



# 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 BAPTISM of the LORD

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year C: Vol.51 No.07 10th & 11th 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,  
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#### PARISH OFFICE:

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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](http://www.standrewspsmarayong.catholic.edu.au)  
Principal: Yvette McGowen  
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Marayong 2148

##### **ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE**

[www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au](http://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



## FIESTA SINULOG 2026

Day 7 of the nine days Novena Masses will be held at

St Andrew the Apostle Marayong on

Wednesday 14th January, 2026 at 7:00pm

in the lead up to the Concelebrated Mass  
lead by Fr Wim on

**SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY 2026 at 2:00 PM**

St Patricks Church, 51-59 Allawah St BLACKTOWN

ALL DEVOTEES PLEASE BRING YOUR SANTO NINO STATUES

# Baptism of the Lord

We celebrate this Sunday the Baptism of the Lord. It is an opportunity for us to reflect on our own baptism. The sacrament of baptism initiates us in the life of Christ. This feast invites us to reflect on our Christian journey. What is our purpose as Christians?

Our First Reading from Isaiah speaks about God's promise to bring justice to the world. To make the blind see, to free prisoners, and to bring enlightenment to those in darkness. The prophecy of Isaiah reminds us of God's goodness. His love and compassion towards humanity.

In the Acts of the Apostles, it proclaims that Jesus came to bring peace. Jesus brought peace by gathering people to God. It was manifested through his ministry. His love for the people, his care and support, and his mercy and compassion.

The Gospel of Mark tells a familiar story of the Baptism of the Lord. During Lord's baptism, his identity was revealed as the Beloved Son of God. His identity also transforms his purpose. Which the first and second readings proclaimed. God had a plan to redeem us and gave Jesus to serve that purpose. To rescue humanity from the darkness of sin.

As we contemplate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, let us reflect on our own baptism. We have been called to share in the life of Jesus to serve God's purpose in bringing people to Himself. Our baptism also transforms us into the life of Jesus. We are called to bring justice and peace amongst our communities. To share the love and mercy of God with one another. Our purpose as Christians is to live a good and righteous life and to inspire others to the life of Christ. Let us strive to be good followers of Jesus by bringing people to God through our Christian actions and good works.

.....from Fr Floyd Gatana SM

10th & 11th January 2026		LITURGY ROSTER			[2nd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Myles Anderiesz	Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz	Nayana Menezes Lobo Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan	
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Nenette Gapud	Gari De Guzman	Josephine Daly	Socorro Amos	
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Doris Barrios	Anthony Culbert	Nerissa Toong	Vicky Ilagan	
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Therrie Chin	Nila Mangona	Christina Monteiro	Jay Ilagan	
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Demaiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli		
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	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	
<b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert			
<b>MUSIC</b>	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	

17th & 18th January 2026		LITURGY ROSTER			[3rd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Romeo Gapud, Bernardo Rivera	Elvie Clark John Blackford		Ding Mojica, Mauricio Balisbisan (B)	
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Melvina Vaz	Julie Nunez		YouthWorks	
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Mercy Aquino	Luz Tiqui	Isabella Metcalfe	YouthWorks	
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Therrie Chin	Sharmali Perera		YouthWorks	
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Demmfiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	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 Virginia Salom, Maricor Espinosa, +2	
<b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert		Aileen Dela Cruz	
<b>MUSIC</b>	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir	



## PARISH YOUTH GROUP

E: youthworksadmin@gmail.com  
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January 16<sup>th</sup> - CHOIR PRACTICE - 7pm at the FBC  
January 18<sup>th</sup> - YOUTH MASS - 10:30am  
January 30<sup>th</sup> - ADORATION - 6pm in the CHURCH

### 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](mailto:music@bethewitness.com.au)

or learn more: [BeTheWitness.com.au](http://BeTheWitness.com.au)



### MASS TIMETABLE CHANGES:

★There will not be our customary Novena Mass on Wednesday evening through the whole of January 2026.

★However there will be a 7:00 pm Mass on Wednesday, 14th January 2026 as part of the preparation for the feast of the Infant Child Jesus Senor Santo Nino).

**Wednesday Novena & First Friday Adoration & evening Masses will resume from the beginning of February in 2026.**

### 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.**

### THE SUNDAY MASS – ... Why Do we Have ‘Ordinary’ Sundays?

In between all the special festive occasions that occur in the life of a family there are many days which we might call ‘ordinary’. Filled with daily rituals – preparing meals, fronting up for work, dropping the kids at footy practice, Little Athletics and music and swimming lessons – these are an essential dimension of family life.

Our Church Calendar, too, has periods called ‘Sundays in Ordinary Time’ or ‘Sundays of the Year’ which are numbered consecutively. In between all the ‘special occasions’ (the various Christian Feasts and Seasons) they are the sustaining celebrations of our life together as a faith family.



#### MASS READINGS -YEAR C

##### THIS SUNDAY:

##### **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7  
Psalm: Ps 28:1-4. 9-10  
Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38  
Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

##### NEXT 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

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

Shamal Pio Algama, Guilherme Alvares,  
Josephine Alvares, Lourdes Arranz, Marciano Arranz Sr,  
Josephine Attard, Christian Raymond Barrios,  
Emmanuel Canonizado, Mark Caruana, Vicente Chavez,  
Julie & Paul Clemson, Arsenio Cortez, Mary Cumbo,  
Balbino De La Rea, Elvira De Leon, Salvatore Di Maria,  
Suzanne D. Espinosa, Emma Gacusana, Raymond Grima,  
Luisito Guanlao, Rommel Valentino Hapin,  
Ricardo Llamoso Jr, Kieren Marquillero,  
Gregory Menezes, Daisy Pangilinan, Lolita Ramos,  
Punya Samarasinha, Joan Slater, Stella & Felic Zammit,  
Andrews Family, Collins & Quinn Families,  
D'Souza Family, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families,  
Vaz & Rodrigues Families, All Souls in Purgatory  
.....**Please remember in your prayers**

### Sunday

11-Jan

#### The Baptism of the Lord

Counters: Group 2

07:30 Mass

08:45 Mass

10:30 Mass

### Monday

12-Jan

Monday of week 1  
in Ordinary Time

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

19:00 SVdP Meeting

### Tuesday

13-Jan

Tuesday of week 1  
in Ordinary Time

Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor

09:00 Mass

19:00 Legion of Mary

### Wednesday

14-Jan

Wednesday of week 1  
in Ordinary Time

09:00 Mass

19:00 Novena Mass for the  
Holy Infant Jesus-Sto Nino

19:30 Music Practice

Lorraine's Choir

19:30 Baptism Preparation

### Thursday

15-Jan

Thursday of week 1  
in Ordinary Time

09:00 Mass

### Friday

16-Jan

Friday of week 1  
in Ordinary Time

09:00 Mass

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

Music Practice

17:00 Fresh in Faith Youth Choir

### Saturday

17-Jan

Saint Antony, Abbot

09:00 Mass

10:00 Church Cleaning - LoM P1

14:00 Holy Trinity

Prayer Community

16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary

17:00 Vigil Mass

## MANDATORY DIOCESEAN SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

As part of the Diocese of Parramatta's commitment to ensuring all children and adults at risk are safe, respected, protected and supported in our care, **all volunteers in our parishes and ministries are required to complete Mandatory Safeguarding Training**. The Diocese supports all Parishes with ongoing education in safeguarding training with an online learning platform and face to face opportunities linked and listed below. (Renewed every two years).

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

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)

and/or in person (face-to-face) sessions linked and listed below.

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

**We are arranging some face to face sessions for cycle 2 (compliance/renewal training) to be held in our parish Fr Byrne Centre on:**

**16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7pm – [Module 4](#)**

**23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 at 7pm – [Module 5](#)**

and also on:

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 from 10:00am until 1:30pm (with 30 minute lunch break) for both [modules 4 & 5](#)

and also at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026

from 9:30am until 2:30pm for cycle 1 [modules 1-3](#)

from 9:30am until 1:30pm for cycle 2 [modules 4&5](#)

### WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

The Working with Children Check (WWCC) is a NSW Government requirement for anyone who works or volunteers in child-related work in NSW (Renewed every five years).

You can apply for one here: <https://wwccheck.ocg.nsw.gov.au/Apply>



## 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**



# “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:

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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