



# 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.



## 8th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year C: Vol.50 No.14

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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.  
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#### PARISH OFFICE:

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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: 7.00am  
9.00am & 7.00pm  
Thursday: 9.00am  
Friday: 9.00am  
*Mass & Stations: 7.00pm*  
Saturday: 9.00am

#### PARISH SCHOOLS:

#### **ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY**

[www.standrewspmarayong.catholic.edu.au](http://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](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



## PARISH YOUTH GROUP

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## THE SEASON OF LENT: ASH WEDNESDAY

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday when the Church puts ashes on our foreheads and calls us to penitence. Penitence, above all else, means conversion. In this regard the passage of the gospel of Ash Wednesday is very significant. Jesus speaks about carrying out acts of penitence known to and practised by his contemporaries. At the same time, he criticises the purely external ways in which these acts of charity, fasting, and prayer are carried out. The purpose of these acts of penitence is a sincere turning of our lives to God. Therefore, the first and principle meaning of penitence is interior.

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES , March 5, 2025

This should be a priority to participate in the Mass receive the Ashes.

Our participation in the Mass and our reception of the ashes is a sign of our commitment to take this journey to Easter very seriously.

Masses: 7:00am, 9:00am & 7:00pm.

# For a person's words flow out of what fills their heart.

This weekend, the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, is the last Sunday in Ordinary time until June, as next Wednesday, the Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday and after celebrating Easter we have the Easter Season.

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus delivers remarks that challenged his listeners, challenges you and I to reflect on how honest we are? Honest with ourselves, with others and ultimately with God. Jesus talks about the blind leading the blind and why people are so quick to point out the splinter in another's eyes without first noticing the plank in their own?

For we are invited to reflect on the reality that the words of a person flow from what fills their heart. It can be uncomfortable to recognise limitations and shortcomings, but this honesty also enables you and I to be able to call on people that are talented in those areas where we are 'weak' or lack confidence to offer their talents and gifts in service.

It becomes important to recognise that no one is born evil. People do evil things because they are tempted and make bad decisions, which leads to more and more evil acts but no one is inherently rotten. From the Gospel, Jesus says: "A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness." We can understand this from the perspective of how open someone is to God's grace. The good person is more open and therefore does good, the bad, is not so open and so tends to bad or selfish acts. The evil one's temptation is to arrogance and self sufficiency and so rather than looking to serve others and to encourage them, we can fall into the trap of being critical of others. We become keen to take the splinter out of another's eye without first taking out the plank from ours.

God loves everybody and pours blessings upon each of us. How open are we to receiving those blessings? No one is perfect, we all have limitations and shortcomings, but how comfortable are we to admit that?

May God bless you, all those you love and all who love you, at this special time of year.

..... *Fr Kevin Redmond sm*

1st & 2nd March 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[1st Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Steiner De Souza	John Fernandes Rubin Bables	Olan Cruise Joy Kakodkar	Jacob Chin Ferdinand Chin (B)	
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Linda Bravo	Donna Ison	Vinetta Lobo	Therrie Chin	
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Theodora D'Lima	Elizabeth Abbey	Martin Zammit	Maricor Espinosa	
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Fely Perez	Connie Reyes	Joyce Vincent	
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Victoria Bravo	Claire Blunt	Jeremy Portelli Keith Vaz	Abigail Chin	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Mary Ann & Christine Zammit, Maria Webb, Valerian D'Lima	Agnes Zabala, Maryse Pereira, Suzanne Daniels	Luke Binny, Maryanne Parson Linda Renee, Josephine Daly Braedan Monteiro	Anna Amos, Scocorro Amos Maria Carpio, 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	Children's Choir	Mafi Family Choir	

8th & 9th March 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	Nayana Menezes Lobo Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan	
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Nenette Gapud	Donna Ison	Rittarina Reay	Socorro Amos	
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Doris Barrios	Anthony Culbert	Nerissa Toong	Vicky Ilagan	
<b>SECOND READER</b>		Nila Mangona	Christina Monteiro	Lita Picart	
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Demaiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Clare Manu, Chris Manu	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Mirza Alata, Anne Marie Moriarty Henryka Ogrodniczek, Marie Webb	Linda Dessa Geradine Pereira Julie Nunez	Luke Binny, Connie Cassar Sam Cassar, Rose Rotik Estrellita Viola	Mario Picart, Brenda Payne, Anna Amos, Virginia Salom, Maria Carpio+1	
<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	

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

As is our custom we are seeking volunteers to lead our fellow parishioners in the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening during the season of lent. If you can help please contact the parish office.

Friday, March 07: <i>Volunteer required</i>	Friday, April 04: <i>Volunteer required</i>
Friday, March 14: SJG	Friday, April 11: <i>Volunteer required</i>
Friday, March 21: Legion of Mary	Good Friday, April 18: Priests
Friday, March 28: <i>Volunteer required</i>	

### JRS AUSTRALIA FOODBANK A SMALL GIFT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia supports 150 families every week through our Foodbank. Over the next 6 weeks of Lent, you can support refugees and people seeking asylum by donating these essential items! (please drop off at the parish office)

Donations of the following are urgently required:

- ★ BASMATI RICE ★ COOKING OIL ★ DRIED RED LENTILS ★ DISHWASHING DETERGENT ★
- ★ LAUNDRY DETERGENT ★ LONG LIFE MILK ★



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

### Project Compassion Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2025



This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

**Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) Or by calling: 1800 024 413**

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.



### Music Practice for the Children's Choir

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 3:00pm in the Fr Byrne Centre.**

The Children's Choir will be singing on

Sunday the 2nd of March at the 8:45am Mass.

Our choir is a wonderful opportunity for children to join in the Eucharistic Celebrations and other events of the Parish.

**New Members are Welcome!**



#### MASS READINGS -YEAR C

##### **THIS SUNDAY:**

##### **8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Psalm: Ps 91:2-3. 13-16

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

##### **NEXT SUNDAY:**

##### **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading: Deut 26:4-10

Psalm: Ps 90:1-2. 10-15

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

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

Br. Joseph Patrick , Fr Eric Rodrigues , Sr. Alice Marytyris ,  
Fausto & Marcelina Afuang, Cipriana Alata, Guilherme Alvares, Josephine Alvares,  
Pascuali Amabile, Lourdes Amato, Leonora Bonifacio, Irene Bouquet,  
Joseph Bouquet, Pauline Buttigieg, Eulogio Canicula, Gregoria Castano,  
Regina Castelino, Sonny Castelino, Paul Clemson, Mary Cumbo, Sheena Dalogdog,  
Indira Desai, George Farrugia, Leon Geronimo, Anthony Grima, Nestor Guzman,  
George Kitney, Maria Carmen Kitney, John Kong, Joseph Martyris, Katika Medved,  
Graciano Menezes, Gregory Menezes, Maria Regina Menezes, Rosario Micallef,  
Teresa Misquita, Therese Motha, Colin Newell, Arnulfo Paz Sr., Jay Rayan,  
Lee Ann Rocha, Rodrigo Rupac, Josephine Schembri, Joe Vella,  
Dominic Nguyen Thanh Trung, Teresita R. Viola, Aeldred & Riolene Weber,  
Kathleen Wellings, Stella & Felic Zammit, Ebejer Family,  
Besterwitch & Hyson Families, Collins & Quinn Families,  
McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, All Souls in Purgatory.

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

**March 2025**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>23-Feb</b> <b>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Counters: Group 8 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 Choir Practice CFA 10:30 Mass	<b>24-Feb</b> Monday of week 7 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SvDP Meeting 19:00 Sacramental Facilitators Meeting - Reconciliation	<b>25-Feb</b> Tuesday of week 7 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary	<b>26-Feb</b> Wednesday of week 7 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Group	<b>27-Feb</b> Thursday of week 7 in Ordinary Time Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church 09:00 Mass 14:00 Church Cleaning Group 4 19:00 Social Justice group meeting	<b>28-Feb</b> Friday of week 7 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 18:00 Adoration - Youth	<b>1-Mar</b> Saturday of week 7 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 09:30 Parish Reconciliation 09:40 Legion of Mary 14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 15:00 Music Practice Children's Choir 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass
	<b>2-Mar</b> <b>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Counters: Group 9 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 1st Reconciliation Class 1 10:30 Mass 11:45 Baptism 17:30 Youthworks SAYA	<b>3-Mar</b> Monday of week 8 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary	<b>4-Mar</b> Tuesday of week 8 in Ordinary Time Commemoration of St Casimir 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:30 Music Practice Praise & Glory	<b>5-Mar</b> Ash Wednesday SAC Foundation Day 07:30 Mass 09:00 Mass 19:00 Mass	<b>6-Mar</b> Thursday after Ash Wednesday 09:00 Mass	<b>7-Mar</b> Friday after Ash Wednesday commemoration of Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs First Friday 09:00 Mass 09:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass & Stations of the Cross 19:00 Choir Practice HJM 20:00 Church Cleaning HJM	<b>8-Mar</b> Saturday after Ash Wednesday commemoration of St John of God, Religious 7:00 Church Cleaning CFC 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:30 Prayer Meeting HJM 19:00 Music Practice Fresh in Faith Youth Choir
	<b>9-Mar</b> <b>1st Sunday of Lent</b> Counters: Group 10 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass - live stream 09:30 1st Reconciliation Class 2 09:30 Choir Practice CFA 10:30 Mass	<b>10-Mar</b> Monday of the 1st week of Lent 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SvDP Meeting	<b>11-Mar</b> Tuesday of the 1st week of Lent 09:00 Mass SAP yr6 19:00 Legion of Mary	<b>12-Mar</b> Wednesday of the 1st week of Lent 09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Group	<b>13-Mar</b> Thursday of the 1st week of Lent 09:00 Mass	<b>14-Mar</b> Friday of the 1st week of Lent 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass Novena for St Joseph (CFA) & Stations of the Cross Music Practice 19:00 Fresh in Faith Youth Choir 19:30 St Andrew's Family Choir	<b>15-Mar</b> Saturday of the 1st week of Lent 09:00 Mass 09:30 Safeguarding the Elderly 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
	<b>16-Mar</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b> Counters: Group 11 Marriage Blessing - All Masses 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 1st Reconciliation Class 3 10:30 Mass 11:45 Baptism	<b>17-Mar</b> Monday of the 2nd week of Lent Saint Patrick, Bishop, Missionary 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary	<b>18-Mar</b> Tuesday of the 2nd week of Lent commemoration of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary	<b>19-Mar</b> Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass SAP yr2 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:00 Music Practice CFA	<b>20-Mar</b> Thursday of the 2nd week of Lent 09:00 Mass	<b>21-Mar</b> Friday of the 2nd week of Lent Harmony Day - Day of Difference 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass & Stations of the Cross 19:00 Choir Practice HJM	<b>22-Mar</b> Saturday of the 2nd week of Lent 09:00 Mass for the Sick 09:40 Legion of Mary 16:00 Music Practice Worship Hymn 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:30 Prayer Meeting HJM
	<b>23-Mar</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b> Counters: Group 12 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 Choir Practice CFA 10:30 Mass 16:30 Youthworks SAYA	<b>24-Mar</b> Monday of the 3rd week of Lent Fr Byrne's Birthday 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SvDP Meeting	<b>25-Mar</b> The Annunciation of the Lord 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass	<b>26-Mar</b> Wednesday of the 3rd week of Lent commemoration of Saint Francis of Paola, hermit 09:00 Mass	<b>27-Mar</b> Thursday of the 3rd week of Lent, 09:00 Mass 10:45 Church Cleaning Group 4 19:00 Social Justice group meeting	<b>28-Mar</b> The Annunciation of the Lord 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 18:00 Adoration - Youth 19:00 Mass & Stations of the Cross	<b>29-Mar</b> Saturday of the 3rd week of Lent 09:00 Mass 09:30 FIRST Reconciliation Ceremony 09:40 Legion of Mary 16:00 Music Practice Worship Hymn 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass
	<b>30-Mar</b> <b>4th Sunday of Lent</b> (Laetare Sunday) Counters: Group 13 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass - SRE Catechist Commissioning	<b>31-Mar</b> Monday of the 4th week of Lent 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary	<b>1-Apr</b> Tuesday of the 4th week of Lent 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary	<b>2-Apr</b> Wednesday of the 4th week of Lent commemoration of Saint Francis of Paola, hermit 09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Group	<b>3-Apr</b> Thursday of the 4th week of Lent 09:00 Mass	<b>4-Apr</b> Friday of the 4th week of Lent First Friday 09:00 Mass 09:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass & Stations of the Cross 20:00 Church Cleaning HJM	<b>5-Apr</b> Saturday of the 4th week of Lent Commemoration of Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest 09:00 Mass 09:30 FIRST Reconciliation Ceremony 09:40 Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass



# St. Andrew's Primary School

**Kindergarten** enrolment window is now OPEN for **2026**

St Andrew's Primary School is taking enrolments for 2026. If your child is school ready, I encourage you to lodge an application form before April. Our first-round offers will commence in May. We look forward to meeting with you soon.

Please join us on our open days- Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 10am or Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March at 10am.

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## FAITHLIFE LENTEN SCRIPTURE NIGHT

by Dr Michele Connolly RSJ: 3 March

Are you looking to read the Bible during Lent but don't know where to start? Consider the FREE Diocesan Lenten Scripture Night guided by Scripture scholar, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ. Monday, 3 March. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown NSW 2148 – Mary Queen of the Family parish. RSVP via [parracatholic.org/events/lenten-scripture-night/](http://parracatholic.org/events/lenten-scripture-night/) OR email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

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## PILGRIMAGE 2025

Fr. Clifford D'souza is inviting you to join him on a pilgrimage to the saints of Portugal, Spain, France and Italy- Fatima, Avila, Loyola, Lourdes, Nevers, Lisieux, Paris, Padova, Assisi and Rome. 31 August- 19 September 2025.

For more details pls contact Fr. Clifford on [cliff\\_dsouza03@yahoo.com.au](mailto:cliff_dsouza03@yahoo.com.au) or [atitours@atitours.com.au/](mailto:atitours@atitours.com.au)



*We Belong, we are home...*

The Social Justice Group (SJG) invites everyone in celebrating the one-year anniversary of our refugee family in Australia. Please come and join us after the *10:30 am mass on:*

*Sunday 2 March 2025, in the Piazza.*

The SJG *is beyond grateful* for all your help and support to our Community Refugee Integration Settlement Pilot (CRISP) project which will culminate on 6 March 2025. **Thank you!!**



THE FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA CELEBRATES

# FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH 2025



## St. Joseph, A Pilgrim of Hope

### NOVENA MASSES

THU 6 MARCH 7PM	OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH 8 DIANA AVE, KELLYVILLE
FRI 7 MARCH 7PM	OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH 1 WELLGATE AVE, ROUSE HILL
SAT 8 MARCH 7PM	OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH BRAESIDE RD, GREYSTANES
SUN 9 MARCH 7PM	ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CHURCH 40 BUCKLEYS RD, WINSTON HILLS
MON 10 MARCH 7PM	ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA CHURCH 326 HIGH ST, PENRITH
TUE 11 MARCH 7PM	ST. PADRE PIO CHURCH 34-38 WILLIAM HOWELL DR, GLENMORE PARK
WED 12 MARCH 7PM	OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH 7 GRANTHAM RD, SEVEN HILLS
THU 13 MARCH 7PM	ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH 9 ADELAIDE ST, ROOTY HILL
FRI 14 MARCH 7PM	ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH 36-40 BREAKFAST RD, MARAYONG

### FEAST DAY MASS

MAIN CELEBRANT: BISHOP VINCENT LONG VAN NGUYEN, OFM CONV

**SATURDAY 15 MARCH 10:30AM** **ST PATRICK'S CHURCH**  
MARY QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH  
51-59 ALLAWAH ST, BLACKTOWN

LUNCH AND ENTERTAINMENT WILL FOLLOW AFTER



**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen** OFM Conv DD STL  
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26 February 2025

Dear Friends,

**Re: Caritas Project Compassion 2025 in our Parishes**

Next week, we will enter the Season of Lent. As every year, the coming Sunday (8th Sunday in Ordinary Time) also marks the start of Caritas Australia's Lenten *Project Compassion* campaign. This campaign will lead us all the way towards Easter. Each year, it gives us the opportunity to be in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world and our suffering mother earth.

In 2025, Project Compassion calls on us to **"Unite Against Poverty This Lent"**. It is an invitation to stand in solidarity with people around the world who face immense challenges every day – challenges that most of us can scarcely imagine.

Parishes and Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta have a strong tradition of supporting Project Compassion. I thank you all for your commitment and generosity in previous years, and I invite you to be a part of Project Compassion again.

You can find the official parish booklet and other digital resources at Caritas' online Parish Hub:

[www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/parish](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/parish)

For any questions or if you need support with anything, please contact our **Diocesan Director of Caritas** via email: [Sebastian.Salaska-Lentern@parracatholic.org](mailto:Sebastian.Salaska-Lentern@parracatholic.org) or phone: 0409 399 505.

Your donations will be much appreciated by communities worldwide that benefit from Caritas' work. Project Compassion is about giving, but also about being inspired, learning and growing in our faith. I therefore encourage you all to include people in need of your prayers, and to engage with the stories from different parts of the world that Caritas is sharing over the course of Lent.

Thank you for your prayer, solidarity and generosity.

Yours sincerely in Christ

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen** OFM Conv DD STL  
Bishop of Parramatta