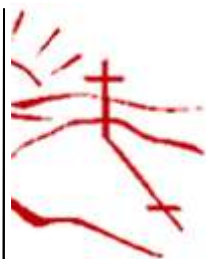




ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH MARAYONG

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.



THE EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year C: Vol.50 No.42

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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)



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Fr. Kevin Redmond sm,
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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.standrewspsmarayong.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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Stephen Kennaugh
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Campus -
JUNIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 7-10)
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Marayong 2148

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



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 14 SEP 2025

WE ARE A SAFE, HOPE-FILLED AND WELCOMING CHURCH



Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

The cross is the sign of God's love.

Dear friends, today we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. St John presents to us the account of God's love. Even as Catholics, we may have different feelings or questions about God's love revealed through His Son and fulfilled on the cross. The cross was a cruel way to put someone to death in Jesus' time.

The text from St John presents the very heart of God's love for humanity. His love was revealed through His Son, Jesus. Jesus gives himself completely to the Father in his passion and death. It is a representation of Christ giving His life for the Church. The cross is the sign of God's love.

God is love, and his love is revealed in the life of Jesus. The whole purpose of his Incarnation was to redeem us, and it was completed in his self-giving on the cross. By dying on the cross, he gave us eternal life. The cross is the sign of God's love, which brings fulfilment to God's salvation plan, which stems from His Divine love.

Our response to God's love is to share his love. It means we must develop a heart that is filled with God's love. When our hearts are filled with love, then we can easily pour forth love to others. Just like God's love overflows to humanity, we must keep it overflowing in our lives and the lives of others. Love is not only something to do with intellect, but an action. It is something we must live out in our daily lives.

.....from Fr Floyd Gatana SM

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	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

20th & 21st September 2025		LITURGY ROSTER		[3rd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Romeo Gapud, Bernardo Rivera	Elvie Clark John Blackford	Mario Picart Gari De Guman	Mauricio Balisbisan (B) Noe Adan
COMMENTATOR	Melvina Vaz	Julie Nunez	Donna Ison	YouthWorks
FIRST READER	Mercy Aquino	Luz Tiqui	Isabella Metcalfe	YouthWorks
SECOND READER	Therrie Chin	Sharmali Perera	Delia Cristostomo	YouthWorks
PROJECTIONIST	Demmyfiah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Theodora D'Lima, Myles Anderiesz, Mariyam Wiyaratnam, Nenette Gapud	Agnes Zabala, Anthony Culbert, Maurice Perera	Rose Rotik, Henrietta D'Sa, Estrellita Viola, Maryanee Parson Josephine Daly	Aida Jamolin, Brenda Payne Lita Picart, Mario Picart, Virginia Salom, Maricor Espinosa
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



PARISH YOUTH GROUP Youth Coordinators:

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E: youthworksadmin@gmail.com — IG / FB @youthworksamarayong

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>

use the form printed below or scan the QR code. Thankyou.

Please submit to parish office / parish letterbox.

- ☐ I am enjoying the quiet reflection time.
- ☐ I prefer the reflection hymn as has been our custom.
- ☐ No preference, both are fine with me.

Do you have any other comment on this matter?



Diocesan Season of Creation Mass: 20 September

St Patrick's Cathedral and the Diocesan Laudato Si' Action Team invite you to the [annual Season of Creation Mass](https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-season-of-creation-mass/) with Bishop Vincent. The entire universe speaks of God's love (Pope Francis) and all of creation praises our God (Psalm 148).

Let us join in this praise and in Jesus' own mission to care for creation (Pope Leo) on Saturday 20 September 2025, 10:00am, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Pl, Parramatta.

Morning tea will be served in the Cloister Hall after Mass.

<https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-season-of-creation-mass/>



MASS READINGS -YEAR C

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY:

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Psalm: Ps 112:1-2. 4-8

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

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

Marcelina Valdellm Afuang, Guilherme Alvares, Josephine Alvares, Joseph Bartolo, Geraldina Battison, Andr  B che, Margaret Bogggett, Anthony Cardinale, Carmela Cardinale, Regina Castelino, Sonny Castelino, Paul Clemson, Mary Cumbo, Rolando H. Dasco, Norberto & Teodora de Guzman, Elvira De Leon, Norberto Sr, Leilani & Ted de Guzman, John Ebejer, Paul Farrugia, Emma Gacusana, Joseph Guillaumier, Gustaw 'Gus' Kaster, Milagros Martin, Amalina Martyris, Benjamin Martyris, Joseph Martyris, Sr. Alice Martyris, Tito Medina, Graciano Menezes, Gregory Menezes, Maria Menezes, Maria Micelotta, Tomas Nazal Jr, Daisy Pangiuana, Phillip Rodrigues, Theresa Romeo, Josephine Schembri, Rodrigo M. Valencia, Aeldred & Riolen Weber, Josefino Ymalay, Stella & Felic Zammit, Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, All Souls in Purgatory

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

Sunday

14-Sep

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Counters: Group 10
Catholic Mission Appeal

07:30 Mass

08:45 Mass

09:30 Choir Practice CFCA

10:30 Mass

13:00 CFCA CLP

Monday

15-Sep

Our Lady of Sorrows

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

Tuesday

16-Sep

Saints Cornelius, Pope,
and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

09:00 Mass

19:00 Legion of Mary

Wednesday

17-Sep

Wednesday of week 24
in Ordinary Time
Saint Robert Bellarmine,
Bishop, Doctor
Saint Hildegard of Bingen,
Virgin, Doctor

09:00 Mass

19:00 Novena & Mass

19:30 Music Practice
Lorraine's Choir

Thursday

18-Sep

Thursday of week 24
in Ordinary Time

09:00 Mass

19:00 Music Practice
Fresh in Faith Youth Choir

Friday

19-Sep

Friday of week 24
in Ordinary Time
Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr,

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary
Music Practice

19:00 Fresh in Faith Youth Choir

19:30 St Andrew's Family Choir

Saturday

20-Sep

Saints Andrew Kim Taegon,
Priest, and Paul Chong Hasang,
and their Companions, Martyrs

09:00 Mass

09:40 Legion of Mary

10:00 Church Cleaning LoM P1

14:00 Holy Trinity
Prayer Community

16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary

17:00 Vigil Mass

18:00 SAYWAT@MIQH

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!



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.



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296

catholicmission.org.au/mission



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)"