



Jesus said 'Come and see'..... John 1:39-41

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.



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year B: Vol.49 No.32

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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)



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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
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ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE

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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



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

This weekend the St Vincent de Paul Marayong Conference launches the winter appeal. This year we would appreciate your support by asking you to donate to the poor boxes located at each entrance of the church doors. The money will be used to purchase Woolworths food vouchers for the needy in our community so can buy fresh food such as meat, dairy and vegetables.

As in previous years we would welcome blankets, non perishable food and toiletries. Please check the use-by-date, as the food can be stored in our pantry for some time. We value and appreciate your support to the Vinnies appeals which enables us to continue the work of the S VdP Society.

Where Did The Man Get All This?

In the Gospel for this Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear how Jesus went to his home town and taught. But he 'could work no miracle there' because of their lack of faith. The problem for the towns people was that because they thought they knew Jesus - he was the carpenter, and they knew his Mother and his brothers and sisters are mentioned - they could not accept his wisdom nor the miracles that he performed.

Just like the people of Jesus' home town, how easily do we allow our assumptions to block our awareness of the grace and power of God in our lives, our world and through the deeds and words of others? God is always a God of surprises and therefore we need to have the grace, vision and temperament to encounter God, not just when we are 'ready' but at all times. Above all, we need the humility to be on the look out for God and thus be receptive to experiencing the power of God in the midst of our lives.

When we think we know when we will encounter God, then we may very well be missing out on opportunities to receive God and this limits our ability to truly be his witnesses and above all his disciples. When we assume that through another person we will not encounter God, then can it be surprising that we find God absent in our lives? The dignity of us all, as being creatures made in God's image and likeness and the challenge to love everyone, means that truly, we can encounter God through anyone, everyone and in fact all of creation.

Part of the challenge is to ask ourselves, when do I most readily encounter God? Is there any time that I never encounter God? The pace of our modern world can be such that we are rushing from one thing to the next, but God is often encountered in quiet and stillness and so we have to ask ourselves how do we create that space for encounter with God? May each of us be more open to encountering the God of surprises and the graces that God wants to pour into our hearts!

.....from Fr Kevin Redmond sm

6th & 7th July 2024		LITURGY ROSTER			[1st Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Myles Anderiesz Romeo Gapud	Rubin Bables	Olan Cruise Joy Kakodkar	Jacob Chin Ferdi Chin (B)	
COMMENTATOR	Linda Bravo	Donna Ison	Vinetta Lobo	Therrie Chin	
FIRST READER	Bernardo Rivera	Elizabeth Abbey	Christina Monteiro	Maricor Espinosa	
SECOND READER	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Nila Mangona	Maria Hyson	Joyce Vincent	
PROJECTIONIST	Victoria Bravo	Claire Blunt	Jeremy Portelli Keith Vaz	Abigail Chin	
ALTAR SERVERS	Aidan & Brianna D'Silva, K Vaz, C Anderiesz, Isabelle & Jasmine Metcalfe		Janelle Kakodkar	Bradley D'Cruz Amber & Jerome Chin	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Myra Estrera, Nenette Gapud, Steiner Desouza, Maria Webb	Maryse Pereira, Maurice Pereira	Rose Rotik, Joshua Daly Braedon Monteiro Estrellita Viola, Derica Elogious	Peter Maw, Anna Amos, Merlie & Honorio Domingo, Linda Ranees, Maria Carpio,	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert			
MUSIC	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Mafi Family Choir	

13th & 14th June 2024		LITURGY ROSTER			[2nd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Myles Anderiesz Nayana Menezes Lobo	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 Illagan	
PROJECTIONIST	Demajyah Desouza Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Clare Manu Chris Manu	
ALTAR SERVERS	Aidan & Brianna D'Silva, K Vaz, C Anderiesz, Isabelle & Jasmine Metcalfe		Janelle Kakodkar Aradhana Hyson	Bradley D'Cruz	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Monica Desira, Ralph Vaz, Merlie & Honorio Domingo	Geraldine Pereira, Suzanne Daniels, Julie Nunez	Julieta Pareme, Salve Gatchalian Braedon Monteiro 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	

Our New Priest: Fr Dennis Levi sm

I am Dennis Levi and I am from the Solomon Islands. I come from a family of 8 and I am number 5. I joined the Marist Fathers in 2006, entered the seminary in 2007 and was ordained in 2016. I went to the Pacific Regional Seminary in Suva, Fiji to do my seminary studies and formation. After ordination in 2016, I spent 2 years working in one of our Marist parishes, St John the Evangelist, Dala Parish, which is in Malaita Province, one of the islands in the Solomons. In 2018 I moved to Mt St Mary's Nadi, Fiji to continue on with Parish ministry. It was a life giving experience being in those parishes with rich differences of experiences and I was already comfortable being there when I was given the opportunity to go to Rome for further studies.



I left Nadi for Rome in August 2022 and I have been there since. In Rome I am studying Dogmatic Theology and hope to complete my studies by the summer of next year. Personally, studying in Rome is challenging and tough but I am enjoying it, giving my best and I am happy with it so far. It is a blessing for me really to be asked to come to Sydney and spend 2 months of my summer break to be here in the community in Marayong. I don't know what to expect but I am looking forward to the experience, to a new place, a different environment, different people, different cultural backgrounds and so forth. This experience will certainly help me, not only for my mission later on but also in my studies as I believe that is what the studies are for; to be lived out. So I am looking forward to helping out in the parish with whatever small contributions that I can.

In September, however, I will be moving to Thailand for a course on inter-religious dialogue. That is another experience that I am anticipating. It will be a course that I believe will help me out in living my life in harmony with other brothers and sisters of other faiths/religions. Not everyone has the taste for it, but it is well worth trying to cultivate it. The good thing with this course is that we are going to do the course where Christianity is a minority. That helps a lot I believe because we have to be Christ to others in places where little is known about him. So I am looking forward to that as well. From Ranong in Thailand, I will be heading back to Rome to continue my studies.

New Parish Priest of St Andrew the Apostle, Marayong

Bishop Vincent has appointed Fr Kevin Redmond sm to be the new Parish Priest of St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong from July 1st for a period of six years. We thank Fr Kevin for generously saying yes and assure of him of our prayers.



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS SUNDAY:

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Psalm: Ps 122

Second Reading: 2 Cor 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

NEXT SUNDAY:

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Psalm: Ps 84:9-14

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

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

Fausto & Marcelina Afuang, Leonara Bonifacio, Jose Cabral Jr., Paul Clemson, Milagros Concepcion, Gloria Constantino, Raymond Creaser, Mary Cumbo, Santiago Letty D'Souza, Laarni Gara Elegino, Mafi Family, Germana Family, George Farrugia, Regina Sally Fernandes, Anthony Grima, Narciso Ignacio, Soledad & Segundo Martinez, Joan O'Conner, Barbara A. Oquendo, Dads Roque, Rose Tan, Dominic Nguyen Thanh Trung, Odilon Unidad Sr., Connie Wares, Aeldred & Riolene Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Farla & Duchenne Families, Besterwitch & Hyson Families, Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, All Souls in Purgatory

....Please remember in your prayers

Sunday
<p>7-July</p> <p>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Counters Group 1</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass 11:45 Baptism</p>
Monday
<p>8-July</p> <p>14th week ordinary time</p> <p>Nativity of St John the Baptist</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 SVdP Meeting</p>
Tuesday
<p>9-July</p> <p>14th week ordinary time</p> <p>09:00 Mass 18:30 Legion of Mary 19:00 Legion of Mary SAAPM 1</p>
Wednesday
<p>10-July</p> <p>14th week ordinary time</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation 19:30 Music Practice - Praise & Glory</p>
Thursday
<p>11-July</p> <p>Saint Benedict, Abbot</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Parish Pastoral Council</p>
Friday
<p>12-July</p> <p>14th week in ordinary time</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Choir Practice: HJM</p>
Saturday
<p>13-July</p> <p>14th week in ordinary time</p> <p>07:00 Church Cleaning CFC 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary SAAPM 2 15:00 Music Practice: Children's Choir 17:00 Vigil Mass Brown Scapula 18:00 Prayer Meeting HJM</p>

Keep the Fire Burning: Strong in Faith



To commemorate the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, an enrolment in our Lady's Brown Scapular will be held at St Andrew's Parish Church

Saturday, 13th July 2024 during the 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, 14th July 2024 during the Holy Mass at 7:30am, 8:45am & 10:30am

It is a gift to you from your Heavenly Mother. "WHOSOEVER DIES IN THIS GARMENT SHALL NOT SUFFER ETERNAL FIRE." promise of Our Lady to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251



Pentecost painting by Magda Lee, Gracie Mosquito and Imelda Gugamen (Balgo Community)

The four circles in the corners of painting represent the four communities: Wirrimanu, Mulan, Kurrurungku and Ringer Soak. The leaders are represented through the horse shoes located around the circle. The different colours represent different people.

The stars represent the different flowers in our area. The dots represent people all over the world and the people coming together for Church. People are also represented through the horse shoes on the right of the painting.

Wirrimanu is located in the top left hand corner, Mulan in the top right hand corner, Ringer Soak in the bottom right hand corner and Kurrurungku in the bottom left hand corner.

The Holy Spirit is located in the centre of the painting. It is the Spirit working in all of our communities.

Creating this painting helped to make us strong in the Spirit.

Keynote speaker
JOHN LOCHOWIAK
CHAIR, NATSICC

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening 2024

Focusing on the 2023-24 Social Justice Statement
Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

THURSDAY, 25TH JULY
6PM FOR 6:30PM START

REGISTER AT
trybooking.com/CTCFO
BY WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY

THE EPPING CLUB
45-47 RAWSON ST, EPPING

There is no cost to attend this evening. Dinner included.

Bishop Vincent, in part, writes to us:

Each year on the first Sunday in July, Catholics are invited to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples to our Church and society by commemorating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

After many divisions around the Referendum on an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice last year, it is important that we all come back together as sisters and brothers in Christ and recommit ourselves to the task of closing the gap, healing the wounds, addressing systemic disadvantage and strengthening the relationship with our First Nations Peoples. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday provides a significant opportunity in this endeavour.

As the *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council* (NATSICC) explains, First Nations Australians often find that their voices go unheard, and their contributions are not embraced. Nonetheless, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics remain "committed to our Culture, our Land, our Church, and our communities with unwavering hope and determination."

As every year, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday will be followed by NAIDOC Week. I would like to pass on a very warm invitation from Holy Family Parish Mt Druitt, our Catholic Care's Aboriginal Catholic Services, Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation and other partners to their family-friendly NAIDOC Week Celebration: Thursday 11 July, 10 am - 3 pm, 252 Luxford Road, Emerton

Safeguarding Kids Art Competition

As part of our commitment to zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person, the Diocese of Parramatta is running our first Art competition for children and young people! Children and young people aged between 5 and 19 are invited to produce an artwork around the theme "My Church community is a safe place for me". Entries close on Friday 26 July. For more information and to enter, please visit parracatholic.org/artcompetition