



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.



FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year C: Vol.51 No.01

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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
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
Novena Mass: 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
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



Christmas at St Andrews

MISA DE GALLO

4:30am December 16 ~ 24
Nine Dawn Masses with
Mary, Mother of God

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Wednesday, 24th December

6:00 pm & 8:00 pm
(Christmas—Vigil Masses)
Carols at 11:15 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Thursday, 25th December
Midnight Mass - 12:00am
7:30am, 8:45am & 10:30am.
(Christmas Morning Masses)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

After 9:00 am Weekday &
Saturday morning Masses
Before Vigil Mass 4:00-4:30pm
Saturday afternoon
Or by appointment

SECOND RITE

Parish Reconciliation
9:30am Saturday, 6th December
9:30am Saturday, 20th December



You must stand ready

Last week was the last week of the Church's liturgical year. This weekend we have started a new Church year as we begin Advent once again. We are in Year A and so our readings will come from the Gospel of Matthew.

Advent is our period of preparation for Christmas and the coming of Jesus our Saviour. It can be considered that we are preparing for three 'comings' of Jesus. In Bethlehem, some 2000 years ago as a baby, into our hearts at Christmas this year and when Jesus comes again at the end of the world. It is this last one that our readings for the First Sunday of Advent focus on.

Christmas and the end of the year can be a crazy time and there can be so many things to think about, plan and execute. But the danger is that we can become, so easily, distracted, focusing on immediate 'problems' rather than on what is most important. Jesus in the Gospel talks about the situation at the time of Noah. The people were all living their lives as if nothing was approaching right up until the flood came and swept them all away.

As we begin our Advent journey, how can we 'stand ready' for the end of time? We truly do not know the future and so we cannot allow ourselves to believe that we will get to something in the future because our plans may not be able to be achieved. Our hopes and dreams do take time, a house cannot be built instantly nor can training or earning a degree happen overnight. However, rather than achievements, I believe Jesus is asking us to reflect on how we are witnesses to the Good News? How are we of service to others, especially those closest to us; how do we use our talents and gifts to assist others; how are we loving, merciful and compassionate?

For Advent 2025, are there relatives that we have not contacted for a while? Do we have anyone that "I should call" or "I have been meaning to get in contact with"? but have not found the time? Have I been fighting with or annoyed by a family member recently? Can I make a change of outlook, so that there is less tension at home?

May God bless you, all those you love and all who love you.

..... *Fr Kevin Redmond sm*

29th & 30th November 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[5th Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Joe Doyle Nayana Menezes Lobo	Joanel Dela Cruz	Derica Elogious	Ferdi Chin	
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Julie Nunez	Melvina Vaz	Socorro Amos	
FIRST READER	Myles Anderiesz	Nila Mangona	Children's Choir	Maricor Espinosa	
SECOND READER	Mercy Aquino		Children's Choir	Rittarina Reay	
PROJECTIONIST			Jeremy Portelli		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Mirza Alata, Nenette Gapud, Theodora D'Lima, Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Maryse Pereira, Anthony Culbert, Luz Tiqui	Rittarina Reay, Rose Rotik, Maria Hyson, Estrellita Viola, Maryanne Parsons	Luke Binny, Maria Carpio, Virginia Salom, Linda Ranece,	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert		Also inviting Anna Amos	
MUSIC	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	Children's choir	Choir & Rondalla Group	

6th & 7th December 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[1st Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Romeo Gapud	Rubin Bables John Fernandes	Olan Cruise Joy Kakodkar	Jacob Chin Ferdi Chin (B)	
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Gari de Guzman	Maria Hyson	Therrie Chin	
FIRST READER	Edward Yin	Zenaida Bables	Martin Zammit	Maricor Espinosa	
SECOND READER	Mercy Aquino	Fely Perez	Vinetta Lobo	Elizabeth Abbey	
PROJECTIONIST		Claire Blunt	Jeremy Portelli Keith Vaz	Abigail Chin	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Myra Estrera, Caitlyn dela Cruz, Mirza Alata, Valerian D'Lima	Anthony Culbert, Linda Dessa, Geraldine Pereira.	Joshua Daly, Rose Rotik, Rittarina Reay, Braedon Monteiro, Lorraine D'Cruz.	Maria Carpio, Joseph Widjaja, Anna Amos, Virginia Salom, Esther Viola Honorio Domingo.	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert			
MUSIC	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	NO Music Mass	



PARISH YOUTH GROUP

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December 19 - CHOIR PRACTICE - 7pm at the FBC

December 20 - HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS EVENT - 6pm at the FBC

December 21 - YOUTH MASS - 10:30am

December 26 - ADORATION - 6pm in the CHURCH **TBC**



St Vincent de Paul Society

Christmas Appeal

good works

This weekend Vinnies launches our usual Christmas Appeal and as in previous years we again ask for your donations of gift vouchers preferably Coles and Woolies.

The vouchers along with a Christmas hampers will distributed to needy families in our community so they can enjoy the love, the joy and the peace of Christmas.

We would like to thank St Andrews college for their generous donation of Christmas hampers.

Please leave your donations of gift vouchers or cash in the box next to the the Vinnies banner in front of the church or you can leave them at parish office.

We thank in advance for your generosity. SVdP Marayong Conference.



– SUPPORTING CATHOLIC CARE GRIEF & LOSS COUNSELLING

Christmas is drawing near, and with it the promise that God is with us. For many in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, that promise is needed right now. Many individuals and families are carrying grief, stress and uncertainty - wrestling with the rising cost-of-living, unstable work and the heartbreak of losing a loved one. Your generosity is the way to open the doors of hope for the broken-hearted ensuring that no one in our community grieves alone.

Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code. Thank you.



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS SUNDAY:

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm: Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

NEXT SUNDAY:

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm: Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE 2026

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence next year in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. To enrol and for more information, please contact the Parish Office. Registrations close 23rd January, 2026 but **spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.**

PRAYER TO ST. ANDREW

O Glorious St. Andrew, you were the first to recognize and follow the Lamb of God. With your friend St. John you remained with Jesus for that first day, for your entire life, and now throughout eternity. Help us to learn the lesson of the Cross and to carry our daily crosses without complaint so that they may carry us to Jesus. Amen.



Christmas Nativity, Carols & Family Fete 2025

Join us on Saturday, December 13 after the 5:00pm Vigil Mass.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30-Nov 1st Sunday of Advent Vinnies' Christmas Appeal Counters: Group 13 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass	1-Dec Monday of the 1st week of Advent, 09:00 Mass 10:30 Funeral Mark Caruana 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary	2-Dec Tuesday of the 1st week of Advent 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:00 Music Practice Nursing home road show	3-Dec Saint Francis Xavier, Priest 09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Choir	4-Dec Thursday of the 1st week of Advent Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor 09:00 Mass SAP yr5 10:30 Funeral Theresa Slater 19:00 RCIA 19:00 Social Justice group meeting	5-Dec Friday of the 1st week of Advent First Friday 09:00 Mass 09:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Legion of Mary P2 19:00 Mass 20:00 Church Cleaning HJM	6-Dec Saturday of the 1st week of Advent, Saint Nicholas, Bishop 09:00 Mass 09:30 Parish Reconciliation 11:30 Legion of Mary - AGR 14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 16:00 Music Practice Worship Hymn 17:00 Vigil Mass 17:00 HJM 34th Anniv & Christmas
7-Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent Counters: Group 9 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass 10:30 Practice - Nativity play 11:45 Baptism	8-Dec The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SvDP Meeting 19:00 Mass	9-Dec Tuesday of the 2nd week of Advent or Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary	10-Dec Wednesday of the 2nd week of Advent Our Lady of Loretto 09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation 19:30 Music Practice Praise & Glory	11-Dec Thursday of the 2nd week of Advent Saint Damasus I, Pope 09:00 Mass 19:00 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	12-Dec Friday of the 2nd week of Advent Our Lady of Guadalupe 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Practice - Nativity play 19:00 Choir Practice HJM	13-Dec Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr 7:00 Church Cleaning CFC 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass Bethlehem Olivewood Mission 18:00 Christmas Nativity, Carols & Family Fete
14-Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent Counters: Group 10 Bethlehem Olivewood Mission 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 Choir Practice CFC 10:30 Mass	15-Dec Monday of the 3rd week of Advent 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass Graduation SAP Yr6	16-Dec Tuesday of the 3rd week of Advent 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:30 Music Practice combined choir	17-Dec Fr Byrne - Anniversary of Death 09:00 Mass SAC staff 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Choir Last day for students	18-Dec 09:00 Mass 19:00 RCIA	19-Dec 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Music Practice Fresh in Faith Youth Choir 19:30 Music Practice St Andrew's Family Choir Last day of term	20-Dec 09:00 Mass 09:30 Parish Reconciliation 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 18:00 Holly Jolly Christmas event
21-Dec 4th Sunday of Advent Counters: Group 11 Marriage Blessing - All Masses 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass 11:45 Baptism	22-Dec 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SvDP Meeting School Holidays commence	23-Dec Commemoration of St John of Kęty, Priest 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:30 Music Practice combined choir	24-Dec 09:00 Mass 17:00 Vigil Mass 20:00 Vigil Mass 23:15 Carols Midnight Mass	25-Dec Christmas Day 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass Public Holiday Office Closed	26-Dec Saint Stephen, the first Martyr Boxing Day 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 18:00 Adoration - Youth TBC Public Holiday Office Closed	27-Dec Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist 09:00 Mass for the Sick 09:40 Legion of Mary 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass
28-Dec The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Counters: Group 12 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 Choir Practice CFC 10:30 Mass	29-Dec 5th day within the octave of Christmas Commemoration of Saint Thomas Becket Bishop, Martyr 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary Office Closed	30-Dec 6th day within the octave of Christmas 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary Office Closed	31-Dec 7th day within the octave of Christmas Commemoration of Saint Silvester I, Pope 09:00 Mass 18:00 Vigil Mass 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Choir Office Closed	1-Jan Mary, Mother of God 09:00 Mass Public Holiday Office Closed	2-Jan Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors First Friday 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 20:00 Church Cleaning HJM	3-Jan The Most Holy Name of Jesus First Friday 09:00 Mass 09:30 Parish Reconciliation 09:40 Legion of Mary 14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass

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USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert		
MUSIC	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	NO Music Mass

13th & 14th December 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 Joanel Dela Cruz	Derica Elogious Joy Kakodkar	Ferdi Chin Noe Adan
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Julie Nunez	Josephine Daly	Maricor Espinosa
FIRST READER	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Lewis Manalili	Connie Reyes	
SECOND READER	Theodora D'Lima	Maryse Pereira	Christine Monteiro	Jay Ilagan
PROJECTIONIST	Demaiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Clare Manu,
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Monica Desira, Honorio Domingo, Maria Webb, Merlie Domingo.	Maurice Pereira, Agnes Zabala, Luz Tiqui.	Rittarina Reay, Julietta Pareme, Salve Gatchalian, Sam Cassar, Aradhana Hyson.	Bessie Mojica, Brenda Payne, Anna Amos, Virginia Salom, Socorro Amos. Merlie Domingo
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 December 2025		LITURGY ROSTER		[3rd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Romeo Gapud,	Elvie Clark John Blackford	Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz	Ding Mojica, Morie Balisbisan
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Julie Nunez	Donna Ison	YouthWorks
FIRST READER	Joyce Vincent	Sharmali Perera	Melvina Vaz	YouthWorks
SECOND READER	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Agnes Zabala	Elizabeth Abbey	YouthWorks
PROJECTIONIST	Demmfiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Nenette Gapud, Cezare Estrera, Christiane Zammit, Mary-Ann Zammit.	Suzanne Daniels, Anthony Culbert, Maryse Pereira.	Maryanne Parsons, Rittarina Reay, Henrietta D'Sa, Estrellita Viola, +1	Aida Jamolin, Therrie Chin, Jay Ilagan, Vicky Ilagan, Maricor Espinosa. Bessie Mojica.
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert		
MUSIC	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	St Andrew's Family Choir	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir

27th & 28th December 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 Joanel Dela Cruz	Maria Hyson Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan, Ding Mojica
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud		Vinetta Lobo	
FIRST READER	Dorris Barrios	Elvie Clark	Rittarina Reay	Linda Raneer
SECOND READER	Therrie Chin	Elizabeth Abbey	Lydia Villamarin	Socorro Amos
PROJECTIONIST	Jerome Chin		Mariah Cutajar	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Merlie Domingo., Mariyam Wijeyaratnam, Anne Marie Moriarty, Henryka Ogrodniczek	Linda Dessa, Geraldine Pereira, Maurice Perera	Annette Morales, Joshua Daly, Maryanne Parsons, Estrellita Viola, Revathi Hyson	Brenda Payne, Virginia Salom, Luke Binny, Anna Amos, Socorro Amos. +1
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert		
MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	?	Couples For Christ Australia

CHRISTMAS

BEGINS WITH
Christ



St. Andrew the Apostle, Marayong
invites you to celebrate the

CHRISTMAS CAROLS, NATIVITY & FAMILY FETE 2025

★ *on Saturday, 13th December*

6.00pm ~ 8:45pm

in the Parish CHURCH & PIAZZA Area.

JOIN US for an evening of festivity with ...

**NATIVITY
PLAY**

**SUPPER
FOR ALL**

**FESTIVE
KARAOKE**

**GAME
STALLS
& PRIZES**

**DESSERTS
& DRINKS**

**SANTA'S
VISIT**

*...and
lots
more!!!*



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with Charbel Raish

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4 to December 9 (6 weeks)**

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36-40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong NSW

REGISTER:

