



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.



The ASCENSION of the LORD

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year B: Vol.49 No.24

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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:

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

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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

Mothers Day Prayer

Loving God, you have loved us with an everlasting love. Today, we give you thanks and praise for the gift of mothers. We pray for the mothers-to-be, who are just beginning to be the bearers of new life in them, may they welcome their forthcoming child with loving anticipation and joy. We pray for the young mothers, may they cherish their child with tender care and unconditional love. We pray for the mothers who are separated from their children especially because of war, poverty, conflict, violence and for any other reasons. Comfort them, strengthen their hope, and let them feel your loving embrace that wipes every tear away. We pray for all Mother-figures, those who have loved, surrounded and shaped us with motherly care and compassion.

We especially pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and care for us, their sacrifices and care gave us a glimpse of the extent of your love for us. Thank you for them. Grant health, blessings, and well-being for our mothers who are still alive. We also remember those mothers who are no longer with us. While they live forever in our hearts and memory, grant them eternal rest and reward for their labours. Amen.

Go out to the whole world

This weekend the Church celebrates the Ascension of the Lord. Traditionally, Jesus after his resurrection appeared to the Apostles and disciples for 40 days and then was taken up to heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. Next weekend we celebrate Pentecost and there is obviously a link between these feasts, for without Jesus returning the Father, the Holy Spirit would not have been sent. At the end of time Jesus will return.

This weekend we hear Mark's version and so Jesus appears to the Eleven and gives them the great command: "Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation." Whoever believes will be saved, whoever does not believe will be condemned. Believers will have miraculous powers and we are told that after the Ascension, the Lord, working with believers, confirmed the word by "the signs that accompanied it."

I believe that it is unhelpful to focus on the miraculous powers that believers have. I for one will not be drinking deadly poison to confirm that I will be unharmed. Because the more significant element of the story is how the Lord is with us, as we proclaim the Good News. I hope and pray that each of us know times in our lives when we have felt God's presence and power in a particular way. It might be that you were able to say something that you 'know' did not come from you, but was a gift from God; you might have a great sense of peace, even though there is stress or busyness; another person may have said that your words or presence made a difference, when you did not even realise what was happening for that person. There are so many ways that God is with us. We should not be surprised but can we take the time to appreciate the graces received?

..... from Fr Redmond

11 th & 12 th May 2024		LITURGY ROSTER			[2nd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Nayana Menezes Lobo Myles Anderiesz	Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz	Derica Elogious Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan	
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	Vicky Ilagan	
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	Monica Desira, Ralph Vaz	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	

18 th & 19 th May 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 Zammit, Mary Ann Zammit	Agnes Zabala, Anthony Culbert, Maurice Perera	Derica Elogious, Rose Rotik, Henrietta D'Sa, Estrellita Viola, +1	Aida Jamolin, Therrie Chin, 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	

INVITATION TO ALL ESPECIALLY THE CHILDREN IN THE PARISH

You are cordially invited to participate in the...



**May Flower Offering to our
Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday, 18th May 2024**

**Holy Mass at 9:00am,
Holy Rosary at 9:40am
followed by flower offering then refreshments.**

*All are encouraged to bring flowers
to offer to our Blessed Mother.*

FACE-TO-FACE RENEWAL SAFEGUARDING TRAINING AT ST ANDREW'S

Did you complete the initial Cycle 1 Mandatory Modules 1-3 in 2021-2022?

You are now due to renew your safeguarding training.

This training for Cycle 2 will:

- Refresh your knowledge
- Update you on recent adjustments to NSW Child Protection legislation.
- Demonstrate ways to apply the Child Safe Standards to continue to build safe parish communities for children and all adults at risk.



Our parish is hosting these two renewal Mandatory Safeguarding Modules on:

Tuesday 21st May (7pm-8.30pm):

Module 4 – Applying the Child Safe Standards to Safeguarding Children & Adults at Risk

Thursday 23rd May (7pm-8.30pm):

Module 5 – Legal Compliance: Mandatory Reporting & Reportable Conduct

Please register your attendance with the Parish Office.

If you wish to complete these modules independently at times convenient to you, please 'sign up' to: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

If you are new to ministry or have not completed the initial Cycle 1 Modules 1-3, you will also be able to complete these online.

You can also find other face to face safeguarding training opportunities on the Diocesan Website at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>



MASS READINGS -YEAR B

THIS SUNDAY:

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

NEXT SUNDAY:

PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11
Psalm: Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34
Second Reading: Galatians 5:16-25
Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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

Lourdes Arranz, Joseph Bartolo, Joseph & Irene Bouquet, Macaria Cellona, Paul Clemson, John Connor, Mary Cumbo, Fabiana Dela Cruz, Elvira DeLeon, Anthony Grima, Eric & Eunice Hyson, Narciso Ignacio, Dominica Lucchese, Librada Paule Macabulos, Bibiana Malaluan, Genara Malate, Carmelita Mana, Rhy's Manual, Gregory Menezes, Encarnacion Morales, Therese Motha, Lilia Magsino Nalapo, Marilyn Macabulos Nalapo, Marcelino Olfato, Leticia Padonan Seciban, Cordelia Pereira, Harold Pereira, Wilfredo Torralba, Josephine Victoria, Aeldred & Riolene Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Besterwitch & Hyson Families, Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, All Souls in Purgatory

.....Please remember in your prayers

Sunday
12-May
The Ascension of the Lord
Mother's Day
Counters: Group 3
07:30 Mass
08:45 Mass
09:30 Choir Practice CFCA
10:30 Mass
Monday
13-May
Monday of the 7th week of Eastertide
Our Lady of Fatima
09:00 Mass
15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary
19:00 SVdP Meeting
Tuesday
14-May
Saint Matthias, Apostle
09:00 Mass
19:00 Legion of Mary
19:00 Registration Evening First Holy Communion
Wednesday
15-May
Wednesday of the 7th week of Eastertide
09:00 Mass
19:00 Novena & Mass
19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Group
Thursday
16-May
Thursday of the 7th week of Eastertide
09:00 Mass
Friday
17-May
Friday of the 7th week of Eastertide
09:00 Mass
15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary
17:00 Music Practice Fresh in Faith Youth Choir
Saturday
18-May
Saturday of the 7th week of Eastertide
Saint John I, Pope, Martyr
09:00 Mass
09:30 May Flower Offering
11:00 Church Cleaning LoM P2
14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community
16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary
17:00 Vigil Mass
18:00 SAYWAT

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 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)**

CELEBRATE PENTECOST

Sunday, 19th May 2024

PENTECOST SUNDAY TO CELEBRATE THIS FEAST, THE PARISH WILL HAVE A SPECIAL LITURGY FOR THE 10:30AM MASS. Mass will begin with the Entrance procession being joined by representatives from different nationalities that make up our parish community. This will be followed by a candle procession highlighting the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. During the Offertory, parish groups/families will offer food hampers for St Vincent de Paul beneficiaries. Following the Mass, the Parish community is invited for fellowship at the Piazza.

You are encouraged to wear your national costume or something red.

Volunteers are needed to help with the following:

- ☞ Food/household item donations for St Vincent de Paul from parish groups; for families wishing to donate a parcel and be part of the Offertory procession please contact the Parish office and bring your parcel wrapped in red or yellow in the Mass
- ☞ Donation of drinks and food from different nationalities, preferably finger food and easy-to-serve food as there will be no heating facility. The Piazza kitchen will be open from 10:00AM to receive food donations
- ☞ Packing away tables and cleaning up afterwards

Please come and join us to make the Pentecost Sunday a joyful occasion to honour the Holy Spirit, celebrate the birthday of our Church and to bring our Parish community together. Thank you all in advance for your time and dedication.

CABRINI

"Immigrant Saint" The Life of Mother Cabrini

A parish movie night...coming soon to Hoyts Blacktown!

Watch the life story of Saint Francesca Cabrini, an Italian nun who did not allow anything to impede her from accomplishing great things for God and for the poor. Despite hardship and poor health, Mother Cabrini served the Italian immigrants and the poorest of the poor in New York (1889) and beyond.

A highly acclaimed movie with great reviews!

Reserve the date: 6:30 pm Tuesday, 28 May 2024

Tickets now on sale after Masses or from the Parish Office

**A fundraiser by the Social Justice Group to support our refugee family.*

Our Parish is **seeking** some **nominations** for a **new member** to our **Parish Finance Committee**. A committee member recently resigned due to a change of residency.
Please contact our parish office to nominate a parishioner to the Finance Committee.