



# 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.



## 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year C: Vol.50 No.39

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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)  
Merlinda (Merly) Generalao,  
Michelle Sultana &  
Joe Clemson  
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#### PARISH OFFICE:

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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  
*Mass & Novena: 7.00pm*  
Thursday: 9.00am  
Friday: 9.00am  
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

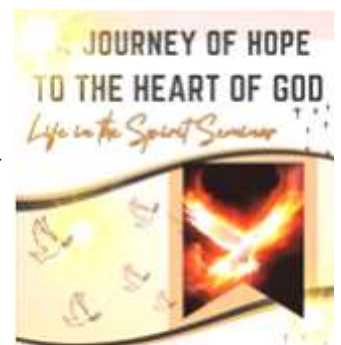
**Campus - JUNIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 7-10)**  
Address: 116 Quakers Road Marayong 2148

**SENIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 11-12)**  
Address: 50 Breakfast Road Marayong 2148

THE HEARTS INVITE YOU TO A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR  
ON WEEKEND 30<sup>TH</sup> 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2025  
St Andrews School Hall 9:00AM - 4:30PM



Have you ever longed for a deeper, more personal encounter with Christ? Have you felt the call to live a more Spirit-filled life, empowered by the Holy Spirit? Whether you're new to the faith or have been walking with Christ for years, this seminar will help you experience God's love in a powerful way. Scan QR code to register.



### CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (CLP)

On **14 September 2025**, Couple for Christ Australia (CFCA) will commence its parish based **Christian Life Program (CLP)** at **Fr Byrne Centre** from **1pm to 5pm**. Everybody is welcome, especially husband and wife (you may bring your children). The program is free of charge and the only investment required is your time and openness. For details, please contact anyone of the CFCA members: Bro. Allen and Sis. Myra Fabela (0412 065 899 or 0415 812 283), Bro. Efren and Sis. Myrna (0452 197 605 or 0449 856 142). Bro. Melvin and Sis. Beth (0447 042 209 or 0447 052 909)”

# God offers; we make choices.

Dear friends, this Sunday, the Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary time, we are blessed once again with the Word of God, which continues to remind us about the goodness and generosity of God to us.

In the first reading from the book of Isaiah, we are told that God will gather his people so that they may witness his glory. It shows how God continues to journey with his people. In the second reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews, Paul teaches us that every pain and challenge we face is how God trains and strengthens us. We need to see it with faith. In the Gospel of Luke, we are reminded that the way to the kingdom of God is narrow. It encourages us to make good choices in life and set our priorities right.

When we reflect and ponder on the themes our readings present to us, we realise how generous and good God is to us. The gift of the Kingdom to us is a gift that God is offering us. He does not reserve it for a particular person or group; rather, he gives it freely to humanity. However, it is up to us to make our choice whether we choose the kingdom of God, or we follow our part.

Let us strive to enter the narrow gate by focusing our lives on God and getting our priorities right. God wants to gather us to his kingdom and offers the opportunity for all of us to grab it. It is up to you and me to recognise the offers God is presenting to us. Let us take the opportunity now to set our focus and priorities right to strive for the kingdom of God, or it will be too late when the time arrives when God calls you and me. The choice is in our hands.

..... from Fr Floyd Gatana SM

23rd & 24th August 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, Kartiko Effendy	Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz	Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan Ding Mojica	
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Nenette Gapud		Vinetta Lobo	Lita Picart	
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Dorris Barrios	Elvie Clark	Bernardo Rivera	Linda Ranee	
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Therrie Chin	Elizabeth Abbey	Lydia Villamarin	Socorro Amos	
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Jerome Chin		Mariah Cutajar		
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Zenaida Bables, Mariyam Wijeyaratnam, Anne Marie Moriarty, Henryka Ogrodniczek	Linda Dessa, Geraldine Pereira, Maurice Perera	Annette Morales, Rittarina Reay, Joshua Daly, Maryanne Parsons, Estrellita Viola	Brenda Payne, Mario Picart, Virginia Salom, Luke Binny, Anna Amos, Socorro Amos.	
<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	

30th & 31st August 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[5th Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Joe Doyle Ferdie Chin	Joanel Dela Cruz John Blackford	Derica Elogious Maria Hyson	Mauricio Balisbisan	
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Melvina Vaz	Donna Ison	Rittarina Reay	Socorro Amos	
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Myles Anderiesz	Anthony Culbert	Children's Choir	Maricor Espinosa	
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Erna Ferrer	Linda Dessa	Children's Choir	Rittarina Reay	
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Jacob Chin		Jeremy Portelli	Clare Manu Chris Manu	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Nayana Menezes Lobo, Maria Webb, Nenette Gapud, Caitlyn dela Cruz	Maryse Pereira, Suzanne Daniels, Agnes Zabala	Maryanne Parsons, Joshua Daly, Braedon Monteiro, Estrellita Viola, Josephine Daly	Luke Binny, Anna Amos, Linda Ranee, Maria Carpio, 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	Children's choir	Choir & Rondalla Group	



# PARISH YOUTH GROUP Youth Coordinators:

Anna Amos: 0429 530 755 — Zain Chaudry: 0470 321 967  
E: youthworksadmin@gmail.com — IG / FB @youthworksmarayong

August 22 - ADORATION - 6pm in the CHURCH



## CHILDRENS CHOIR

The Children's Choir will be singing on Sunday, 31st August at the 8:45am Mass.



Practice for the Mass will be on Saturday, 30th August at the Fr Byrne Centre from 3:00pm until 4:30pm. A wonderful opportunity to share your talents, grow in faith and be part of this beautiful celebration of the Mass.

## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

**We extend this invitation to anyone interested in learning about the Catholic faith!**

Consider this is a journey of faith focusing on your personal spiritual journey and relationship with God, rather than just a series of sessions. Developing a relationship takes time, along the way you will learn about the core beliefs, history, and traditions of the Church; truth be told the journey is life long but typically includes the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass for those that wish.

So take the opportunity to explore your faith more deeply and take another step on your journey. More information on our [website](https://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au/intrested-in-becoming-catholic/rcia-program/):

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**For full details & an invitation to join our upcoming journey beginning September 25 please contact the parish office or speak with one of our priests!**

## WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

The Working with Children Check (WWCC) is a NSW Government requirement for anyone who works or volunteers in child-related work in NSW (Renewed every five years).

You can apply for one here: <https://wwccheck.ocg.nsw.gov.au/Apply>



## UPCOMING FACE TO FACE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING DATES

at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown:

Cycle 1 (Introductory Training for New Volunteers – Modules 1-3)

– Monday 1st September (9.30am-2.30pm)

Cycle 2 (Renewal Training after two years – Modules 4-5)

– Tuesday 2nd September (10am-1.30pm)

Cycle 3 (Refresher Training after another two years – Module 6)

– Wednesday 3rd September (10am-12noon)

Register at <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

**Please contact the parish office if you are unsure of your status/requirement regarding working with children check or safeguarding training.**



## MASS READINGS -YEAR C

### THIS SUNDAY:

#### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalm: Ps 116

Second Reading: Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

### NEXT SUNDAY:

#### 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Psalm: Ps 67:4-7, 10-11

Second Reading: Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

Guilherme Alvares, Josephine Alvares, Jose Geneza Biason, Joseph & Irène Bouquet, Paul Clemson, Arsenio Cortez, Mary Cumbo, Laudencia & Corazon Cunanan, Rommel Macabulos Dabu, Alfred Ebeter, Onofre V Estrada Jr, Frank Falzon, John Falzon, Marie Falzon, Emma Gacusana, Anthony Grima, Adelaida Herreria, Uy Kasi, Librada Paule Macabulos, John Malak, Gregory Menezes, Joseph Mizzi, Marvin Monzon, Marilyn Macabulos Nalapo, Wilfredo Nemenzo Sr, Harold & Cordelia Pereira, Maria Perez, Sofia Ron, Josephine Schembri, Aeldred & Riolene Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, De Mesa Family, Duchenne & Farla Families, Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, All Souls in Purgatory .....**Please remember in your prayers**

Sunday	
24-Aug	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Counters: Group 8
07:30	Mass
08:45	Mass
	Confirmation Class 2
09:30	Choir Practice CFCA
10:30	Mass
Monday	
25-Aug	Monday of week 21
	in Ordinary Time
	Saint Louis
	Saint Joseph of Calasanz,
	Priest
09:00	Mass
15:30	Jnr Legion of Mary
19:00	SVdP Meeting
Tuesday	
26-Aug	Tuesday of week 21
	in Ordinary Time
09:00	Mass
19:00	Legion of Mary
Wednesday	
27-Aug	Saint Monica
09:00	Mass
19:00	Novena & Mass
Thursday	
28-Aug	Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor
09:00	Mass
10:45	Church Cleaning Group 4
19:00	Social Justice group meeting
Friday	
29-Aug	The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist
09:00	Mass
15:30	Jnr Legion of Mary
19:00	CFCA CLP prep TBC
Saturday	
30-Aug	Saturday of week 21
	in Ordinary Time
	Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	HJM - Life in the Spirit seminar
09:00	Mass for the Sick
09:40	Legion of Mary
11:00	Fiesta of Our Lady Pena Francia
15:00	Music Practice Children's Choir
16:00	Jnr Legion of Mary
17:00	Vigil Mass

6th & 7th September 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[1st Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Romeo Gapud Bernardo Rivera	John Fernandes Rubin Bables	Olan Cruise Joy Kakodkar	Jacob Chin Ferdinand Chin (B)	
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Erna Ferrer		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		
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>		Claire Blunt	Jeremy Portelli Keith Vaz	Abigail Chin	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Mary Ann Zammit Christine Zammit Maria Webb Valerian D'Lima	Agnes Zabala, Maryse Pereira, Suzanne Daniels	Gari De Guzman Maryanne Parson Linda Renee Josephine Daly Braedan Monteiro	Joseph Widjaja 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	Worship Hymn	Mafi Family Choir	

13th & 14th September 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[2nd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	6.00pm	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	Mauricio Balisbisan (B)	
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Nenette Gapud		Gari De Guzman	Scocorro Amos	
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Doris Barrios	Anthony Culbert	Nerissa Toong	Vicky Ilagan	
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Therrie Chin	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	Salve Gatchalian Connie Cassar Sam Cassar Rose Rotik Juliet Parame	Mario Picart, Brenda Payne, Anna Amos, Virginia Salom, Maria Carpio Luke Binny	
<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	

20th & 21st September 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, Bernardo Rivera	Elvie Clark John Blackford	Mario Picart Gari De Guman	Mauricio Balisbisan (B) Noe Adan	
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Melvina Vaz	Julie Nunez	Donna Ison	YouthWorks	
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Mercy Aquino	Luz Tiqui	Isabella Metcalfe	YouthWorks	
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Therrie Chin	Sharmali Perera	Delia Cristostomo	YouthWorks	
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Demmiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Theodora D'Lima, Myles Anderiesz, Mariyam Wijeyaratnam, Nenette Gapud	Agnes Zabala, Anthony Culbert, Maurice Perera	Rose Rotik, Henrietta D'Sa, Estrellita Viola, Maryanne Parson Josephine Daly	Aida Jamolin, Brenda Payne Lita Picart, Mario Picart, Virginia Salom, 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	

27th & 28th September 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 Kartiko Effendy	Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz	Joy Kakodkar Maria Hyson	Noe Adan Ding Mojica	
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Nenette Gapud	Donna Ison	Josephine Daly	Lita Picart	
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Elvie Clark	Martin Zammit	Scocorro Amos	
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Theodora D'Lima	Linda Dessa	Lydia Villamarin	Linda Raneer	
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>			Brianna Monteiro	Mauricio Balisbisan (B)	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Caitlin Dela Cruz, Dolette Enriquez, Christine Zammit, Mary-Ann Zammit.	Geraldine Pereira, Julie Nunez, Suzanne Daniels,	Rose Rotik, Estrellita Viola, Joshua Daly, Annette Morales, Lorraine D'Cruz	Anna Amos, Brenda Payne, Lita Picart, Mario Picart, Virginia Salom, +1	
<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	

ST ANDREW'S SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP INVITES YOU TO A FORUM ON

*Truth &  
Peace*

a Gospel Word  
in a Violent World

“God is always with us,  
not despite the mess  
but in the mess.”

- Fr Kevin Redmond

**TOGETHER, LET US FIND HOPE  
SO THAT WE MAY BRING HOPE**



Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup>

1-3:30pm Fr Byrne Centre

*Featuring keynote speakers:*

**DR SEBASTIAN SALASKE-LENTERN**

Peace, justice and  
ecology coordinator

Diocesan Director of Caritas

**ALISON RYAN**

Adult Faith Formation MET

# A JOURNEY OF HOPE TO THE HEART OF GOD

*Life in the Spirit Seminar*



**AUG | 30 AND 31 | 2025**

**9AM - 4:30PM STARTING WITH HOLY MASS**

**ST ANDREWS SCHOOL HALL  
40 BREAKFAST ROAD MARAYONG NSW 2148**



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