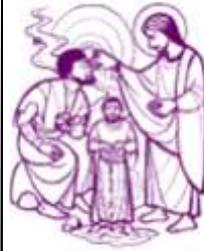




ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH MARAYONG

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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.51 No.16 14th & 15th 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)



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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:
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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 13, 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

Law exists to serve life, not to suffocate it.

My friends, on the Fourth Sunday of Lent—Laetare Sunday—the Church invites us to reflect on God’s law as a service. God’s law serves and gives life. It is the spirit of the law that matters.

The book of 1 Samuel teaches us that God’s way of seeing is different from the human perspective. People focus on external appearances and outward beauty, but God looks at the heart. God chose David, not because of his appearance or status in the family. As the youngest, David was overlooked and considered unimportant, yet God chose him. God values a heart that is trusting, open, and willing to grow. What matters most is inner transformation, not outward appearances.

The Gospel tells us that Jesus healed a blind man on the Sabbath. The Pharisees were outraged by this act. For Jesus, the priority was restoring the man's sight so he could fully live again. The Pharisees, however, were more concerned with rigidly enforcing the law. They used the law to serve their own interests, burdening ordinary people instead of uplifting them.

The readings challenge us to follow the laws the way God wants us to. Most times, we put too much emphasis on the written laws and rules that we forget the purpose they serve. For God, laws exist to serve life, not to suffocate it. We must learn to live by laws and rules with the Spirit of God. That is using the laws and rules we were given for the service of others. God’s laws must help us to serve others and not just know the laws.

Let us pray for transformed hearts and minds. May we see the needs of others and respond with Christ’s spirit. That is the spirit to serve. Let us focus on the goodness in others, not our own presumptions about their outward appearances or beauty.

.....from Fr Floyd Gatana SM

14th & 15th March 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		Ding Mojica, Mauricio Balisbisan (B)	
COMMENTATOR	Melvina Vaz			YouthWorks	
FIRST READER	Mercy Aquino	Luz Tiqui	Isabella Metcalfe	YouthWorks	
SECOND READER		Sharmali Perera	Delia Cristostomo	YouthWorks	
PROJECTIONIST	Demmfyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Theodora D'Lima, Myles Anderiesz, Mariyam Wijeyaratnam, 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, Therrie Chin +1	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Anthony Culbert		Aileen Dela Cruz	
MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	St Andrew's Family Choir	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir	

21st & 22nd March 2026		LITURGY ROSTER			[4th Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Myles Anderiesz, Kartiko Effendy	Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz	Maria Hyson Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan, Ding Mojica	
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud		Vinetta Lobo	Therrie Chin	
FIRST READER	Dorris Barrios	Elvie Clark	Rittarina Reay		
SECOND READER		Elizabeth Abbey	Lydia Villamarin	Socorro Amos	
PROJECTIONIST			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			
MUSIC	Lorraine's Choir	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Couples For Christ Australia	

Social Justice Group

This is the first in a series where our Social Justice Group will highlight Saints who worked for and championed social justice. Each month there will be the opportunity to learn more about a saint or saints that celebrate their feast days that month. It will also be an opportunity to advertise any social justice campaigns or issues that we think the wider parish community needs to know about.

St Katherine Drexel (March 3)

St Katherine was the second American born saint. She was born in Philadelphia and became a Sister of Mercy but then founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and used her considerable inheritance to establish schools, missions and institutions for struggling communities across the United States. One of her well known achievements was the establishment of Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans, the first Catholic university in the US for African Americans.

St Oscar Romero (March 24)

St Oscar Romero was shot dead while celebrating Mass on March 24, 1980. He had become an outspoken critic of El Salvador's Government. His weekly radio address had a larger audience than any other radio program in the country. He called for an end to violence and injustice in his country and denounced government sponsored violence and advocated for social justice and human rights. St Oscar was not always politically active but after becoming Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977 he found his voice as he witnessed the unjust killing and torture of so many people.

St Katherine and St Oscar invite us to know God's call to help those who are less fortunate and who do not have a voice of their own.



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:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 First Reading: 1 Sam 16:1. 6-7. 10-13
 Psalm: Ps 22
 Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
 Gospel: John 9:1-41

NEXT 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

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

Ernesto 'Ernie' & Aurora Aaron, Josephine Alvares, Guilherme Alvares, Christian Raymond Barrios, Alicia Cercado, Joseph & Irène Bouquet, Silvia Braganza, Nenet Chio, Lucio Chio, Henry Chio, Constancia Chio, Julie & Paul Clemson, Reynaldo Detosil, Arsenio 'Sonny' Cortez, Elvira De Leon, Gamini de Silva, Emma Gacusana, Raymond Grima, Anthony Grima, Pamela Hillier, Cameron Adrian Hargreaves, Analee Paule Macabulos, Abraham Macaraeg, Maria Theresa Maranan, Sr Alice Mary Martyris, Joseph Martyris, Maria Regina Menezes, Gregory Menezes, Graciano Menezes, Marvin Monzon, Marilyn Macabulos Nalapo, Julie Nunez, Dods Nunez, Donald Quessy, Ramon Rodrigues, Palmira Do Rosario, Josephine Schembri, Santan Sequeira, Adelina Tarra, Evelyn Agbulos Velarde, Clemencia Villadiego, Stella & Felic Zammit, Duchenne & Farla Families, Vaz & Rodrigues Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory

.....Please remember in your prayers

Sunday
15-Mar
<p style="text-align: center;">4th Sunday of Lent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Counters: Group 11</p> <p>Marriage Blessing - All Masses</p> <p>07:30 Mass</p> <p>08:45 Mass</p> <p>10:30 Mass</p> <p>11:45 Baptism</p>
Monday
16-Mar
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday of the 4th week of Lent</p> <p>09:00 Mass</p> <p>15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary</p> <p>19:00 Liturgy Ministry Meeting - Readers</p>
Tuesday
17-Mar
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday of the 4th week of Lent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saint Patrick, Bishop, Missionary</p> <p>09:00 Mass</p> <p>19:00 Legion of Mary</p>
Wednesday
18-Mar
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday of the 4th week of Lent,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Bishop, Doctor</p> <p>09:00 Mass</p> <p>19:00 Novena & Mass</p> <p>19:00 Music Practice CFCA</p> <p>19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's choir</p>
Thursday
19-Mar
<p style="text-align: center;">Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>09:00 Mass</p> <p>19:00 RCIA</p>
Friday
20-Mar
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday of the 4th week of Lent</p> <p>09:00 Mass</p> <p>15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary</p> <p>19:00 Mass & Stations of the Cross</p>
Saturday
21-Mar
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday of the 4th week of Lent</p> <p>09:00 Mass</p> <p>09:30 First Reconciliation</p> <p>09:40 Legion of Mary</p> <p>10:00 Church Cleaning LoM P1</p> <p>14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community</p> <p>16:00 Music Practice Worship Hymn</p> <p>16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary</p> <p>17:00 Vigil Mass</p> <p>18:00 SAYWAT</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Fresh in Faith Youth Choir</i></p>



PARISH YOUTH GROUP

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March 14 - CHOIR PRACTICE - 7pm at the FBC
March 15 - YOUTH MASS - 10:30am
March 21 - SAYWAT - 6pm at the FBC

Next Weekend Youthworks are holding their monthly youth event. Anyone ages 10-20 is welcome to attend. It will take place **after the 5pm Mass** in the **Father Byrne Centre** next **Saturday 21st March 2026**.

2026 HOLY WEEK ROSTER

[Version 1: 13/03/2026]

28th / 29th March 2026		PASSION SUNDAY (Palm Sunday)			(5th Sunday of the Month)
MINISTRY	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
Acolytes Ministers at the Altar	Joe Doyle Nayana Menezes Lobo	Joemel Dela Cruz	Derica Elogious	Ferdi Chin	
Commentator	Erna Ferrer		Melvina Vaz	Socorro Amos	
First Reader	Myles Anderiesz	Nila Mangona	Children's Choir	Maricor Espinosa	
Second Reader	Mercy Aquino		Children's Choir	Maria Carpio	
Gospel: Narrator: Other Parts:	Jesus: Priest	Jesus: Priest	Jesus: Priest	Jesus: Priest	
Projectionist			Jeremy Portelli		
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 Ranees,	
Ushers/Welcomers	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Anthony Culbert		Anna Amos	
Music	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Children's choir	Choir & Rondalla Group	
2nd April 2026 7:00pm - Mass of "The Lord's Supper" HOLY (Maundy) THURSDAY <i>All Acolytes, altar servers and extra ordinary Ministers of Communion are requested to attend this Mass</i>					
Acolytes Ministers at the Altar	Ferdi Chin Jacob Chin	Commentator	Erna Ferrer		
First Reader	Therrie Chin	Second Reader	Lita Picart		
Gospel: Peter:		Projectionist	Keith Vaz		
Music	Combined choir led by CFCA	Eucharistic Ministers	Luke Binny, Linda Ranees, Maryanne Parsons,		
3rd April 2026 GOOD FRIDAY 10:00am STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3:00pm COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD					
Acolytes Ministers at the Altar	Myles Anderiesz	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		
		Eucharistic Ministers	Therrie Chin, Luke Binny, Linda Ranees, Maryanne Parsons,		
4th April 2026 7:00pm - EASTER VIGIL MASS (1st Sunday of the Month)					
Candle Procession		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,		
5th April 2026 EASTER SUNDAY (1st Sunday of the Month)					
MINISTRY	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am		
Acolytes Ministers at the Altar	John Fernandes, Ruben Bables		Ferdi Chin Jacob Chin	PLEASE LET THE PARISH OFFICE KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE OR UNABLE TO ATTEND YOUR ROSTERED CEREMONY ASAP ON 9622-0817	
Commentator		Donna Ison	Therrie Chin		
First Reader	Maryse Pereira	Maria Hyson	Linda Ranees		
Second Reader		Rose Rotik			
Projectionist			Abigail Chin		
Eucharistic Ministers	Geraldine Pereira, Zeni Bables,	Maryanne Parsons			
Ushers/Welcomers					
Music	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Mafi Family Choir		