



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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year C: Vol.50 No.24

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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)
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(Office staff)

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

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This Program will commence in Term 2 for children in Years 3 and above who have received the Sacrament of Penance.

Registration Forms may be collected from the Parish Office starting
Monday 28th April 2025

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office
on Sunday 4th May & Sunday 11th May 2025 between 9.30 and 11.30am]

Registration Evening:

Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 7.00pm in the Church

Classes: Sunday 1st June & Sunday 8th June 2025

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

Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

**Saturday 21st June (5pm) , Sunday 22nd June (8:45am)
Saturday 28th June (5pm) and Sunday 29th June (8:45 am).**



Habemus Bonum Pastorem!

The world—not only Catholics—was filled with excitement and surprise in recent days. A momentous event unfolded last week as the cardinal electors entered the conclave to choose a new leader. It was the Church’s profound expression of loving trust in Christ’s promise that He will always be with us, guiding His Church. From the conclave, a new leader emerged—not only chosen by the cardinals but also by the heart of the Good Shepherd Himself, who promised to continue leading His flock.

The joyful proclamation Habemus Papam! reminds us of God’s faithfulness to His word: “I will give you shepherds after my own heart...” (Jeremiah 3:15). Christ continues to lead His Church through the shepherds of our time. On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates Christ, the Good Shepherd.

Christ assures us that He knows His sheep—they hear His voice and follow Him. He promises to give them eternal life, and they shall never perish (cf. John 10:27–30). He is the Shepherd who laid down His life for His flock and leads them to the spring of life-giving water, where God will wipe away every tear (cf. Revelation 7:9, 14b–17).

Faith allows us to see that hostility and suffering in the world are not signs of God’s absence. Jealousy, violence, persecution, and insecurity have long been part of the human experience. Yet, in this perilous valley, the Church walks courageously in hope, trusting Christ to shepherd His people through all trials.

We now have Pope Leo XIV, who invites us to journey as a synodal Church—a missionary Church committed to compassion and closeness, especially to those who suffer. His leadership reflects a deep commitment to inclusivity and social justice.

With a new shepherd, the Church continues her mission amid a complex world. She remains firm—not by her own strength, but because the Lord calls her to be a light to the nations and an instrument of salvation (cf. Acts 13:47). Following the Good Shepherd may involve trials, but we walk in confidence, knowing He cares for us and holds us securely in His hands. We are never alone.

May you clearly hear the voice of the Good Shepherd—and follow Him.

.....Fr. Lauro Arcede SM

10th & 11th May 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[2nd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Myles Anderiesz	Aileen Dela Cruz Joemel Dela Cruz	Nayana Menezes Lobo Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan	
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Donna Ison	Gari De Guzman	Socorro Amos	
FIRST READER	Doris Barrios	Anthony Culbert		Vicky Ilagan	
SECOND READER	Therrie Chin	Nila Mangona	Christina Monteiro	Lita Picart	
PROJECTIONIST	Demaiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Clare Manu, Chris Manu	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Mirza Alata Anne Marie Moriarty Henryka Ogrodniczek Marie Webb	Linda Dessa Geradine Pereira Julie Nunez	Salve Gatchalian Connie Cassar , Sam Cassar Rose Rotik, Juliet Parame	Mario Picart, Brenda Payne, Anna Amos, Virginia Salom, Maria Carpio, Luke Binny	
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	

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	Therrie Chin	Sharmali Perera	Delia Cristostomo	YouthWorks	
PROJECTIONIST	Demmfyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Theodora D'Lima, Myles Anderiesz, Mariyam Wiyaratnam, 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	

Our blessing prayers for this Mother's Day

For all Mothers: that the Lord may bless them and sustain them as witnesses to his love and nurturing presence. Lord Hear Us

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

And may Almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. R. Amen.



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.

St Andrew the Apostle's Community PENTECOST celebration is returning to Saturday evening in 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope.

Saturday, 7th June our 5:00pm Vigil Mass will be followed by Fellowship and Program at the School Hall starting at 6:00pm.

More details to come next weekend, save the date!



MASS READINGS -YEAR C

THIS SUNDAY:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 13:14. 43-52
Psalm: Ps 99:1-3. 5
Second Reading: Rev 7:9. 14-17
Gospel: John 10:27-30

NEXT 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

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

Fausto & Marcelina Afuang, Cipriana Alata, Lourdes Alava, Josefina Banal, Joseph Bartolo, Lucas & Josephine Béche, Zane Belista, Julia Bonifacio, Leonora Bonifacio, Ric Bueno, Euarist & Alexandra Bouquet, Paul Clemson, Mary Cumbo, Elvira De Leon, Philip de Villa, Fabiana Dela Cruz, Aloysius Elias, Leslie Elias, Frank Falzon, John Falzon, Marie Falzon, Anthony Grima, Alex Kels, Arnel Kels, Michael Joseph Leahy, Bernabe Lopez, Librada Paule Macabulos, Gloria Macaraeg, Restituta Maisog, Bibiana T. Malaluan, Nanette B. Malaluan, Pat S. Malaluan, Corazon Manlapao, Beatriz Masilang, Mary Mc Shane, Efen Morales, Therese Motha, Lilia Magsino Nalapo, Marilyn Macabulos Nalapo, Fatima M. Pereira, Diana Rodrigues, Harold & Cordelia Pereira, Renato Santos, Josephine Schembri, Maryanne Schembri, Beth G. Serran, Dominic Nguyen Thanh Trung, Abelardo Trinidad, Minda Trinidad, Danilo Tuazon, Joseph Vella, Rodrigo M. Valencia, Josephine Victoria, Teresa Vilaray, Aeldred & Riolene Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Mc Shane Family, Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, All Souls in Purgatory.....**Please remember in your prayers**

Sunday
11-May
4th Sunday of Easter Counters: Group 6 Mother's Day
07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 Choir Practice CFCA 10:30 Mass
Monday
12-May
Monday of the 4th week of Eastertide Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Saint Pancras, Martyr
09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SVdP Meeting
Tuesday
13-May
Tuesday of the 4th week of Eastertide Our Lady of Fatima
09:00 Mass SAP yr3 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:00 Registration Evening First Holy Communion
Wednesday
14-May
Saint Matthias, Apostle
09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Choir
Thursday
15-May
Thursday of the 4th week of Eastertide
09:00 Mass 19:30 Choir Practice Worship Hymn
Friday
16-May
Friday of the 4th week of Eastertide
09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary <i>Music Practice</i> 19:00 <i>Fresh in Faith Youth Choir</i> 19:30 <i>St Andrew's Family Choir</i>
Saturday
17-May
Saturday of the 4th week of Eastertide Saint John I, Pope, Martyr
09:00 Mass 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 <i>Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent</i> 18:00 Youthworks event



PARISH YOUTH GROUP Youth Coordinators:

— Anna Amos: 0429 530 755 — Zain Chaudry: 0470 321 967
E: youthworksadmin@gmail.com — IG / FB @youthworksarayong
May 9 & 16 - CHOIR PRACTICE - 7pm at the FBC
May 17 - YOUTHWORKS EVENT - 6pm at the FBC
May 18 - YOUTH MASS - 10:30am
May 27 - ADORATION - 6pm in the CHURCH.



May Flower Offering to our Blessed Mother Mary



Saturday 31 May 2025

MASS 9:00AM — HOLY ROSARY & FLOWER OFFERING 9:40AM

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



The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are inviting parishioners to join them for a Holy Family Association & Friends gathering.

Date: Saturday, 24 May 2025

Venue: Holy Family Services, 116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong

09.15 am: Morning Tea, **10.15 am:** *Speaker:* Fr. Geoffrey Plant *Topic:*—

Love went out from Nazareth to the whole world – Pilgrims of hope.

12.00 pm Eucharist, followed by Lunch

For more information and to RSVP by 21 May,
please contact Sr Rita 0424 678 766 Email: rita@csfn.org.au



COMMISSIONING MASS OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS: 13 May

In this Jubilee Year of Hope all liturgical ministers - readers, servers and extra ordinary ministers are invited to join us for our Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers. Families and friends are also invited. This celebration will take place at 7:30pm on Tuesday 13th May 2025, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. To register your attendance please visit:

parracatholic.org/events/liturgical-ministers-commissioning-mass/

FaithLIFE Theology Short Course: Wednesdays in May

Considering learning about theology? Interested in faith seek understanding? Looking to learn more about the Jubilee Year of Hope? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Theology short course with Alison Ryan from MET on Wednesdays 7 + 14 + 21 May: parracatholic.org/faithlife