



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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.51 No.17 21st & 22nd March 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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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
Mass & Novena: 7.00pm
Thursday: 9.00am
Friday: 9.00am
Mass & Stations: 7.00pm
Saturday: 9.00am

PARISH SCHOOLS:

ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY
www.standrewpsmarayong.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

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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

Lent, Holy Week & Easter 2026 Mass Times

MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent at 7:00pm:
March 20 & 27

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

After weekday Masses
or by appointment.

April 3 - Good Friday after
Stations of the Cross

April 4 - Holy Saturday 9:30am

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

March 28 - Vigil Mass 5:00pm

March 29 - **Palm Sunday**

Masses at 7:30, 8:45 & 10:30am



"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, though he dies, shall live. Whoever lives and believes in me will never die"
John 11:25-26

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE (cont)

March 30 - 9:00am Mass

March 31 - 9:00am Mass

April 1 - 9:00am Mass

Chrism Mass 7:00pm

St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta

EASTER TRIDUUM

April 2- 7:00pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

April 3- **Good Friday**

10:00am *Stations of the Cross*

3:00pm **Comm. of the Lord's Passion**

April 4- Holy Saturday

7:00pm **Easter Vigil Mass**

April 5- Easter Sunday

Masses at - 7:30, 8:45 & 10:30am

Unbind him, let him go free

We have come to the Fifth Sunday of Lent, and in this Year A, we hear from John’s Gospel and the account of the resurrection of Jesus’ friend Lazarus. We are told that Mary, Martha and Lazarus are very close to Jesus, but when told of Lazarus’ illness, Jesus does not immediately go to see them but waits. This delay is so that the power of Jesus can be illustrated through bringing Lazarus back to life. Jesus calls Lazarus, “Lazarus, here! Come out!” When Lazarus comes from the tomb, Jesus then calls for them to, “Unbind him, let him go free.”

We have the miracle of Lazarus coming back from the dead and we are told that many people believed in Jesus because they had seen what he did. In the story, Lazarus had been dead for four days. This is significant because at the time of Jesus, the four-day mark, indicated that a person really was dead and not just in a comma. That is why Martha had told Jesus that, opening the tomb was a bad idea because there would be a smell.

For you and I, the miracle of Lazarus coming back from the dead is a powerful illustration, a powerful sign of the way the power of Jesus can work in the life of an individual. But more than that, it allows us to reflect about how the power of God, especially in this Lenten season, can be seen as alive and active in our lives and world. In what ways is Jesus asking you and I to ‘come out’ and how are we ‘to go free?’

The purpose of our Lenten journey is to allow us to be free from those entrapments that cause us to move away from God’s path in our lives. In what ways do we experience ‘dying’ in our lives? What entraps us or ensnares us, that the grace of Jesus is challenging us to let go of, to be free from?

There is pain in allowing things to die, but Jesus is offering us so much more, life to the full (John 3:16). That fullness of life comes from embracing the truth of God’s presence in our lives, not just what the world is offering.

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

..... *Fr Kevin Redmond sm*

| 21st & 22nd March 2026 | | LITURGY ROSTER | | | [4th Sunday of the Month] |
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| MINISTRIES | 5.00pm | 7.30am | 8.45am | 10.30am | |
| MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR | Myles Anderiesz, Kartiko Effendy | Aileen Dela Cruz, Joenel Dela Cruz | Maria Hyson, Joy Kakodkar | Noe Adan, Ding Mojica | |
| COMMENTATOR | Nenette Gapud | Zeni Bables, | Vinetta Lobo | Therrie Chin | |
| FIRST READER | Dorris Barrios | Elvie Clark | Rittarina Reay | <i>Volunteer required</i> | |
| SECOND READER | <i>Volunteer required</i> | Elizabeth Abbey | Lydia Villamarin | Socorro Amos | |
| PROJECTIONIST | <i>Volunteer required</i> | <i>Volunteer required</i> | Mariah Cutajar | Jerome Chin | |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Merlie Domingo., Mariyam Wijeyaratnam, Anne Marie Moriarty, Henryka Ogrodniczek | 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 | <i>Volunteer required</i> | <i>Volunteer required</i> | |
| Music | Lorraine's Choir | NO Music Mass | Worship Hymn | Couples For Christ Australia | |

| 28th / 29th March 2026 | | PASSION SUNDAY (Palm Sunday) | | | (5th Sunday of the Month) |
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| MINISTRY | 5.00pm | 7.30am | 8.45am | 10.30am | |
| Acolytes Ministers at the Altar | Joe Doyle, Nayana Menezes Lobo | Joenel Dela Cruz | Derica Elogious | <i>Volunteer required</i> | |
| Commentator | Erna Ferrer | <i>Volunteer required</i> | Melvina Vaz | Socorro Amos | |
| First Reader | Myles Anderiesz | Nila Mangona | Children's Choir | Maricor Espinosa | |
| Second Reader | Mercy Aquino | <i>Volunteer required</i> | Children's Choir | Maria Carpio | |
| Gospel: Narrator: Other Parts: | Jesus: Priest Erna Ferrer Choir Member | Jesus: Priest <i>Volunteer required</i> <i>Volunteer required</i> | Jesus: Priest Melvina Vaz Choir Member | Jesus: Priest Socorro Amos Choir Member | |
| Projectionist | <i>Volunteer required</i> | <i>Volunteer required</i> | Jeremy Portelli | <i>Volunteer required</i> | |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Mirza Alata, Nenette Gapud, Theodora D'Lima, Mariyam Wijeyaratnam | Maryse Pereira, Anthony Culbert, Luz Tiqui | Rittarina Reay, Rose Rotik, Maria Hyson, Estrellita Viola, Maryanne Parsons | Luke Binny, Maria Carpio, Virginia Salom, Linda Rane, Linda Rane, | |
| Ushers/Welcomers | Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler | Anthony Culbert | <i>Volunteer required</i> | Anna Amos | |
| Music | Hearts of Jesus & Mary | NO Music Mass | Children's choir | Choir & Rondalla Group | |

Developing a New Parish Pastoral Council



Nominations are now open for membership of our Parish Pastoral Council. This is an important representative body in our Parish to help us walk together (be synodal) in the mission of discerning a response to God's presence here at St Andrew the Apostle.

We are asking you to prayerfully reflect on members of our Parish that you feel can make a contribution to the new Parish Pastoral Council. We are looking for people who are yearning for spiritual growth, with enthusiasm, flexibility and an openness to others and their ideas, a desire to listen and discern, they have an illustrated capacity for patience, tenacity and courage, they can work alongside others, are co-operative, openminded, are people of wisdom and imagination and above all are prayerful.

In 2024 the Parramatta Diocese launched its Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church 2024-2028 called Behold, I am with you always. It is a wonderful opportunity for our parish to look again at our Mission and how we proclaim the Good News here among ourselves and our neighbours.

Nomination forms are available at the Church doors or from the Parish Office and will be accepted up until Easter Sunday. On April 19 an information and discernment session will be held, so that at the Parish Pastoral Council meeting scheduled for April 30 the new PPC will hold its first meeting.



COMBINED CHOIR PRACTICES

Anyone wishing to join any of the choirs over the Easter Triduum please attend the practices for:

Holy Thursday (Led by CFCA) Tuesdays 24th & 31st of March at 7pm FBC.
 Good Friday (Led by HJM) Good Friday 1pm FBC.
 Easter Vigil (Led by Lorraine's Choir) Wednesdays Mar 25th & Apr 01st at 7.30pm FBC.

All welcome to participate if you attend the practices.

CHILDRENS CHOIR

The Children's Choir will be singing on Palm Sunday, 29th March 2026 at the 8:45am Mass.



Practice for the Mass will be on Saturday 28 March 2026 at the Fr. Byrne Centre from 3 -4.30pm. A wonderful opportunity to share your talents, grow in faith and be part of this beautiful celebration of the Mass.



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS SUNDAY:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14
 Psalm: Ps 129
 Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11
 Gospel: John 11:1-45

NEXT SUNDAY:

PALM SUNDAY
 First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
 Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24
 Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
 Gospel: Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

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

George A.V, Ernesto 'Ernie' & Aurora Aaron, Benjamin Afuang, Josephine Alvares, Guilherme Alvares, Edgardo Aman Sr., Joseph & Irène Bouquet, Silvia Braganza, Nancy Cabral, Julie & Paul Clemson, Arsenio 'Sonny' Cortez, Sofio Diezmos, Gloria Fortu, Jr., Emma Gacusana, Raymond Grima, Anthony Grima, Eric & Eunice Hyson, Romeo Lingad, Reolito Lagman Macabulos Sr, Abraham Macaraeg, Carmelita Mana, Sr Alice Mary Martyris, Joseph Martyris, Maria Regina Menezes, Gregory Menezes, Graciano Menezes, Marvin Monzon, Therese Motha, Marilyn Macabulos Nalapo, Frank Nikolic, Julie Nunez, Daisy Pangilinan, Donald Quessy, Palmira Do Rosario, Rodrigo Rupac, Teresa & Lawrence Santimano, Josephine Schembri, Santan Sequeira, Lucinda Tengco, Salvacion Tumala, Evelyn Agbulos Velarde, Nieves Velasco, Norma Villamarin, Beryl Wigg, A Francis Xavier, Stella & Felic Zammit, Nunez Family, Chio Family, Farla & Duchenne Families, Vaz & Rodrigues Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory

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

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| Sunday |
| 22-Mar 5th Sunday of Lent Counters: Group 12 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 Choir Practice CFCA 10:30 Mass |
| Monday |
| 23-Mar Monday of the 5th week of Lent Saint Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SVdP Meeting 19:00 Liturgy Ministry Meeting - Commentators |
| Tuesday |
| 24-Mar Tuesday of the 5th week of Lent, 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:30 Music Practice for Holy Thursday |
| Wednesday |
| 25-Mar The Annunciation of the Lord 09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Music Practice Combined Choir for Easter |
| Thursday |
| 26-Mar Thursday of the 5th week of Lent 09:00 Mass 14:00 Church Cleaning Group 4 19:00 Social Justice group meeting 19:00 RCIA |
| Friday |
| 27-Mar Friday of the 5th week of Lent, 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass & Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday |
| 28-Mar Saturday of the 5th week of Lent 09:00 Mass for the Sick 09:40 Legion of Mary 15:00 Music Practice Children's Choir 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:30 Prayer Meeting HJM |



PARISH YOUTH GROUP

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March 21 - SAYWAT - 6pm at the FBC



FIFTH SUNDAY
OF LENT
March 22



This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

You can donate online by scanning the QR code or visiting:

<https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraisers/marayongcatholicparish>

or use the PC donation boxes & envelopes available in the church,
or by calling 1800 024 413.

Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

BELOW IS THE PROPOSED ROSTER FOR EASTER 2026.

If you are unable to fulfil your assigned responsibility, please contact the parish office ASAP.

2026 EASTER TRIDUUM - EASTER SUNDAY ROSTER

[Version2: 20/03/2026]

2nd April 2026 7:00pm - **Mass of "The Lord's Supper" HOLY (Maundy) THURSDAY**
All Acolytes, altar servers and extra ordinary Ministers of Communion are requested to attend this Mass

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| Acolytes Ministers at the Altar | Ferdi Chin Jacob Chin | Commentator | Erna Ferrer | |
| First Reader | Therrie Chin | Second Reader | Lita Picart | |
| Gospel: | Priest | Projectionist | Keith Vaz | |
| Music | Combined choir led by CFCA | Eucharistic Ministers | Luke Binny, Linda Rane, Maryanne Parsons, | |

3rd April 2026 **GOOD FRIDAY**
10:00am **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
3:00pm **COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**

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| Acolytes Ministers at the Altar | Myles Anderiesz Joy Kakodkar | Commentator | Donna Ison | |
| First Reader | Melvina Vaz | Second Reader | Maria Carpio | |
| Gospel: THE PASSION: According to St John | Jesus: Priest | Peter: Music Ministry | Pilate: HJM | |
| Narrator: | Maria Hyson | Maid: Choir Women | Guard: Choir Men | |
| Music | Combined Choir led by HJM | Projectionist | Keith Vaz | |

4th April 2026 7:00pm - **EASTER VIGIL MASS** (1st Sunday of the Month)

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| Candle Procession | Altar Servers | Music | Combined Choir led by Lorraine's group | |
| Acolytes Ministers at the Altar | Ruben Bables, Elvie Clark | Commentator | Lita Picart | |
| First Reader | Melvina Vaz | Second Reader | Erna Ferrer | |
| Third Reader | Zeni Bables | Fourth Reader | Maria Carpio | |
| Projectionist | Keith Vaz | Eucharistic Ministers | Luke Binny, Merly G, Zain Chaudry, Joy Kakodkar, | |

5th April 2026 **EASTER SUNDAY** (1st Sunday of the Month)

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| MINISTRY | 7.30am | 8.45am | 10.30am | PLEASE LET THE PARISH OFFICE KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE OR UNABLE TO ATTEND YOUR ROSTERED CEREMONY ASAP ON 9622-0817 |
| Acolytes Ministers at the Altar | John Fernandes, Ruben Bables | Zain Chaudry | Ferdi Chin Jacob Chin | |
| Commentator | Nila Mangona | Donna Ison | Therrie Chin | |
| First Reader | Maryse Pereira | Josephine Daly | Linda Rane | |
| Second Reader | Zeni Bables, | Rose Rotik | Maria Carpio | |
| Projectionist | <i>Volunteer required</i> | <i>Volunteer required</i> | Abigail Chin | |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Geraldine Pereira, Zeni Bables, Anthony Culbert. | Joshua Daly, Maryanne Parsons, Annette Morales, Rittarina Reay, Braedon Monteiro, Lorraine D'Cruz. | Maria Carpio, Anna Amos, Virginia Salom, Esther Viola Honorio Domingo. | |

Ushers/Welcomers *Volunteer required* **Music** NO Music Mass / Worship Hymn / Mafi Family Choir