



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.



SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year C: Vol.51 No.02

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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,
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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
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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



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



Advent's Promise: Preparing Hearts for Christ's Coming

One quiet evening this week, I watched the moon rise in the sky. I wondered if it was growing toward fullness—not as a scientific question, but as a gentle murmur amid the quiet stirrings of wonder and calm. It spoke of a promise shining beyond the darkness. Advent invites us, too, to lift our eyes from life's busyness and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

The Second Sunday of Advent gently calls us to turn toward the promised future—a future where Christ will come in glory. Advent reminds us that Jesus' coming is not only the quiet, humble birth in Bethlehem, but also His promised return, bringing salvation, fulfillment, and peace to the world. The Scripture readings call us to hope, to prepare, and to live with expectation, ready to welcome Him.

Isaiah offers us a vision of a transformed world: the wolf will dwell with the lamb, the leopard with the young goat, and the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord (Isaiah 11:1-10). This is more than a poetic image; it is a promise that God's peace will renew all creation. True hope, Isaiah reminds us, moves us out of passivity. It calls us to imagine a better world and to live in ways that reflect God's justice and mercy.

St. Paul, writing to the Christians in Rome, prays that the God of endurance and encouragement grant them this same knowledge of the Lord. He urges them to live in harmony, think in accordance with Christ, and glorify God with one voice (Romans 15:4-9). Paul echoes Isaiah: peace begins in the heart, in our families, and in our communities.

Advent invites us to leave our comfort zones and enter the wilderness of preparation. Like John the Baptist, we are called to repentance and renewal (Matthew 3:1-12), so that Christ may find room in us. Let us hold fast to hope, trusting God's promise, so that one day the earth will indeed be filled with the knowledge of the Lord—and peace will reign.

.....Fr. Lauro Arcede SM

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 Ferdin 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	

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	Ferdin Chin Noe Adan	
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud		Josephine Daly	Maricor Espinosa	
FIRST READER	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Lewis Manalili	Connie Reyes		
SECOND READER	Theodora D'Lima	Maryse Pereira	Christine Monteiro	Jay Ilagan	
PROJECTIONIST	Demaiyah 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	



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

MISA DE GALLO



Our parish here at St. Andrew-Marayong, will celebrate Misa de Gallo at 4:30 am each morning from 16 to 24 December 2025.

Mesa de Gallo, which literally means "Rooster's Mass," is a centuries-old dawn tradition in which the faithful rise before sunrise to keep vigil in hopeful anticipation of Christ's coming. Celebrated as a nine-day Masses at dawn or early morning, it expresses Advent watchfulness, Marian devotion, preparation for the celebration of the mystery of Incarnation, Eucharistic commitment, and communal solidarity as the Church joyfully prepares for Christmas.



St Vincent de Paul Society

Christmas Appeal *good works*

Vinnies Christmas Appeal continues this weekend and we again ask for your donations of gift vouchers (pref. Coles & 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. 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.



THANK YOU
FOR HELPING HEAL BROKEN
HEARTS THIS CHRISTMAS



**SUPPORTING
CATHOLIC CARE
GRIEF & LOSS
COUNSELLING**

Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Christmas Appeal raised over \$7,700 to support Catholic Care's counsellors to continue bringing comfort and hope when it's needed most. Your kindness provides professional counselling, tailored care plans and the training that equips our team to serve with wisdom and compassion. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit :

parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code. Thank you.



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY:

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6. 10
Psalm: Ps 145:6-10
Second Reading: James 5:7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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

Christian Raymond Barrios, Gae Bergin, David Buttigieg,
Mark Caruana, Regina Castelino, Sonny Castelino, Alberto Castillejo,
Julie & Paul Clemson, Mary Cumbo, Anh Minh Doan, Marie Falzon,
Alejandra T. Espinosa, Wayne Fryer, Emma Gacusana, Jess Garcia Jr,
Anthony Grima, Elizabeth Hales, Ian Halpin, Viktoria Kovacs,
Benjamin Martyris, Librada Paule Macabulos, Bibiana Malaluan,
Reolito Lagman Macabulos Sr, Amalina Martyris, Joseph Martyris,
Sr. Alice Martyris, Graciano Menezes, Gregory Menezes,
Maria Menezes, Cecilia B. Milo, Marvin Monzon, Leticia Moraleda,
Lilia Magsino Nalapo, Marilyn Macabulos Nalapo, Maria Paulino,
Evelyn Velarde Ona, Fausta Gutierrez Paule, Joan Slater,
Phillip Rodriques, Emelinda Teoprora, Aeldred & Riolen Weber,
Stella & Felic Zammit, Annette Zarb, Andrews Family, Ayen Family,
D'Souza Family, Collins & Quinn Families,
McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, All Souls in Purgatory

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

Sunday

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

9-Dec

Tuesday of the
2nd week of Advent
St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

09:00 Mass
19:00 Legion of Mary

Wednesday

10-Dec

Wednesday of the
2nd week of Advent
Our Lady of Loreto

09:00 Mass
19:00 Novena & Mass
19:30 Baptism Preparation
19:30 Music Practice
Praise & Glory

Thursday

11-Dec

Thursday of the
2nd week of Advent
Saint Damasus I, Pope

09:00 Mass
19:00 Parish Pastoral
Council Meeting

Friday

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

Saturday

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



Christmas Nativity, Carols & Family Fete 2025

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



Sacramental Program Dates for 2026

SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

The Sacrament of First Penance Program will take place in Term 1 for children in Years 3 & above who have been baptised.

**Registration Forms may be collected from the Parish Office
from Tuesday 27th January 2026**

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office
on Sundays 1st February and 8th February 2026 between 9.30 and 11.30am]

Registration Evening:

Tuesday 10th February 2026 at 7.00pm in the Church

Classes:

Sundays 22nd February, 1st March and 8th March 2026

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



Sacrament of First Penance will be celebrated on :

Saturday 14th March (9:30 am) and/or Saturday 21st March (9:30 am) 2026

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 20th April 2026

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office
on Sunday 26th April and Sunday 3rd May 2026 between 9.30 and 11.30am]

Registration Evening:

Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 7.00pm in the Church



Classes: Sunday 24th May & Sunday 31st May 2026

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

Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

**Saturday 20th June (5pm), Sunday 21st June (8:45am)
Saturday 27th June (5pm) and Sunday 28th June (8:45 am)**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This Program will commence in Term 3 for children in Years 5 & above who have made their First Holy Communion.

Registration Forms may be collected from the Parish Office
from Monday 20th July 2026

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office
on Sunday 26th July and Sunday 2nd August 2026 between 9.30 and 11.30am]

Registration Evening:

Tuesday 4th August at 7.00 pm in the Church

Classes: Sunday 23rd August & Sunday 30th August 2026

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



Sacrament of Confirmation Ceremony:

15th & 16th September 2026 at 7:00pm