe		Aradhana Hyson, Janelle Kakodkar	Bradley D'Cruz
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Monica Desira, Anne-Marie Moriarty, Ralph Vaz, Maria Webb	Maryse Pereira, Anthony Culbert, Agnes Zabala	Salve Gatchalian, Julieta Pareme, Sam Cassar, Connie Cassar, Braedon Moneteiro	Peter Maw, Anna Amos, Brenda Payne, Estrellita Viola, Virginia Salom, Luke Binny
<b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert		
<b>MUSIC</b>	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Praise and Glory	Couples For Christ Australia

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER:	17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2024			[3rd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Primrose Fernandes Romeo Gapud	Elvie Clark, Normie Santos	Maria Hyson Mario Picart	Mauricio Balisbisan (Baptism)
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Erna Ferrer	Julie Nunez	Antonette Elogious	Peter Maw
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Sony Cuaycong	Elizabeth Abbey	Delia Crisostomo	Linda Raneer
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Mirza Alata	Elizabeth Abbey	Martin Zammit	YouthWorks
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Demmfyrah 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	Bradley D'Cruz
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam, Nenette Gapud, Cezar Estrera, Ralph Vaz	Maryse Pereira, Maurice Perera, Suzanne Daniels	Derica Elogious, Rose Rotik, Henrietta D'Sa, +2	Aida Jamolin, Therrie Chin, Maria Carpio, Linda Bravo, Prue Saunig, Maricor Espinosa
<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	NO Music Mass

# THE SEASON OF LENT :ASH WEDNESDAY

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday when the Church puts ashes on our foreheads and calls us to penitence. Penitence, above all else, means conversion. In this regard the passage of the gospel of Ash Wednesday is very significant. Jesus speaks about carrying out acts of penitence known to and practised by his contemporaries. At the same time, he criticises the purely external ways in which these acts of charity, fasting, and prayer are carried out. The purpose of these acts of penitence is a sincere turning of our lives to God. Therefore, the first and principle meaning of penitence is interior.

**Ash Wednesday Masses:** Everyone should make it a priority to participate in the Mass and receive the Ashes.

**Ashes may be received by all baptised adults and children. Masses: 7:00am; 9:00am & 7:00pm.**

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

This will take place during Lent on a Friday evening following Mass. As we have done in the past we have asked groups in the parish to volunteer their services in leading this devotion. Your response was fast and complete, thank you; our 2024 leaders for the Stations of the Cross are as follows:

Friday, February 16:	Legion of Mary P2	Friday, March 15:	SocialJustice Group
Friday, February 23:	Youthworks	Friday, March 22:	CFCA
Friday, March 01:	HJM	Good Friday, March 29:	St Andrews Primary School
Friday, March 08:	Legion of Mary P1		

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Please collect your project compassion envelopes or boxes from the doors of the church for your Lenten sacrifice to help people in need.

In the coming weeks, we have the privilege of walking with some of our sisters and brothers who participate in Caritas programs, and who feature in the Project Compassion stories this year. How might we learn about living hope-filled lives in solidarity with one another and for the common good of our one human family? As the season of Lent approaches, we might consider: What could we do to commit ourselves to the flourishing of hope in our time? How can we give Lent 100%?



## SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities for face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown.

**Monday 12 February** (10am – 1.30pm) – Modules 4-5: *Renewal Safeguarding Training is for those in Parish Ministry who commenced Cycle 1 Training two years ago.*



### MASS READINGS -YEAR B

#### THIS SUNDAY:

#### 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Lev 13:1-2. 44-46

Psalm: Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11

Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

#### NEXT SUNDAY:

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm: Ps 24:4-9

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

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

Fr Kevin Bates SM , Gina Mesa Allegre, Martha Aquino,  
Joseph Bartolo, Paul Clemson, Mary Cumbo,  
Bruno De Bortoli, Elvira DeLeon, Frank Falzon, John Falzon,  
Marie Falzon, Nathan Ervin Gopiao, Anthony Grima,  
Evelyn Herrera, Narciso Ignacio, Douglas Jamalón,  
Librada Paule Macabulos, Carmel McLoughlin,  
Ramon Moraleda, John Motha, Therese Motha,  
Marilyn Macabulos Nalapo, Disoiro Nunez, Roberto Puzon,  
Inocencio Ortiz Luis Jr, Irene Park, Fausta Gutierrez Paule,  
Alvin Sebastian, Clemencia Villadiego, Michael Wares,  
Aeldred & Riolen Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit,  
Besterwitch & Hyson Families, Collins & Quinn Families,  
McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, All Souls in Purgatory.

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

Sunday	11-Feb 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 6 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 Choir Practice CFCA 10:30 Mass
Monday	12-Feb Monday of week 6 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 18:00 SJG CRISP program 19:00 SVdP Meeting  Safeguarding C2 M4&5 Bede Heather Centre
Tuesday	13-Feb Tuesday of week 6 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 18:00 SJG CRISP program 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:00 Registration Evening First Reconciliation
Wednesday	14-Feb Ash Wednesday 07:00 Mass 09:00 Mass 19:00 Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation
Thursday	15-Feb Thursday after Ash Wednesday 09:00 Mass 18:00 SRE ONGOING COMPULSORY TRAINING 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Group
Friday	16-Feb Friday after Ash Wednesday 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Music Practice Fresh in Faith Youth Choir 19:00 Mass & Stations of the Cross
Saturday	17-Feb Saturday after Ash Wednesday Commemoration of The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning LoM P2 14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass

# 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 now.

**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.

## DECREE OF PROMULGATION — DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

*(Continuing from the bulletins for the 3rd and 4th Sundays in Ordinary Time we continue with the complete resolutions for your information and reflection. Next week we will conclude with theme 6 and Bishop Vincent's concluding paragraph).*

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

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

### Theme 4: **A Church Renewed in Spirit and Prayer**

4A. To strengthen adult faith formation through regionally focused programs that draw on Biblical studies, rich and diverse Catholic spiritual traditions, Church history, liturgy, theology and Catholic social teaching.

4B. To continue preparing and commissioning women and men in various liturgical ministries including lectors and acolytes (Spiritus Domini 2021).

4C. To enhance the experience of liturgy through resourcing and preparing those involved in the celebration of the Mass that inspires communion, participation and mission.

4D. To re-affirm the importance and impact of the homily on our daily lives and explore synodal ways of enhancing its relevance to all.

### Theme 5: **A Church That Reaches the Margins**

5A. To strengthen our commitment to respect and protect the dignity of human life, from conception through to old age and natural death.

5B. To strengthen our commitment to welcome, support and advocate on behalf of refugees and asylum seekers and work together in partnership with current and new agencies.

5C. That each of our local communities will take steps to reach out and identify the greatest needs of their people and prioritise and allocate resourcing to address those needs.

5D. To engage experts in research, social sciences and organisational best practice in exploring emerging models of pastoral care, leadership and ministry.

#### 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**