



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.



23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year C: Vol.50 No.41

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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:

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

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



LET US CARE FOR OUR SPIRITUAL FATHERS,



JUST AS THEY CARE FOR US

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal – supporting our senior priests as they continue to serve.

This Father's Day, as we thank the father figures in our lives, let's also honour our spiritual fathers — the priests who nurture our faith. Even after stepping back from administration, they continue to serve in faithful ways: offering sacraments, celebrating Masses, hearing confessions, assisting at services, and serving as chaplains in aged care. Your generosity helps ensure our ageing priests receive the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives.

Please give generously at

parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan the QR code.

Thank you.

Following Christ must be a well-calculated risk.

Following Christ is not an impulsive emotional decision—it is a conscious, deliberate act that demands the whole of one’s life. It is a path that requires calculation, discernment, and surrender. The Scriptures invite us to reflect deeply on what it truly means to be a disciple.

The Book of Wisdom (9:13-18b) reminds us that we cannot know the will of God on our own. “Who can learn the counsel of God, or who can discern what the Lord wills?” The answer is clear: only through wisdom and the Spirit of God. These are not abstract concepts—they are God’s own guidance within us, helping us weigh the true cost of discipleship and empowering us to make courageous decisions in faith.

St. Paul’s letter to Philemon (9-10, 12-17) gives us a real-world example. Onesimus, once a slave, has become a Christian under Paul’s influence. Paul does not simply return a runaway servant; he sends him back as a brother in Christ. This profound transformation reflects the new life that comes with following Jesus—a life that transcends social divisions. Paul applies the principle that “in Christ, there is neither slave nor free” and challenges others to do the same. True discipleship leads not just to personal holiness but to social change, justice, and fraternity.

But discipleship is not cheap, Luke’s gospel tells us (Luke 14: 25-33). It calls for total surrender—even to the point of martyrdom. The martyrs of the Church are honored not for their suffering, but for their unwavering commitment to Christ. They gave everything. Their sacrifice is the clearest example of what it means to calculate the cost and still say “yes.”

To follow Jesus is to renounce all that holds us back—and in doing so, to gain the fullness of life that only God can give.

.....Fr. Lauro Arcede SM

6th & 7th September 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[1st Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Romeo Gapud	John Fernandes Rubin Bables	Olan Cruise Joy Kakodkar	Jacob Chin Ferdin Chin (B)	
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer		Vinetta Lobo	Therrie Chin	
FIRST READER	Theodora D'Lima	Elizabeth Abbey	Martin Zammit	Maricor Espinosa	
SECOND READER	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Fely Perez	Connie Reyes		
PROJECTIONIST		Claire Blunt	Jeremy Portelli Keith Vaz	Abigail Chin	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	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	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert			
MUSIC	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	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Myles Anderiesz	Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz	Nayana Menezes Lobo Joy Kakodkar	Mauricio Balisbisan (B)	
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud		Gari De Guzman	Socorro Amos	
FIRST READER	Doris Barrios	Anthony Culbert	Nerissa Toong	Vicky Ilagan	
SECOND READER	Therrie Chin	Nila Mangona	Christina Monteiro	Lita Picart	
PROJECTIONIST	Demaiyah 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	



PARISH YOUTH GROUP Youth Coordinators:

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Youthworks will be running a sausage sizzle / fundraiser after the 5 pm Mass this Saturday and after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday this weekend.

September 18 & 19 - CHOIR PRACTICE - 7pm at the FBC

September 20 - SAYWAT => with CYMI @ Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill

September 21 - YOUTH MASS - 10:30am

September 26 - ADORATION - 6pm in the CHURCH



MUSIC MINISTRY REQUESTING FEEDBACK ON QUIET REFLECTION TIME

During September at St Andrews there will be no reflection hymn after Communion allowing some time for quiet personal reflection.

This is a trial and we would like your opinion; you can give anonymous feedback [here](https://forms.office.com/r/xbmgNVJkWG):

<https://forms.office.com/r/xbmgNVJkWG>
or scan the QR code. Thankyou.



DIOCESAN MASS FOR MUSICIANS: 24 September



In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we invite all those involved in Music Ministry across the Diocese to celebrate with us our Mass for Musicians - Wednesday 24 September, 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. We ask that you arrive at 7pm and are seated by 7:15pm. To register your attendance and the number of guests you are bringing, please RSVP via the website.

<https://parracatholic.org/events/mass-for-musicians-24-september/>
If you are unable to register via the form, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or call 0460 037 795.

Confirmation Ceremony at the 7:00pm Mass on Wednesday evening September 10th (The usual Novena will resume September 17th)

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Greg Whitby AM, former Executive Director of Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta on Monday, 8 September 2025 at 10.00am.

The funeral Mass will be livestreamed [here](https://www.youtube.com/@DioceseofParramatta/streams).

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MASS READINGS -YEAR C

THIS SUNDAY:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

Psalm: Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17

Second Reading: Phil 9-10. 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

NEXT SUNDAY:

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

1st Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm: Ps 77:1-2. 34-38

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17

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

Guilherme Alvares, Josephine Alvares, George Attard, Joseph Bartolo, André Bêche, Luke Anthony John Bleasdale, Margaret Bogggett, Joseph & Irène Bouquet, David Buttigieg, Cristina Joan Cabarrubias, Victoria Cabarrubias, Gregorio Cabarrubias Sr, Ernani Cabrera, Rolando Cabarrubias Sr, Eulogio Canicula, Preciosa Cases, Regina Castelino, Sonny Castelino, Paul Clemson, Arsenio Cortez, Exequiel Coyco Junior, Mary Cumbo, Rolando H. Dasco, Donald D'Souza, Kusnan Effendy, Emma Gacusana, John Galea, Anthony Grima, Joseph Guillaumier, Nila Igao, Jean Imbert, Jandeleon Juezan, Gustaw 'Gus' Kaster, Raul Mangona, Amalina Martyris, Benjamin Martyris, Joseph Martyris, Sr. Alice Martyris, Katica & Ante Medved, Graciano Menezes, Gregory Menezes, Maria Menezes, Amancia Navaja, Wilfredo Nemenzo Sr, Jerome Pace, Harold & Cordelia Pereira, Maria Perez, Stevie Reroma, Phillip Rodrigues, Josephine Schembri, Saviour Spiteri, Bernard Sultana, Rodrigo M. Valencia, Aeldred & Riolen Weber, Josefino Ymalay, Stella & Felic Zammit, Farla & Duchenne Families, Roberts, Baptis & Quinn Families, Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, All Souls in Purgatory**Please remember in your prayers**

Sunday

7-Sep

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Counters: Group 9

Father's Day

Clergy Support

Foundation Appeal

07:30 Mass

08:45 Mass

10:30 Mass

Monday

8-Sep

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

18:00 Celebration for the

Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday

9-Sep

Tuesday of week 23 in Ordinary Time, or Saint Peter Claver

09:00 Mass

19:00 Legion of Mary

19:30 Music Practice

Praise & Glory

Wednesday

10-Sep

Wednesday of week 23 in Ordinary Time

09:00 Mass

19:00 Confirmation Ceremony

19:30 Baptism Preparation

Thursday

11-Sep

Thursday of week 23 in Ordinary Time

09:00 Mass

Friday

12-Sep

Friday of week 23 in Ordinary Time

The Most Holy Name of Mary,

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

19:00 Choir Practice HJM

Saturday

13-Sep

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor

7:00 Church Cleaning CFC

09:00 Mass

09:30 Social group function

09:40 Legion of Mary

16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary

17:00 Vigil Mass

18:30 Prayer Meeting HJM

Catholic Mission Appeal



COME.....JOIN.....CELEBRATE.....

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Parishioners are encouraged to participate as we celebrate the birthday of Mary in the evening on Monday September 8. This has been a wonderful tradition in our parish community and a time where we can recognise the importance of the Blessed Virgin Mary as our God-given helper and our source of coming to know Jesus better to help us to deepen our relationship with him.

★ **6:00pm Angelus** ★ **Procession** ★ **Holy Rosary**
★ **7:00pm Holy Mass** ★ **Flower Offering** ★ **Meal Sharing**

At St Andrew the Apostle Parish Marayong on
Monday 8th September 2025

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.

<https://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au/intrested-in-becoming-catholic/rcia-program/>

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!



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)"

Father's Day Blessing

May God bless all fathers with wisdom, strength, patience and great love.

***May all fathers see their children as gifts from God and teach them to hear
and follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit.***

We pray also that families who have lost a child through death may be comforted and healed by the Holy Spirit.

We also remember today our parents who have died that they enjoy eternal life with our heavenly Father.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Loving God, You have given us life and cared for us through our fathers.
We thank you for their lives, their care and the wisdom they have taught us.
Fill them today, and all days, with your Holy Spirit of wisdom and love.
Help them hear your voice, follow you and teach their children to do the same.
God our Father, bless all the fathers in the world.
Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children.
Help them to be a father like you are.
Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.
May we honour them with profound respect and by living your Gospel.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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latest news and events on Social Media:***



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