



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.



2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year C: Vol.51 No.08 17th & 18th January 2026

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,
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PARISH OFFICE:

Phone: 9622 0817
40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong 2148
[PO Box 4345]
Email Address:
saapm@bigpond.com
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 resumes Feb '26

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

SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

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That he is the Chosen One of God

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time and we will be in this first Ordinary Time until the middle of February when Lent begins. In the Gospel we hear about John the Baptist identifying Jesus as “the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.” According to Matthew John the Baptist does not know Jesus but he knew his job was to identify him. This was made possible because he saw the Holy Spirit coming down on Jesus, like a dove and resting on him. Therefore John the Baptist is able to declare, “I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.”

John the Baptist had a particular mission and you and I are invited to recognise that we have a mission as well. It is a twofold mission, firstly because of our Baptism, we have been anointed with the Holy Spirit and through Confirmation we have been sealed with the Holy Spirit and called into service. And secondly, we are invited to recognise the presence of the Holy Spirit in our world today and through the words and actions of others, just as John the Baptist did.

Those of us who are Baptised are baptised with water and the Holy Spirit. The water helps us understand the urgency and force of our call to be disciples of Jesus. The Holy Spirit assists us to know God’s Will in our lives. Both John the Baptist and Jesus had a calling. You and I have a calling, a vocation. As we begin this new year, how are we going to live out our vocation? Some days it is easy, other days, not so much. Perhaps over the years we can recognise that we are not as committed as we once were, can 2026 be the year we renew our commitment to take up the challenge of being disciples of and witnesses to the Good News?

Often we can feel as if the world has made a wrong turn or is moving in a direction that we cannot support. However, as believers, we are invited to recognise the Holy Spirit is alive and active in our world today. How do we see the ‘signs of the times’? How open are we to experiencing God’s closeness to us in our world and through others?

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

..... *Fr Kevin Redmond*

17th & 18th January 2026		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		Ding Mojica, Mauricio Balisbisan (B)
COMMENTATOR		Julie Nunez		YouthWorks
FIRST READER	Mercy Aquino	Luz Tiqui	Isabella Metcalfe	YouthWorks
SECOND READER		Sharmali Perera		YouthWorks
PROJECTIONIST	Demmfiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	Theodora D'Lima, Myles Andriesz, 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, Virginia Salom, Maricor Espinosa, Therrie Chin +1
USHERS/WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert		Aileen Dela Cruz
MUSIC	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir

24th & 25th January 2026		LITURGY ROSTER		[4th Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Myles Andriesz Kartiko Effendy	Aileen Dela Cruz Joenel Dela Cruz	Joy Kakodkar Maria Hyson	Noe Adan Ding Mojica
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Donna Ison		Therrie Chin
FIRST READER	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Elvie Clark	Martin Zammit	Socorro Amos
SECOND READER	Theodora D'Lima	Linda Dessa	Lydia Villamarin	Linda Ranee
PROJECTIONIST	Jacob Chin		Brianna Monteiro	
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	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, Virginia Salom, +3
USHERS/WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert		
MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	Couples For Christ Australia



PARISH YOUTH GROUP

E: youthworksadmin@gmail.com

IG / FB @youthworksmaryong

January 18th - YOUTH MASS - 10:30am

January 30th - ADORATION - 6pm in the CHURCH

FEAST DAY OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES

Next Saturday we celebrate the Feast day of St Francis de Sales a Bishop, a Doctor of the Church, a spiritual director, author, preacher and co-founder of the Order of the Visitation. He is also the patron of journalists. His most famous writing was the "Introduction to the Devout Life." One of his great teachings is the importance of the present moment, not living in the past or the future because this is the place where we come to know and live God's will.

Be the Witness musical auditions

Blacktown | 18–19 January 2026

Auditions are open for *Be the Witness*, a musical about St Peter the Apostle, presented by Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown.

Prepare a song of your choice with a backing track.

[Book](#) a 5-minute audition:

music@bethewitness.com.au

or learn more: BeTheWitness.com.au



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. **Spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment; registrations close 23rd January, 2026.**



MASS FOR THE SCHOLASTIC YEAR OF 2026

On Tuesday, January 27, at 10:00am there will be a Mass celebrated for the intentions of all those involved in education in our parish community. We encourage parishioners to come along and join with teachers, members of staff, and catechists of our Primary and Secondary Schools as we pray for a successful year for our students and all those involved in their education.



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS SUNDAY:

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

Psalm: Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

NEXT SUNDAY:

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

Psalm: Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

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

Shamal Pio Algama, Shamal Pio Algama, Guilherme Alvares, Josephine Alvares, Christian Raymond Barrios, Pedro Bladoria Sr, Mark Caruana, Julie & Paul Clemson, Edna Colley, Arsenio Cortez, Mary Cumbo, Balbino De La Rea, Telesforo G Espinosa, Marie Falzon, Raymond Grima, Analee Paule Macabulos, Jun Macapagal, Eulogio 'Macky' Macapagal, Maria Macaraeg, Mario Mamo, Ronald Manlapao, Kieren Marquillero, Lawrence Monteiro, Beatrice Moraleda, Felix Moraleda, Leticia Moraleda, Perla Moraleda, Ramon Moraleda, Angelito Magsino Nalapo, Lilia Magsino Nalapo, Marilyn Macabulos Nalapo, Bob Reyes, Antonio Gabriel Nalapo Sr, Wilfredo V Nemenzo Sr, Fritz Roussel, Punya Samarasinha, Josephine Schembri, Fennella Reyes Schicter, Perla Sicat, Vicente Sicat, Tomas Tan Sr, Evelyn Agbulos Velarde, Dominica Zammit, Stella & Felic Zammit, Farla & Duchenne Families, Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Vaz & Rodrigues Families, All Souls in Purgatory

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

Sunday

18-Jan

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Counters: Group 3

Marriage Blessing - All Masses

07:30 Mass

08:45 Mass

10:30 Mass

11:45 Baptism

Monday

19-Jan

Monday of week 2
in Ordinary Time

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

Tuesday

20-Jan

Tuesday of week 2
in Ordinary Time

Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr,

Saint Sebastian, Martyr

09:00 Mass

19:00 Legion of Mary

Wednesday

21-Jan

Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

09:00 Mass

19:00 Meeting FBC users

Thursday

22-Jan

Thursday of week 2
in Ordinary Time

Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr

09:00 Mass

14:00 Church Cleaning Group 4

19:00 Social Justice
group meeting

Friday

23-Jan

Friday of week 2
in Ordinary Time

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

19:00 Choir Practice HJM

Saturday

24-Jan

Saint Francis de Sales,
Bishop, Doctor

09:00 Mass for the Sick

09:40 Legion of Mary

16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary

17:00 Vigil Mass

18:00 Prayer Meeting HJM

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR PARISHES OF THE BLACKTOWN DEANERY

All Clergy, employees and volunteers in Ministry at Parishes in the Blacktown Deanery are now due to update their Safeguarding Training Modules.

New to Ministry or have not begun any Safeguarding Training? Complete Introductory Modules 1-3 (Cycle 1) Face- to-Face Cycle 1 opportunities are available on:

- During the day on [Wednesday 11th February](#) at Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown (9.30am-2.30pm)

Did you complete Cycle 1 Modules two years ago? Complete Renewal Modules 4 and 5 (Cycle 2)

Face- to-Face Cycle 2 opportunities are available on:

- Monday evenings [16th \(Mod 4\)](#) and [23rd February \(Mod 5\)](#) at St Andrew's Marayong (7.00pm-8.30pm)
- During the day on [Monday 23rd February](#) at St Andrew's Marayong (10.00am-1.30pm)
- [Wednesday 11th March](#) at Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown (9.30am-1.00pm)

Did you renew your Cycle 2 Modules 4 & 5 two years ago? Complete Refresher Module 6 (Cycle 3)

Face- to-Face Cycle 3 opportunity is available on:

- During the day on [Monday 10th February](#) at St Andrew's Marayong (10.00am-12.00noon)

You can register for the Face to Face Training opportunities at:

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

Safeguarding Training Modules can always be completed independently online at -

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> (details & links below):

Cycle 1 (New volunteers who have not completed any training within the Diocese)

[Module 1](#): Understanding Safeguarding and the Child Safe Standards (45min)

[Module 2](#): Legal Compliance, ROSH (Risk Of Significant Harm) and RC (Reportable Conduct) (45min)

[Module 3](#): Working with Adults at Risk and Understanding Boundaries (45min)

Cycle 2 (Renewal Training for volunteers who completed Cycle 1 two years ago)

[Module 4](#): Applying the Child Safe Standards to Safeguard Children & Adults at Risk (45min)

[Module 5](#): Legal Compliance: Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH) and Reportable Conduct (45min)

Cycle 3 (Renewal Training for volunteers who completed Cycle 2 two years ago)

Module 6: Legal Compliance and Continuous Improvement

-we hope the online version of this Refresher Module will be available by the end of February 2026.

For further inquiries please contact the Parish Office or email the Office for Safeguarding at:

safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Please update your Safeguarding Training this Autumn. Your renewal date will then be Autumn 2028.

Thank you for helping to make the Diocese of Parramatta a safe Church for children, young people and adults at risk.



Diocese of Parramatta on Social Media



Connect with the Diocese and find out the latest news and events on Social Media:

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic>



Twitter @parracatholic

Sacramental Program Dates for 2026

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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

“IN SANTO NIÑO WE ARE ONE”

36th
Anniversary
Fiesta Sinulog
2026



Cofradia del
Señor Santo Niño
of Sydney Incorporated

Main Celebrant: Fr Wim Hoekstra, EV

Sunday, 18 Jan '26 Concelebrated Mass at 2:00 pm

St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, NSW 2148

All devotees please bring your Santo Niño Statues

Contact Persons:

Ella 0404 871 319 . Marideth 0407 250 562 . Nick 0413 066 490 Luz 0410 564 331

Marissa 0431 503 333 . Dianne 0420 844 955 . Aline 0416 876 912 . Sarah 0405 756 752

SCHEDULE OF THE 9-DAYS NOVENA MASSES @ 7 PM

Date	Venue	Address
Day 1 Thursday , 8th Jan	Holy Spirit Catholic Church	5 Todd Row, St Clair, NSW 2759
Day 2 Friday , 9th Jan	St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church	326 High Street, Penrith NSW 2750
Day 3 Saturday , 10th Jan	Our Lady of Holy Rosary Catholic Church	26 Swanston Street, St Marys 2760
Day 4 Sunday , 11th Jan	St Aidan's Catholic Church	9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766
Day 5 Monday , 12th Jan	St Paul, the Apostle Catholic Church	40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills, NSW 2153
Day 6 Tuesday , 13th Jan	The Good Shepherd Catholic Church	136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton, NSW 2761
Day 7 Wednesday , 14th Jan	St Andrew, The Apostle Catholic Church	40 Breakfast Road, Marayong, NSW 2148
Day 8 Thursday , 15th Jan	Mary Immaculate Catholic Church	125 Barnier Drive, Quakers Hill, NSW 2763
Day 9 Friday , 16th Jan	Our Lady of the Rosary Church	8 Diana Avenue, Kellyville NSW 2155