

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.



30th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIMF

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Yea

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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 Redmond, SM Fr. Floyd Gatana, SM

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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: 7.00am ,9.00am

7.00pm

Saturday: 7.00am, 9.00am

PARISH SCHOOLS:

St. Andrew's Primary

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

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

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

- Sr. Deborah Harmeling, O.S.B.

O God of Mercy and Tender Compassion, We cry out to you in this time of crisis. Hear the cries of the people of the Middle East. Bring healing to those suffering from violence and comfort to those mourning the dead.

O God of Hope, sustain those who labour for peaceful and just solutions. Inspire leaders and decision makers to choose the way of peace over the way of violence. Deliver all your children from the threat of war and teach us to encounter one another with reverence and love.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ who came to bring to peace on earth and who abides with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Jesus, have pity on me

In the Gospel for this Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year B, we hear about Jesus curing Bartimaeus, a blind beggar who was on the side of the road, as Jesus with a large crowd was leaving Jericho. When Bartimaeus discovered that Jesus was going past, he called out "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me." And even though some people scolded him, he shouted even louder until Jesus stopped and called for him. Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you? Bartimaeus, asked to be able to see again. Jesus responds, "Go, your faith has saved you," and we are told that Bartimaeus' sight returned immediately and he followed Jesus along the road.

Bartimaeus showed great faith, trust and courage to keep calling out to Jesus, even though there were people who criticised him for it. He refused to take no for an answer nor was he going to accept anything less than encountering Jesus. We are told that when Jesus called him, he jumped up and throwing off his cloak, he went to Jesus. The discarding of cloak is very significant for me. The cloak was a prized possession for a beggar and Bartimaeus threw it off. It would have kept him warm, could act as a shelter when raining or in the heat of the day and was useful in so many other ways. Bartimaeus was willing to let go of his old life, because he knew, was confident that Jesus could give his sight back to him. He could let it go, because he knew that encountering Jesus would change his life.

It is a very human quality to look for security and safety, but the danger is that we can all too easily get trapped in those things that give us security and we become unwilling to take any risks. To encounter God, requires us to take risks. After all, it is described as a pearl of great price or a treasure in a field. To gain possession of the pearl or the treasure requires us to sell everything. But the price is not beyond us. Let us reflect about what are we willing to let go of to draw closer to God?

May God bless you, all those you love and all who love you.

......Fr Kevin Redmond sm

26th & 27th October 2024		LITURGY ROSTER		[4th Sunday of the Month]	
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Kartiko Effendy	Rubin Bables			
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Julie Nunez	Donna Ison	Lita Picart	
FIRST READER	Dorris Barrios	Luz Tiqui	Bernardo Rivera	Linda Ranee	
SECOND READER	Steiner Desouza	Elizabeth Abbey	Lydia Villamarin	Rittarina Reay	
PROJECTIONIST	Victoria Bravo		Mariah Cutajar	Jerome Chin	
ALTAR SERVERS	Aidan & Brianna D'Silva, K Vaz, C Anderiesz Isabelle & Jasmine Metcalfe			Amber & Abigail Chin, Bradley D'Cruz	
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Zenaida Bables, Dolette Enriquez Anne Marie Moriarty, Henryka Ogrodniczek	Maryse Pereira, Geraldine Pereira, Agnes Zabala	Rose Rotik, Annette Morales, Joshua Daly, Braedon Monteiro, Estrellita Viola	Anna Amos, Brenda Payne, Soccorro Amos, Mario Picart, Virginia Salom Therrie Chin	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt Anthony Culbert			
Music	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	St. Andrew's Family Choir	Couples For Christ Australia	

2nd & 3rd November 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	John Fernandes	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	Jerome & Amber Chin Bradley D'Cruz	
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Myra Estrera, Nenette Gapud, Steiner Desouza Maria Webb	Agnes Zabala Maurice Perera Maryse Pereira	Joshua Daly, Rose Rotik Derica Elogious, Braedon Monteiro, Estrellilta Viola	Maria Carpio, Merlie & Honorio Domingo, Anna Amos, Linda Ranee, Peter Maw	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert			
Music	Lorraines's Group	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Mafi Family Choir	



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ALL SAINTS DAY

We celebrate this feast day on Friday, November 1. It is a very solemn feast day as well as a reminder to us that we belong to a family which includes those people in heaven who are our brothers and sisters. It is a wonderful reminder that we have helpers who have already achieved the purpose of their existence. Mass Times: 7:00am, 9:00am & 7:00pm.

ALL SOULS DAY

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) takes place on Saturday, November 2. On this day we pray for our brothers and sisters who have died and have not yet reached their eternal destiny. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on November 2 and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions.

Mass Times: 7:00am & 9:00am — Parish Reconciliation (2nd Rite) 9:30am.

Annual Bereavement Mass for our Deceased Relatives and Friends

This year we will celebrate this Mass on Friday November 8 at 7:00pm. As is our custom, at this Mass we will have the blessing of our deceased family members exemplified through the crosses we have placed on the wall of the Church. We encourage parishioners to make their own "Cross" to be placed on the wall of the church. [This cross should not be bigger than 6.5 cm across, 10 cm from top to bottom, 1.5 cm writing area]

November Masses for the Faithful Departed

During the month of November Masses are prayed for the faithful departed. The names of these people for whom Masses are requested are placed on the wall of the Church. November Mass Offering Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church. The usual offering is \$20.



You are requested to print the name of the deceased so that it will be easily read.



MASS READINGS -YEAR B THIS SUNDAY:

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm: Ps 125

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

NEXT SUNDAY:

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Psalm: Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

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

Fausto & Marcelina Afuang, Cipriana Alata, Clare Behan, Euariste & Alexandra Bouquet, Joseph & Irene Bouquet, lan Charville, Paul Clemson, Mary Cumbo, Stella Maud Dabare, Nelly Eco, Alejandra Torres Espinosa, France Falzon, John Falzon, Marie Falzon, Gloria Fortu Jr, Simon Gijapon, Narciso Ignacio, Dot Kaster, Carmelita Liceralde, Librada Paule Macabulos, Reolito Lagman Macabulos Sr., Norma Millora Marty, Joseph Martyris, Betty Masilang, Jerry McKnight, Gregory Menezes, Maria Regina Menezes, Carmen Mercieca, Teresa Misquita, Felix Santos Moraleda, Clive Morgan, Albert Muscat, Georgina Muscat, Angelito Magsino Nalapo, Lilia Magsino Nalapo, Marilyn Macabulos Nalapo, Antonio Gabriel Nalapo Sr., Patty O'Brien, Cecilia Moraleda Pabiloňa, Emilita Palma, Harold & Cordelia Pereira, Esperanza Perez, Noel Rodrigues, Avito Sto Tomas, Aeldred & Riolene Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Duchenne & Farla Families, Besterwitch & Hyson Families,

Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families.

.....Please remember in your prayers

Sunday

27-Oct

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Counters: Group 10

07:30 Mass

07:45 Family Choir Practice

08:45 Mass

09:30 Choir Practice CFCA

10:30 Mass 12:00 CFCA-

Christian Life Program

Monday

28-Oct

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

19:00 SVdP Meeting

Tuesday

29-Oct

Tuesday of week 30 in Ordinary Time

09:00 Mass SAP yr3 19:00 Legion of Mary

Wednesday

30-Oct

Wednesday of week 30 in Ordinary Time

09:00 Mass

19:00 Novena & Mass

19:30 Music Practice

Lorraine's Group

Thursday

31-Oct

Thursday of week 30 in Ordinary Time

09:00 Mass

Friday

1-Nov

All Saints First Friday

07:00 Mass

09:00 Mass

09:30 Adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

Music Practice

17:00 Fresh in Faith Youth Choir

19:00 Mass

20:00 Church Cleaning HJM

Saturday

2-Nov

All Souls

07:00 Mass

09:00 Mass

09:30 Parish Reconciliation

09:40 Legion of Mary

14:00 Holy Trinity

Prayer Community 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary

17:00 Vigil Mass

The Diocesan Interfaith Commission -- Bishop Vincent's Invitation Dear Friends,

The Diocesan Interfaith Commission, since its establishment in 2021, has enriched the life and mission of the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. It has worked in partnership with the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations, Diocesan agencies and organisations both within and outside the Diocese in building bridges of understanding, inclusion and solidarity. Our Annual Diocesan Iftar Dinner is one of the most well-attended and respected multifaith events in the country.

As this Commission is seeking to renew its membership, we appeal to all clergy, religious and parishioners to consider being a member. The only qualification is the Gospel commitment to love your neighbour, who in this instance, belongs to another religion.

If you would like to assist me and your fellow Catholics in growing interfaith relations in Western Sydney, please register your interest using the form at the bottom of <u>this page</u> on our website. Our Diocesan Pastoral Plan has identified interfaith engagement as one of the pathways towards a Synodal Church. It is my fervent hope that the Diocesan Interfaith Commission will strengthen our commitment to foster peace, unity and social cohesion in our community.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv -- Bishop of Parramatta 23 October 2024.

ALTAR SERVERS

The parish of St Andrews the Apostle Marayong is seeking young people (year 4 to year 11) who have received the sacrament of Holy Communion both boys and girls to join the Altar Servers Ministry.

Why, Who & What Altar Serving

- **★**An altar server is a lay assistant to the priest during a Eucharistic Celebration
- *As an altar server you are called to serve Jesus, who is the chief priest at every Mass.
- *You are given the special tasks of carrying sacred vessels at the celebration and are closest to Jesus on the altar
- **★**Being an altar server means you have been "Chosen to serve Jesus".

Formation Program: Two Saturdays after the 9:00am Mass

Dates: November 16th and 23rd, Time: 9:30am to 10: 30am

Installation: November 30th at the 9:00am Mass for the Feast of St Andrew the Apostle - our Patron Saint