



# 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.



## 3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year C: Vol.50 No.09

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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,  
Fr. Lauro Arcede sm.  
Maria Hyson  
(Sacramental Coordinator)  
Merlinda (Merly) Generalao,  
Michelle Sultana &  
Joe Clemson  
(Office staff)

#### PARISH OFFICE:

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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  
Wednesday: 9.00am  
Thursday: 9.00am  
Friday: 9.00am  
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

## PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA DAY

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new.

We bless you, God of the universe, for this land, for its contrasts of landscape and climate, for its abundance of wealth and opportunity.

Father of all, we thank you for your care. You are our hope. Make us strong as we face the problems of change. We ask you to help all the people of Australia listen to and respect the culture of our First Nations Peoples.

Make the knowledge of you grow strong in all people, so that we can make a home for everyone in our land. Give us in our diversity tolerance and respect for each other and a passionate commitment to justice for all. Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Be open to God's spirit

The Gospel of the Third Sunday In Ordinary we hear from St. Luke. The message of St Luke is directed to the gentile communities. For St Luke he wants to bring across the message to his audience that the message of Jesus is not only for the Jews but for everyone of the whole world.

St Luke tells us that Jesus is moved by the spirit. The spirit plays an important role in the ministry of Jesus through his preachings, teachings and healing. Jesus in the Gospel noted that, "This text has been fulfilled today even as you listen." Jesus teaches us to reflect on how we can follow his teachings. That is to serve. We are reminded of the role of the spirit. The spirit helps us to understand the will of God and how we can serve. Significantly we are encouraged to spend time reading the Scriptures to understand what is God asking of us.

Our calling as Catholics is to follow the examples of Jesus. But most importantly to be open to the spirit of God to inspire and enlighten us. Just like Jesus let us be willing to serve. To attend to the different needs of the people we live with and encounter in our daily lives. Let us learn to listen to the Words of God and respond meaningfully to the mission of God here on earth. Let us reach out and bring Jesus to those still living in darkness of faith and serve the needy in our society.

..... from Fr Floyd Gatana SM

### 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 may be collected from the Parish Office from Monday 3rd February 2025**

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office on Sundays 9th February and 16th February 2025 between 9.30 and 11.30am]

**Registration Evening: Tuesday 18th February 2025 at 7.00pm in the Church**

**Classes: Sundays 2nd March, 9th March and 16th March 2025**

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

**Sacrament of First Penance will be celebrated on :**

**Saturday 29th March (9:30 am) and/or Saturday 5th April (9:30 am) 2025**



### FaithLIFE Scripture Short Courses for adults: 12-26 February



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Are you looking to read the Bible more in 2025 but don't know where to start? Consider the FREE FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course guided by Scripture scholar, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ.

Wednesdays, 12, 19, & 26 February. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
1-5 Marion Street Blacktown - Bishop Bede Heather Centre.

RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/faithlife> OR email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

25th & 26th January 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[4th Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Kartiko Effendy	Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz	Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan	
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Julie Nunez	Donna Ison	Lita Picart	
FIRST READER	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Elvie Clark	Bernardo Rivera	Linda Ranee	
SECOND READER	Myles Anderiesz	Anthony Culbert	Felix Villamarin	Elizabeth Abbey	
PROJECTIONIST	Victoria Bravo		Brianna Monteiro		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Steiner Desouza, Dolette Enriquez, Theodora & Valerian D'Lima	Maryse Pereira, Maurice Perera, Suzanne Daniels	Rose Rotik, Annette Morales, Joshua Daly, Braedon Monteiro, Estrellita Viola	Anna Amos, Brenda Payne, Therrie Chin, Mario Picart, Virginia Salom, +1.	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert			
MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	Couples For Christ Australia	



**PARISH YOUTH GROUP Youth Coordinators:**  
 — Anna Amos: 0429 530 755 — Zain Chaudry: 0470 321 967  
 E: youthworksadmin@gmail.com — IG / FB @youthworksarayong



**The Parish Office will be closed**

on Monday 27th January 2025  
 (Australia Day Public Holiday)

**MANDATORY DIOCESEAN SAFEGUARDING TRAINING**



As part of the Diocese of Parramatta's commitment to ensuring all children and adults at risk are safe, respected, protected and supported in our care, all volunteers in our parishes and ministries are required to complete Mandatory Safeguarding Training. The Diocese supports all Parishes with ongoing education in safeguarding training with an online learning platform and/or in person (face-to-face) sessions linked and listed below. <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

Cycle 1 - Modules 1,2 & 3.

(New volunteers who have not completed any training within the Diocese)

Cycle 2 - Modules 4 & 5.

(Renewal Training for volunteers who completed Cycle 1 two years ago)

We have arranged some face to face sessions to be held the Fr Byrne Centre at 10am on:

**29<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

– Module 1 Understanding Safeguarding and the Child Safe Standards

**30<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

– Module 2 Legal Compliance, ROSH (Risk Of Significant Harm) and RC (Reportable Conduct)

**30<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

– Module 5 Legal Compliance, ROSH (Risk Of Significant Harm) and RC (Reportable Conduct)

**31<sup>st</sup> January 2025**

– Module 3 Working with Adults at Risk and Understanding Boundaries

**5<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

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



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*Christmas Appeal good works*

Thank you for your generosity to the 2024 Christmas appeal which raised \$7,421.00 in cash and gift cards. Thank you also to HJM for their generous contribution.

We distributed thirty three food hampers to the needy families in our community with gift cards and cash to the value of \$6,850.00.

Once again thank you for your continued support to our appeals.



**MASS READINGS -YEAR C**

**THIS SUNDAY:**

**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Neh 8:2-6. 8-10  
 Psalm: Ps 18:8-10. 15  
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:12-30  
 Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Jer 1:4-5. 17-19  
 Psalm: Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17.  
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13  
 Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

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

Fausto & Marcelina Afuang, Milton Agyao, Cipriana Alata, George Attard, Lorenzo Balita, Remie Bermudez, Leonora Bonifacio, Joseph & Irene Bouquet, Lionel Bullimore, Regina Castelino, Sonny Castelino, Paul Clemson, Mary Cumbo, Fabiana De la Cruz, Indira Desai, Efren Ferer, Joseph Gatana, Anthony Grima, Narciso Ignacio, Paul Vincent Macaraeg, Greta Fe Martinez, Joseph Martyris, Sr. Alice Martyris, Graciano Menezes, Maria Regina Menezes, Teresa Misquita, Marvin Monzon, Antonio Gabriel Nalapo, Lilia Magsino Nalapo, Catalina Paz, Marilyn Macabulos Nalapo, James George Parsons, Amelita Perez, Esperanza Perez, Esperidion Perez, Elvie Prudente, Orlando Punzalan, Maristela Rivero, Lee Ann Rocha, Josephine Schembri, Vincente Sicut, Benjamin Soller, Socorro Soller, Saviour Spiteri, Avito Sto Tomas, Dominic Nguyen Thanh Trung, Aeldred & Riolene Weber, Philip & Carmela Zammit, Stella & Felic Zammit, Farla & Duchenne Families, Besterwitch & Hyson Families, Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, All Souls in Purgatory .

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

<b>Sunday</b>	
26-Jan	<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Australia Day Counters: Group 4 <b>07:30</b> Mass <b>08:45</b> Mass <b>09:30</b> Choir Practice CFCA <b>10:30</b> Mass
<b>Monday</b>	
27-Jan	Monday of week 3 in Ordinary Time Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops Saint Angela Merici, Virgin <b>09:00</b> Mass <b>15:30</b> Jnr Legion of Mary <b>19:00</b> SVdP Meeting <i>Australia Day          Public Holiday          Office Closed</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	
28-Jan	Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor <b>09:00</b> Mass <b>19:00</b> Legion of Mary
<b>Wednesday</b>	
29-Jan	Wednesday of week 3 in Ordinary Time <b>09:00</b> Mass <i>no evening Mass</i> <b>19:30</b> Music Practice Lorraine's Group
<b>Thursday</b>	
30-Jan	Thursday of week 3 in Ordinary Time <b>09:00</b> Mass
<b>Friday</b>	
31-Jan	Saint John Bosco, Priest <b>09:00</b> Mass <b>15:30</b> Jnr Legion of Mary
<b>Saturday</b>	
1-Feb	Saturday of week 3 in Ordinary Time Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary <b>09:00</b> Mass <b>09:30</b> Parish Reconciliation <b>09:40</b> Legion of Mary <b>11:00</b> CFCA Evangelisation Rally <b>14:00</b> Holy Trinity Prayer Community <b>16:00</b> Jnr Legion of Mary <b>17:00</b> Vigil Mass

1st & 2nd February 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[1st Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Bernardo Rivera Romeo Gapud	Rubin Bables	Olan Cruise Joy Kakodkar	Jacob Chin Ferdi Chin (B)	
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Erna Ferrer	Donna Ison	Maria Hyson	Therrie Chin	
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Edward Yin	Zenaida Bables	Martin Zammit	Joyce Vincent	
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Mercy Aquino	Fely Perez	Vinetta Lobo	Elizabeth Abbey	
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Victoria Bravo	Claire Blunt	Jeremy Portelli Keith Vaz	Abigail Chin	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Myra Estrera, Nenette Gapud, Mirza Alata, Valerian D'Lima	Anthony Culbert, Linda Dessa, Geraldine Pereira.	Joshua Daly, Rose Rotik, Derica Elogious, Braedon Monteiro, Estrellita Viola.	Maria Carpio, Luke Binny, Anna Amos, Virginia Salom, Jay Ilagan, Vicky Ilagan.	
<b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert			
<b>MUSIC</b>	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Mafi Family Choir	

8th & 9th February 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[2nd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Myles Anderiesz	Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz	Derica Elogious Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan	
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Melvina Vaz	Donna Ison	Vinetta Lobo	Maricor Espinosa	
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Lewis Manalili	Connie Reyes	Lita Picart	
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Theodora D'Lima	Maryse Pereira	Christine Monteiro	Jay Ilagan	
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Demaiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Clare Manu, Chris Manu	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Monica Desira, Honorio Domingo, Maria Webb, Merlie Domingo.	Maurice Pereira, Agnes Zabala, Luz Tiqui.	Josephine Daly, Julieta Pareme, Salve Gatchalian, Sam Cassar, Connie Cassar.	Luke Binny, Mario Picart, Brenda Payne, Anna Amos, Virginia Salom, Socorro Amos.	
<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	

15th & 16th February 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[3rd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Romeo Gapud, Primrose Fernandes	Elvie Clark	Mario Picart	Mauricio Balisbisan (B)	
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Erna Ferrer	Julie Nunez	Rittarina Reay	Socorro Amos	
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Sony Cuaycong	Sharmali Perera	Delia Crisostomo	YouthWorks	
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Melvina Vaz	Agnes Zabala	Elizabeth Abbey	YouthWorks	
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Demmfyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Nenette Gapud, Cezare Estrera, Christiane Zammit, Mary-Ann Zammit.	Suzanne Daniels, Anthony Culbert, Maryse Pereira.	Maryanne Parsons, Rose Rotik, Henrietta D'Sa, Estrellita Viola, Josephine Daly.	Aida Jamolin, Therrie Chin, Jay Ilagan, Vicky Ilagan, 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	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir	

22nd & 23rd February 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[4th Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Myles Anderiesz, Steiner Desourza	Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz	Maria Hyson Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan	
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Nenette Gapud	Julie Nunez	Melvina Vaz	Lita Picart	
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Dorris Barrios	Elvie Clark	Bernardo Rivera	Linda Ranee	
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Ralph Vaz	Elizabeth Abbey	Lydia Villamarin	Elizabeth Abbey	
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Victoria Bravo		Mariah Cutajar	Jerome Chin	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Zenaida Bables, Mariyam Wijeyaratnam, Anne Marie Moriarty, Henryka Ogrodniczek	Linda Dessa, Geraldine Pereira, Donna Ison	Rose Rotik, Rittarina Reay, Joshua Daly, Maryanne Parsons, Estrellita Viola	Anna Amos, Brenda Payne, Socorro Amos, Mario Picart, 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	Worship Hymn	Couples For Christ Australia	