



# 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.



## 6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year A: Vol.51 No.12 14th & 15th February 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)  
Merlinda (Merly) Generalao,  
Michelle Sultana &  
Joe Clemson  
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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: 7.00am 9.00am  
Mass: 7.00pm  
Thursday: 9.00am  
Friday: 9.00am  
Mass & Stations: 7.00pm  
Saturday: 9.00am

#### PARISH SCHOOLS:

##### ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY

[www.standrewspsmarayong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.standrewspsmarayong.catholic.edu.au)

Acting Principal:

Annemarie Bond

Phone: 8869 6700

Address: 36 Breakfast Road  
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##### 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

## 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)

Available online: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/courses>

**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:

- Monday evenings [16<sup>th</sup> \(Mod 4\)](#) and [23<sup>rd</sup> February \(Mod 5\)](#) at St Andrew's Marayong (7.00pm-8.30pm)
- During the day on [Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February](#) at St Andrew's Marayong (10.00am-1.30pm)
- [Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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)  
Cycle 3 will shortly be available online:

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

Safeguarding Training Modules can always be completed independently online at -

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

*Please update your Safeguarding Training by 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.*

# It begins in the heart

“As long as you don’t do anything bad to someone, it’s okay.” Many people live by this idea, believing that as long as they avoid harming others, they are living rightly. But the Gospel calls us to something deeper. It demands more than mere avoidance of wrongdoing. It calls for the transformation of the heart.

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time invites us to deepen our understanding of God’s commandments, moving beyond external rules to the interior conversion of our hearts.

The Book of Sirach (15:15-20) reminds us that keeping the law is not a mere obligation, but an act of love, a deliberate choice between life and death, between good and evil. The choice we make shapes our eternity. Choosing to live by God’s commandments is, in essence, choosing life. St. Paul seems to tell us, as he writes to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 2:6–10), that true maturity comes from embracing God’s wisdom, a mysterious, hidden wisdom, predestined before the ages, prepared for those who love God, and revealed through the Spirit. This wisdom transforms the way we see and live in the world.

Jesus teaches that the law is fulfilled not simply through ritual obedience, but through righteous relationships in the kingdom of heaven. The essence of the law is self-giving love (cf. Matthew 5:17-37). Whenever self-giving is absent, even the strictest observance falls short. Keeping the law is not an end in itself, it is the path to a life of genuine care, of true connection with others, and ultimately, to the fullness of life.

The Lord does not come to impose new laws. He offers a renewed vision, a strengthened covenant, and the grace to obey from the heart, the place where human intentions are formed, purified, and directed toward God. True obedience begins within, guiding every act toward love, justice, and life. Let us guard what is formed in our hearts.

.....Fr. Lauro Arcede SM

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 Balisbisan
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer		Donna Ison	YouthWorks
FIRST READER	Joyce Vincent	Sharmali Perera	Melvina Vaz	YouthWorks
SECOND READER		Agnes Zabala	Elizabeth Abbey	YouthWorks
PROJECTIONIST	Demmfiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco
EUCARISTIC 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	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
USHERS/WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert		
MUSIC	Lorraine's Choir	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Couples For Christ Australia



## the season of Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 18th February, 2026.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others.

We need to connect with each other. The great practices of lent are our means of connection. To pray is to connect with the Lord. To give alms is to practice human kindness. To fast is to connect with oneself. Take the ashes upon your foreheads this week and make the connection. We came from dust. But from this dust God has created something wonderful, this world and ourselves in it. Do not destroy God's work. As members of Jesus Christ, bring his peace to all people.

### Masses for Ash Wednesday

7:00am; 9:00am; 7:00pm

This day is so very important as we begin our journey to Easter so it comes with the strongest recommendation to participate in the offering of the Mass and the reception of the ashes.

### PREPARING FOR OUR PERSONAL LENTEN JOURNEY

We should never underrate the importance of this season as it is a time for renewal and new beginnings in our faith journey.

What special efforts are we going to make? How are we going to make prayer more important in our lives? How are we going to show our love for others? How important will project compassion be to us? What form of self-denial are we going to exercise to grow more to our potential? Our efforts do not need to be monumental, small acts of kindness may be all it takes; smile and thank the shop assistant; pick up some rubbish; hold the door for the stranger behind you; let someone into your lane - these small gestures of goodwill maybe all it takes for our personal new beginning, for our connectedness to each other and to our God. Use your heart, mind and hands to emulate Jesus. Make Lent your new beginning.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Thankyou to those who have already volunteered to lead us in the Stations of the Cross through Lent, there are still dates to fill, contact the parish office to volunteer.

Friday, February 20: *Volunteer required*

Friday, February 27: *Volunteer required*

Friday, March 06: *Hearts*

Friday, March 13: *Social Justice Group*

Friday, March 20: *Volunteer required*

Friday, March 27: *Volunteer required*

Good Friday, April 03: *Volunteer required*



### MASS READINGS -YEAR A

#### THIS SUNDAY:

#### **6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Psalm: Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34

Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

#### NEXT SUNDAY:

#### **7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Lev 19:1-2. 17-18

Psalm: Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13

Second Reading: 1 Cor 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

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

Ernesto 'Ernie' Aaron, Dolficio Aguro, Guilherme Alvares, Josephine Alvares, Melchora Bana Nola, Christian Raymond Barrios, Fernando Bobadilla Sr, Marlene Borg, Allen Brady, Elijah Brown, Ronnie Cachia, Mary Cumbo, Esperanza Calubaquib, Julie & Paul Clemson, Elvira De Leon, Anthony Grima, Fabiana dela Cruz, Romeo & Paciencia Detosil, Josephine Durana, Alejandra T. Espinosa, Raymond Grima, Troy Herben, Julieta Labuca, Mary-an Leopoldo, Damiana Limpot, Ruben Limpot, Ricardo Lumanta, Librada Paule Macabulos, Abraham Macaraeg, Family Cuna Manca, Consuelo Mangona, Rafael Mangona Jr, Gregory Menezes, Alberto Mibulos, Amania Mibulos, Ernesto Mibulos, Magdalena Mibulos, Magdalina Mibulos, Federico Mibulos. Jr, Federico B Mibulos. Sr, Rosario Micallef, Ester Perla Moraleda, Antida Jane Morello, Lilia Magsino Nalapo, Marilyn Macabulos Nalapo, Denis Nalletanby, Victor Narraga, Julie Nunez, Eustaguo Oerba, Guillermo Oerba, Daisy Pangilinan, Eustaguo Oerba, Guillermo Oerba, Daisy Pangilinan, Sarah Maria Ramirez, Punya Samarasinha, Julita G San Jose, Alvin Sebastian, Antonio Soriano, Antonia Sultana, Luana Mancua Terra, Nazreno Teuma, Stella & Felic Zammit, Spediciano, Vadacca, Duchenne & Farla Families, Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Vaz & Rodrigues Families, All Souls in Purgatory

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

Sunday	15-Feb
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Counters: Group 7 Marriage Blessing - All Masses 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass 11:45 Baptism
Monday	16-Feb
	Monday of week 6 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SGT C2 M4 FBC 19:00 Sacramental Facilitators Briefing FBC
Tuesday	17-Feb
	Tuesday of week 6 in Ordinary Time The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's choir
Wednesday	18-Feb
	Ash Wednesday 07:00 Mass 09:00 Mass 19:00 Mass 19:00 Music Practice CFCA
Thursday	19-Feb
	Thursday after Ash Wednesday 09:00 Mass 19:00 RCIA
Friday	20-Feb
	Friday after Ash Wednesday 09:00 Mass 11:00 Funeral Julie Nunez 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass & Stations of the Cross 19:30 Music Practice Family Choir
Saturday	21-Feb
	Saturday after Ash Wednesday Commemoration of Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning Lom P2 12:00 Mass associates CSFN 14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 16:00 Music Practice Worship Hymn 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:00 SAYWAT



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## PARISH YOUTH GROUP

February 20 - CHOIR PRACTICE - 7pm at the FBC

February 21 - SAYWAT - 6pm at the FBC

February 22 - YOUTH MASS - 10:30am

Saturday, February 28 - ADORATION - 6pm in the CHURCH



## Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth

are inviting parishioners to join them for a  
Holy Family Association & Friends gathering.

Date: Saturday, 21 February 2026

Venue: Queen of Poland Convent, Meeting Room  
116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong

09.30 am: Arrival & Morning Tea

10.30 am: A talk on explaining the Mass

12.00 pm: Eucharist, Fr Kevin Redmond, SM

at the Convent Chapel followed by Lunch

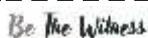
For more information and to RSVP by 19 February,  
please contact Sr Rita 0424 678 766 Email: rita@csfn.org.au



**Look forward to seeing you there!**

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FACILITATORS

Current facilitators as well as people interested in becoming facilitators for our Sacramental Programs in 2026 are asked to complete an Expression of Interest Form available from the Parish Office. There will be a **briefing for Sacramental facilitators at 7:00pm on February 16 in the Chapel room Fr Byrne centre**



NEW DATES FOR CHORUS AUDITIONS Monday 16th & 23rd February from 6:30pm, in the Parish Office at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown.



The team at **Be The Witness** would like to invite all those interested to come and audition for this amazing evangelical musical.

To register and book your time, please scan the QR code and fill in your details.

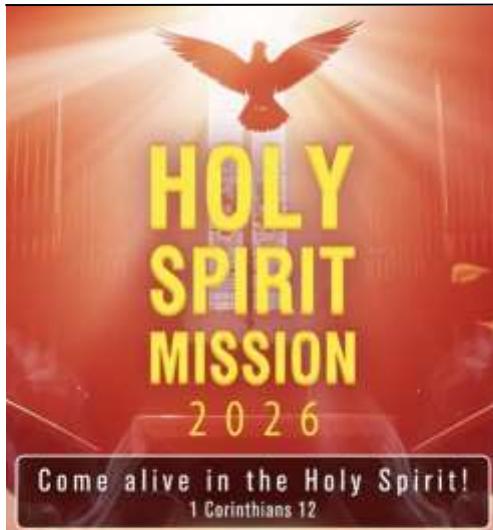


The official journey toward the International Eucharistic Congress 2028 (Eucharist28), to be held in Sydney, has formally begun with the launch of the website <https://eucharist28.org/> and the rollout of national parish resources across Australia.

Eucharist28 marks a significant moment in the life of the Church in Australia, coinciding with the centenary of the first International Eucharistic Congress (IEC) held in Sydney in 1928. More than a single event, the Congress is being shaped as a multi-year national pilgrimage of prayer, formation, and renewal, inviting Catholics across Australia, Oceania, and beyond to rediscover the transforming power of the Eucharist.

To mark the official commencement of this time of preparation for the IEC, there will also be a nationwide Holy Hour on Sunday, 1 March 2026. At St Andrew the Apostle Marayong we are planning to hold Eucharistic Adoration following the 8:45am Mass (until about 10:15am) that Second Sunday in Lent.

Hearing the Gospel of the Transfiguration proclaimed on that Sunday, it is hoped that we may all be united in prayer across the country, seeking a eucharistic transfiguration of our own lives and within our communities.



## Invitation from CCR Parramatta

Experience a life-changing encounter with the Holy Spirit at the annual **HOLY SPIRIT MISSION** event! This free gathering is open to everyone seeking a deeper understanding and connection with the Holy Spirit. Discover the Spiritual Gifts and how to grow in them.

Receive encouragement, help, and support from charismatic communities. **Join us on:**

**Saturday 21 February, 2026**

**12pm to 5pm**

**Camilleri Hall, OLQP Parish.**

**198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes.**

Register Now for this free event. Come and be Renewed, Encouraged, Healed, and Supported!

**Please scan the QR code to register.**

