



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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year C: Vol.50 No.25

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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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(Sacramental Coordinator)
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PARISH OFFICE:

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Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
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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
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



OUR PRIESTS WILL BE AWAY AT A CLERGY CONFERENCE FROM WEDNESDAY 21ST - FRIDAY 23RD MAY 2025

There will be no Mass in our parish from Wednesday to Friday this week, May 21-23, as the bishop relates in his letter available at the church doors that he has called all the priests and deacons of the Diocese together for a clergy conference.
Please pray for our priests at this important time.

However, with the assistance of some retired priests and some priests from religious congregations Mass will be available at six major churches in the Diocese for those who wish to attend daily Mass at this time.

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Bishop Vincent encourages those who normally attend daily Mass and cannot access one of the churches above where Mass will be celebrated to still gather in the parish church and pray especially for the clergy of the Diocese during their time away.

God is with us

The readings of the Fifth Sunday of Easter invite us to reflect on the importance of Faith and how it is founded upon God's love. The gift of Faith helps us to see God in every situation we find ourselves in.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear the story of Paul and Barnabas visiting communities encouraging people to persevere in faith. They make people see the reality of what faith can do to our lives. Despite the hardships we face in life, faith is the source of light that helps us find God in those moments.

In the book of Apocalypse, John reminds us that God is with us. He will wipe away our tears and take away sadness in our lives. Through His Son He has renewed our lives. John wants us to recognize the renewal God has done to our lives through His Son Jesus.

In the Gospel we are reminded repeatedly of the commandment of love. Jesus encourages us to love others like God has loved us. Jesus has revealed the love of God to us. Love must be lived out. To love others means to respond to the needs of others by taking actions to serve.

The message this Sunday is to ask ourselves how we express our faith when we are faced with hardships and does our faith helps us to realize God in challenging situations? St John gives us a comforting message reminding us that God is with us always and is always ready to renew our lives. We must have trust in him and believe in him.

.....from Fr Floyd Gatana SM



You are invited to join year 6 in a Celebration of Grandparents & the elderly in our community

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at an 11:45am Mass.

After Mass you can join us to share a snack and mingle in the Church Piazza



17th & 18th May 2025		LITURGY ROSTER		[3rd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Romeo Gapud, Bernardo Rivera	Elvie Clark	Mario Picart Gari De Guman	
COMMENTATOR	Melvina Vaz	Julie Nunez	Donna Ison	Rittarina Reay
FIRST READER	Mercy Aquino	Luz Tiqui	Isabella Metcalfe	YouthWorks
SECOND READER		Sharmali Perera	Delia Cristostomo	YouthWorks
PROJECTIONIST	Demmyfiah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Theodora D'Lima, Myles Anderiesz, Mariyam Wijeyaratnam, Nenette Gapud	Agnes Zabala, Anthony Culbert, Maurice Perera	Josephine Daly, Rose Rotik, Henrietta D'Sa, Estrellita Viola, Maryanee Parson	Aida Jamolin, Brenda Payne, Lita Picart, Mario Picart, Virginia Salom, Anna Amos
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

24th & 25th May 2025		LITURGY ROSTER		[4th Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Myles Anderiesz, Kartiko Effendy	Aileen Dela Cruz, Joenel Dela Cruz	Joy Kakodkar, Maria Hysan	Noe Adan
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Donna Ison	Josephine Daly	Lita Picart
FIRST READER	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Elvie Clark	Martin Zammit	Socorro Amos
SECOND READER	Ralph Vaz	Linda Dessa	Lydia Villamarin	Linda Raneer
PROJECTIONIST			Brianna Monteiro	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Valerian D'Lima, Dolette Enriquez, Christine Zammit, Mary-Ann Zammit.	Geraldine Pereira, Julie Nunez, Suzanne Daniels,	Rose Rotik, Estrellita Viola, Joshua Daly, Rittarina Reay, Lorraine D'Cruz	Anna Amos, Brenda Payne, Lita Picart, Mario Picart, Virginia Salom, Annette Morales
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MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	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
May 17 - YOUTHWORKS EVENT - 6pm at the FBC
May 18 - YOUTH MASS - 10:30am
May 30 - ADORATION - 6pm in the CHURCH

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians.

Will you help our seminarians to be 'Pilgrims and Sowers of Hope' for God's people? With your prayers and generosity, they can continue to grow in faith and formation, as they prepare to become priests who will sow hope, faith and love in the hearts of God's people. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at:

parracatholic.org/appeal

or scan this QR code.

Thank you.



May Flower Offering to our Blessed Mother Mary

Saturday 31 May 2025

9:00AM MASS —

9:40AM HOLY ROSARY & FLOWER OFFERING

followed by refreshments... **everyone** is invited to join **specially the children** and please come with a flower to offer to our Blessed Mother.



PRAYER with the Marist Fathers Community

As members of the Marist Fathers religious order, Fr. Floyd, Fr. Lauro, and I pray together daily. We would like to share this experience with the parish community.

Beginning Saturday, 24th May, after every Vigil Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for a period of Adoration, concluding after 6:30pm with Evening Prayer from the Divine Office and Benediction.

Starting Wednesday, 28th May, the Marist community will gather every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the church to pray Evening Prayer, followed by the Novena Mass at 7:00pm. All are welcome to join. Instructions will be provided.



MASS READINGS - YEAR C

THIS SUNDAY:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Psalm: Ps 144:8-13

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-35

NEXT SUNDAY:

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Psalm: Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

Second Reading: Rev 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

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

Fausto & Marcelina Afuang, Cipriana Alata,
Lucas & Josephine Béche, Zane Belista,
Leonora Bonifacio, Euarist & Alexandra Bouquet,
Mary Calleja, Arsenio P. Castillejo, Paul Clemson,
Larry Cullen, Mary Cumbo, Olivia de Lino Lopez,
Mabel Dickinson, Fr. Miguel Espinosa OSB,
Nathan Ervin Gopiao, Anthony Grima,
Rommel Valentino Hapin, Michael Joseph Leahy,
Pam Mahoney, Leticia Moraleda, Perla Moraleda,
Berting Pasia, Randolph Persich, Randolph Joseph Persich,
Ana Maria Rivera, Joe Sarreo, Antonia Sultana,
Camela Teuma, Dominic Nguyen Thanh Trung,
Nieves Velasco, Joseph Vella, Aeldred & Riolenne Weber,
Stella & Felic Zammit, Farla & Duchenne Families,
Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families,
All Souls in Purgatory

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

Sunday

18-May

5th Sunday of Easter

Counters: Group 7

Marriage Blessing - All Masses

Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent

07:30 Mass

08:45 Mass

10:30 Mass

11:45 Baptism

Monday

19-May

Monday of the

5th week of Eastertide

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

Tuesday

20-May

Tuesday of the

5th week of Eastertide

St Bernardine of Siena, Priest

09:00 Mass

19:00 Legion of Mary

Wednesday

21-May

Wednesday of the

5th week of Eastertide

St Christopher Magallanes

and his Companions, Martyrs

09:00 Mass

19:00 Novena & Mass

19:00 Music Practice CFCA

19:30 Music Practice

Lorraine's Choir

Thursday

22-May

Thursday of the

5th week of Eastertide

Saint Rita of Cascia

09:00 Mass

14:00 Church Cleaning Group 4

19:00 Social Justice group meeting

Friday

23-May

Friday of the

5th week of Eastertide

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

18:00 Adoration - Youth

19:00 Choir Practice HJM

Saturday

24-May

Our Lady, Help of Christians

09:00 Mass for the Sick

09:40 Legion of Mary

16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary

17:00 Vigil Mass

Parramatta Catholic

Foundation Appeal

18:30 Prayer Meeting HJM

FESTIVAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PENTECOST CELEBRATION,
7TH JUNE 2025



PILGRIMS OF HOPE LED BY THE SPIRIT

4:15 pm Family Rosary | 5:00 pm International Mass
6:00 pm International Shared Meal, Fellowship and Program at the School Hall
8:00 pm Conclusion of the Celebration

The Parish community of St Andrew the Apostle Parish will be celebrating Pentecost on 7th June 2025. In line with 2025 Jubilee Year, the theme of our celebration is "Pilgrims of Hope led by the Holy Spirit."

The Mass will begin with the Entrance procession joined by representatives of different nationalities that make up our parish, followed by a candle procession highlighting the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. During Offertory, parish groups/families will offer food hampers for St Vincent de Paul beneficiaries.

Following the Mass, everyone is invited to an International Shared Meal, Fellowship and Program at the School Hall.

Volunteers and donors 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 gift hamper and be part of the Offertory procession please contact the Parish office and bring your hamper wrapped in red or yellow in the Mass.
- ♦ Donation of food from different nationalities, preferably finger food and easy-to-serve food as there will be no heating facility. The School Hall will be open from 3:30pm to receive food donations.
- ♦ Packing away tables and cleaning up afterwards.

Please approach the sign-up tables after Mass to indicate your donation or assistance. Or you may liaise with the Parish Office (Ph 02 9622 0817).

Please come and make our celebration of Pentecost a joyful occasion to honour the Holy Spirit, celebrate the birthday of our Church and to bring our Parish community together.

You are encouraged to wear colours of fire or your cultural attire.

Thank you all in advance for your time and dedication.



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

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14 May 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Diocese of Parramatta,

I am writing to you all to let you know that I have convened a conference to be held for all our clergy (both priests and deacons) on the Central Coast commencing on the evening of Tuesday 20 May 2025 and concluding on Friday 23 May 2025 in the morning.

The last time that the clergy of the Diocese held a residential conference was in May 2016 before I was installed as the 4th Bishop of Parramatta. Thus, it has almost been ten years since the clergy have had an opportunity to be together for any meaningful time.

Much has happened since I came to the Diocese, not least being our Diocesan Synod and our new Pastoral Plan that emerged from the Synod. The clergy of the Diocese need time to be together to assist the building up of their fraternal relationships, and for some much-needed input on topics that are very relevant to parish clergy ministering in the context of our current world.

That means that for three days the normal liturgical schedules in our parishes will be disrupted. However, with the assistance of some retired priests and some priests from religious congregations Mass will be available at six major churches in the Diocese for those who wish to attend daily Mass from Wed 21 May – 23 May 2025.

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Yours Sincerely in Christ

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv STL DD
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