



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.



3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year C: Vol.51 No.09 23rd & 24th 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.
Maria Hyson
(Sacramental Coordinator)
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Joe Clemson
(Office staff)

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
after hours 9671 5793

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

Acting Principal:

Annemarie Bond

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)

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**

WORD OF GOD: A light for searching world

In one of my recent conversations with parishioners after a weekday Mass, the emerging culture of our time was talked about. This dialogue provided deep insights into our world, which, in many ways, seems increasingly uncertain and searching. As humanity recognizes its technological, moral, ecological, and existential limits, we are witnessing a shift from certainty to responsibility, from abstract ideals to concrete realities, and from the pursuit of power to the search for meaning. We are not living in an era of consensus, but one of profound reorientation. Across different cultures and belief systems, people are asking not only what is true, but what kind of world we are becoming and what it truly means to be human. This search for meaning is particularly the challenge among young people, who have grown up in a post-secular, post-ideological society that is rich in information and knowledge, yet often struggles with a sense of transcendence.

In this context, the Word of God speaks powerfully. The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, established by Pope Francis as the Sunday of the Word of God, highlights the centrality of Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church. Scripture is not merely something to be read, but to be proclaimed, listened to, studied, and lived. "The Word of God is not a distant or abstract text; it is a living Word that speaks directly to humanity, especially in times of confusion, division, and longing (cf. *Dei Verbum*)."

The Gospel of Matthew (4:12–23) beautifully illustrates this message. Jesus begins His ministry in Galilee, a region populated by Gentiles, signaling that the good news is for all people. He proclaims the Kingdom of God, calls disciples, and heals the sick, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy of a great light shining on those in darkness. In a world searching for direction, the Gospel declares that this light has already entered history.

In his First Letter to the Corinthians (1:10–13, 17), St. Paul emphasizes the importance of unity in the Church. He reminds believers that their baptism is in the name of Christ, not in the name of any human leader. True unity, Paul insists, comes not from ideologies or personalities, but from a shared identity in Christ.

In a fragmented world overwhelmed by information yet yearning for meaning, the Word of God calls us back to what unites, heals, and enlightens us. It invites us not only to know more but to live more fully, rediscovering in Christ what it truly means to be human.

.....Fr. Lauro Arcede SM



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING for Parishes of the Blacktown Deanery				
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:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">During the day on Wednesday 11th February at Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown (9.30am-2.30pm)				
Did you complete Cycle 1 Modules two or more years ago? Complete Renewal Modules 4 and 5 (Cycle 2)				
Face- to-Face Cycle 2 opportunities are available on:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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 or more years ago? Complete Refresher Module 6 (Cycle 3)				
Face- to-Face Cycle 3 opportunity is available on:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">During the day on Tuesday 10th February at St Andrew's Marayong (10.00am-12.00noon)				
https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training				

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	Ritaria Reay	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	Dolette Enriquez, Christine Zammit, Mary-Ann Zammit. +1	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 Ograniczek, 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 30th - ADORATION - 6pm in the CHURCH

PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA DAY

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new.

We bless you, God of the universe, for this land, for its contrasts of landscape and climate, for its abundance of wealth and opportunity.

Father of all, we thank you for your care. You are our hope. Make us strong as we face the problems of change. We ask you to help all the people of Australia listen to and respect the culture of our First Nations Peoples.

Make the knowledge of you grow strong in all people, so that we can make a home for everyone in our land. Give us in our diversity tolerance and respect for each other and a passionate commitment to justice for all. Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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.



Invitation to all - open auditions

Sunday 1st from 11am-1pm and 2pm-4pm and Monday 2nd of February from 6pm-8pm, which will take place in the Parish Office at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown.

Please register to audition by emailing music@bethewitness.com.au

Thanks

SVdP Christmas Appeal 2025



St Vincent de Paul Society

Christmas Appeal *good works*

Once again, your contribution to the Christmas appeal was overwhelming. The appeal raised \$6,820 in gift vouchers and \$1,062 in cash totaling \$7882.

This Christmas we visited forty five families. They each received a Christmas Hamper donated by St Andrews College and thanks to your generosity we were able to give the families gift vouchers totalling \$8,900. On behalf of the people we serve in our community thank you for your continued support.

SVdP Marayong Conference

The Parish Office will be closed

On Monday for the Australia Day public holiday, January 26th.



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY:

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13

Psalm: Ps 145:7-10

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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

Shamal Shamal Pio Algama, Guilherme Alvares, Josephine Alvares, Felicito Baltazar, Eulogio Canicula, Mark Caruana, Julie & Paul Clemson, Edna Colley, Arsenio Cortez, Mary Cumbo, Balbino De La Rea, Aurora Nicolas de Pedro, Erlinda de Pedro Lamoridan, Elpidio de Pedro Sr, Fabiana Pangilinan dela Cruz, Martha D'souza, Ghyliane Duhau, Sheila Evans, Marie, Frank & John Falzon, Antonio Ferrer Sr, Felix Flaminiano Jr, Raymond Grima, Abelardo Hipolito, Salome Hipolito, Rodolfo Q Jimenez, George Kitney, Mario Lagado, Faiitua Gatai Lama, Marciano Malaluan, Peter Manché, Ante & Katica Medved, James Parsons, Catalina Paz, Orlando Punzalan, Rodrigo Rupac, Punya Samarasinha, Stella & Felic Zammit, Duchenne & Farla Families, Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Vaz & Rodrigues Families, All Souls in Purgatory

Please remember in your prayers

Sunday

25-Jan

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Counters: Group 4

07:30 Mass

08:45 Mass

10:30 Mass

Monday

26-Jan

Australia Day

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

19:00 SVdP Meeting

Public Holiday

Office Closed

Tuesday

27-Jan

Tuesday of week 3
in Ordinary Time

Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops,

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

*Registrations Open -
Reconciliation*

09:00 Mass

10:00 Opening School Mass 2026

19:00 Legion of Mary

First day of term

Wednesday

28-Jan

Saint Thomas Aquinas,
Priest, Doctor

09:00 Mass

Thursday

29-Jan

Thursday of week 3
in Ordinary Time

09:00 Mass

19:00 RCIA

Friday

30-Jan

Friday of week 3
in Ordinary Time

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

18:00 Adoration - Youth

Saturday

31-Jan

Saint John Bosco, Priest

09:00 Mass

09:40 Legion of Mary

11:00 CFCA Evangelisation Rally

16:00 Music Practice

Worship Hymn

16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary

17:00 Vigil Mass

31st January & 1st February 2026		LITURGY ROSTER		[1st Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Romeo Gapud	Ruben Bables John Fernandes	Olan Cruise Joy Kakodkar	Jacob Chin
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Gari de Guzman	Maria Hyson	Lita Picart
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
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	Myra Estrera, Mirza Alata, Valerian D'Lima, +1	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	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Mafi Family Choir

7th & 8th February 2026		LITURGY ROSTER		[2nd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Myles Andriesz	Aileen Dela Cruz Joenel Dela Cruz	Derica Elogious Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Julie Nunez	Josephine Daly	Maricor Espinosa
FIRST READER	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Lewis Manalili	Connie Reyes	Lita Picart
SECOND READER	Theodora D'Lima	Maryse Pereira	Christine Monteiro	Jay Ilagan
PROJECTIONIST	Demaiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	Monica Desira, Honorio Domingo, Maria Webb, Merlie Domingo.	Maurice Perera, Agnes Zabala, Luz Tiqui.	Rittarina Reay, Julieta 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	Lorraine's Choir	NO Music Mass	Praise and Glory	Couples For Christ Australia

14th & 15th February 2026		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	Joy Kakodkar	Ding Mojica, Morie Balisibsan
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	Demmfyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	Nenette Gapud, Cezaire 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	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	St Andrew's Family Choir	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir

21st & 22nd February 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	Maria Hyson Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan, Ding Mojica
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud		Vinetta Lobo	
FIRST READER	Dorris Barrios	Elvie Clark	Rittarina Reay	Linda Ranee
SECOND READER		Elizabeth Abbey	Lydia Villamarin	Socorro Amos
PROJECTIONIST	Jerome Chin		Mariah Cutajar	
EUCARISTIC 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
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MUSIC	Lorraine's Choir	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Couples For Christ Australia



CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL OF PARAMATTA DIOCESE



HOLY SPIRIT MISSION

2026

Come alive in the Holy Spirit!

1 Corinthians 12

DATE & TIME

Saturday, the 21st of February, 2026

From 12.00 PM to 5.00 PM

Sausage Sizzle at 12PM

VENUE

Our Lady Queen of Peace Greystanes (School Camilleri Hall)

198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes 2145

*Day Care / Child Minding services will be provided
for children aged 2 to 6 years.*



Scan To Register



DIOCESE of
PARRAMATTA

"LET US BE CLOSE TO OUR
BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO
ARE GOING THROUGH ILLNESS
AND ALSO THEIR FAMILIES."
POPE FRANCIS



CELEBRATING

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

MASS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

WITH THE RITE OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

At the conclusion of Mass, a special blessing will be given
for all carers and those who minister to the sick.

WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 11AM 2026

Main Celebrant: Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv. DD.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church,
51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown

Refreshments available following Mass. For catering purposes, RSVP to:
ofw@parracatholic.org | 0460 037 795

Sacramental Program Dates for 2026

SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

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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