



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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year B: Vol.49 No.20

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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
[PO Box 4345]
Email Address:
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Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
9.00am to 4.00pm
after hours 9671 5793

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
Mass & Novena: 7.00pm
Thursday: 9.00am
Friday: 9.00am
Saturday: 9.00am

PARISH SCHOOLS:

ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY

www.standrewspmarayong.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
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

Thank You Note from Caritas Australia

Our parish has raised over \$14,450.00 for the Project Compassion. Thank You.

“I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your parish support throughout this year's campaign. The generosity of your parish community has been instrumental in enabling Caritas Australia to extend aid to approximately 1.5 million individuals across 36 nations, empowering 90 dedicated partners to implement 108 long-term development programmes and allow us to respond to humanitarian crises worldwide.

Through the kindness and generosity of your parish, vulnerable families and communities are now able to pave the way for a brighter and more just future.”

Leanne Langdon from Caritas Australia

The Carpark will be closed around the FBC
On Friday 19th April 2024 until ? (TBA) for repairs.

The Parish Office will be closed
On Thursday 25th April 2024 (public holiday).

“Lord, Let Your Face Shine on Us”

In the next few weeks, our spiritual and liturgical journey with the church calendar continues to celebrate the Easter Season, the season of joy and the season of hope that springs from Jesus’ suffering, death and resurrection. This weekend is the Third Sunday of Easter. We continue to celebrate and reflect on the cosmic event of Jesus’ resurrection. Indeed he is truly risen.

The response to our Psalm is a beautiful and powerful prayer. It is a prayer seeking God’s presence here and now. As we respond to Psalm 4, “Lord, let your face shine on us.” we are invoking and pleading to “see the face of God”. It expresses the deep desire in our hearts to experience the loving presence of God amidst our busy and sometimes chaotic lives. It is a prayer longing to be enlightened and strengthened by the ‘shining face’ of God.

The mystery of Jesus’ resurrection shows us the living God and the loving face of God.

With the eyes of faith, may we be able to see His face.

But why do we fail to recognize to see the face of God? This Sunday’s Gospel from Saint Luke tells us that the disciples and apostles fail to recognize to see the resurrected Christ. Jesus showed himself, stood among the disciples and greeted them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But the disciples were still agitated and doubtful and in a state of alarm and fright, and even thinking that they were seeing a ghost. There are still doubts in their hearts. St Luke assures us that Jesus Christ rose from the dead with his body. Jesus invites His disciples to see and touch His resurrected bodily existence. Jesus even eats with his disciples.


Like the first disciples, we may have some challenges to see and to believe in the presence of God in our lives. When life overwhelms us with suffering, grief, spiritual emptiness and other difficulties we can be easily preoccupied with ourselves. When this happens to us, it is difficult to see the ‘face of God’. Our sorrows, anxieties and personal and family problems may sometimes obscure and even hinder our gaze on the merciful face of the Lord.

We will ask the Lord to open our minds and hearts so that we may believe in the Holy Scriptures and that indeed our Lord is truly alive and always with us.


..... from Fr Kevin

13 th & 14 th April 2024		LITURGY ROSTER			[2nd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Myles Anderiesz	Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz	Derica Elogious Joy Kakodkar	? ?	
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Donna Ison	Maria Hyson	Maricor Espinosa	
FIRST READER	Mirza Alata	Anthony Culbert	Joshua Daly	Peter Maw	
SECOND READER	Mercy Aquino	Luz Tiqui	Nerissa Toong	Linda Ranee	
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	Bradley D’Cruz	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Ralph Vaz, Monica Desira, Honorio & Merlie Domingo.	Ger;adine Pereira, Suzanne Daniels, Julie Nunez	Braedon Monteiro, Julieta Pareme, Salve Gatchalian, Sam Cassar, Connie Cassar	Luke Binny, Mario Picart, Brenda Payne, Socorro Amos, Virginia Salom, Maria Carpio	
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	

20 th & 21 st April 2024		LITURGY ROSTER			[3rd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Romeo Gapud, Primrose Fernandes	Elvie Clark	Maria Hyson, Mario Picart	Mauricio Balisbisan (B)	
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Julie Nunez	Donna Ison	Peter Maw	
FIRST READER	Melvina Vaz	Nila Mangona	Delia Crisostomo	YouthWorks	
SECOND READER	Sony Cuaycong	Maryse Pereira	Martin Zammit	YouthWorks	
PROJECTIONIST	Demmfyrah 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, Cezar Estrera, Christine & Mary Ann Zammit	Agnes Zabala, Anthony Culbert, Maurice Perera	Derica Elogious, Rose Rotik, Henrietta D’Sa, Estrellita Viola, +1	Aida Jamolin, Therrie Chin, Merlie & Honorio Domingo, 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	



Good Shepherd Appeal
Support our seminarians to
"go out into the deep."

 **PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION**

DONATE NOW

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians.

Will you support our seminarians to "go out into the deep" and serve? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our future priests cast their nets wide to nurture faith and meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our community. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at

yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

or scan this QR code. Thank you.



Sunday
14-Apr
3rd Sunday of Easter Counters: Group 8
07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 Choir Practice CFCA 10:30 Mass Catechist Commissioning
Monday
15-Apr
Monday of the 3rd week of Eastertide,
09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 18:00 SJG CRISP program School Holidays Commence
Tuesday
16-Apr
Tuesday of the 3rd week of Eastertide,
09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary
Wednesday
17-Apr
Wednesday of the 3rd week of Eastertide,
09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Group
Thursday
18-Apr
Thursday of the 3rd week of Eastertide,
09:00 Mass 18:00 Finance Committee Meeting 19:00 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Friday
19-Apr
Friday of the 3rd week of Eastertide,
09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Music Practice Fresh in Faith Youth Choir 17:30 Music Practice Family Choir
Saturday
20-Apr
Saturday of the 3rd week of Eastertide,
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 18:00 SAYWAT Good Shepherd Appeal


MANDATORY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Modules 4 - 5

 **Have you completed Modules 1-3 two years ago?**

 **All those in Parish Ministry are asked to renew their Safeguarding Training every 2 years. Keep up to date with legislative changes so children and adults at risk are safeguarded.**

 **Sign up to: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> . Register into Modules 4 and 5.**

MASS READINGS -YEAR B

THIS SUNDAY:
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
 First Reading: Acts 3:13-15. 17-19
 Psalm: Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9
 Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5
 Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

NEXT SUNDAY:
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 First Reading: Acts 4:8-12
 Psalm: Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29
 Second Reading: John 3:1-2
 Gospel: John 10:11-18

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

Remy Bermudez, Robert Bock, Judith Carroll, Paul Clemson, Juan & Maria Concepcion, John Connor, Mary Cumbo, Gerard Go, Lucita De La Cruz, Gamini De Silva, Elvira DeLeon, Teresita Espino, Carmelita Artates Delos Santos, Telesforo Espinosa Sr, Frank Falzon, John Falzon, Marie Falzon, Rose Fernandes, Robert Galea, Norma Garcia, Simon Gijapon, Pam Hillier, Kathy Honour, Narciso Ignacio, Lydie Lebon, Carmelita Mana, Immaculate Mariadoss, Innocent Mariadoss, Gregory Menezes, Angelito Magsiho Nalapo, Lilia Magsino Nalapo, Baltazar Pito, Marilyn Macabulos Nalapo, Rubert Perera, Assumptha Rajanayagam, Aquilina & Estilita Riveral, Neopolo & Helen Riveral, Corazon Salvador, Avito Sto Tomas, Arturo Valenzuela, Tony Wanigaratne, Aeldred & Riolene Weber, Estrella O. White, Stella & Felic Zammit, Wenceslao Celada Zammit, Baptist Family, Duchenne & Farla Families, Formosa Family, Galea Family, Quinn Family, Roberts Family, Besterwitch & Hyson Families, Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, All Souls in Purgatory. ***Please remember in your prayers***



PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Youth Coordinators: — Anna Amos: 0429 530 755 — Zain Chaudry: 0470 321 967
E: youthworksadmin@gmail.com — IG / FB @youthworksmarayong

CATECHISTS COMMISSIONING MASS

There will be a commissioning Mass for all Marayong SRE's on **Sunday 14th April at 10.30am.**

Any parishioners interested in joining this ministry are invited to speak with one of the Priests or staff in the parish office to learn more.

CCD FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES: MAY AND JUNE 2024

SRE catechists and all members of our faith communities are invited to participate in a series of formation opportunities organised by the Diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). Delve into St John's Gospel with a scripture expert, Dr Laurie Woods, over 5 weeks on 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 May. Continue your Journey of Faith for 5 weeks with Merylyn Hancock (Head, CCD) on 7, 14, 21, 28 June and 5 July.

All sessions will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 9.30am to 1.30pm.

For SRE Catechists to be accredited with Level 3 training, they must attend both sessions.

Morning Tea will be provided. Enrol for one or both sessions via parracatholic.org/events or email ccd.training@parracatholic.org

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This Program will commence in Term 2 for children in Years 3 and above who have received the Sacrament of Penance.

Registration Forms may be collected from the Parish Office starting **Monday 29th April 2024**

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office on Sunday 5th May and Sunday 12th May 2024 between 9.30 and 11.30am]

Registration Evening:

Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 7.00pm in the Church

Classes: Sunday 26th May & Sunday 9th June 2024

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



Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

**Saturday 22nd June (5pm) , Sunday 23rd June (8:45am)
Saturday 29th June (5pm) and Sunday 30th June (8:45 am)**

Parish Finance Committee meeting -Thursday 18th April at 4:00 PM in Parish Office

MEETING

Parish Pastoral Council

Thursday 18th April at 7:00pm in the FBC



SYNOD 2023 UPDATE: DECREE ISSUED AND DEVELOPMENT OF DIOCESAN PLAN BEGINS

In January, the Synodal Decree from our inaugural Diocesan Synod was issued, enabling us to move forward in the development of a Diocesan Plan. Join us in the next phase of our journey, as we discern a new path forward for our local Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

The Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church will launch at the Diocesan Gathering on Saturday 10 August.



Learn more at parracatholic.org/synod