



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.



PALMSUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.51 No.18 28th & 29th 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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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:

Holy Saturday:
Vigil 7.00pm
Easter Sunday:
7.30am, 8.45am & 10.30am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday: 9.00am
Tuesday: 9.00am
Wednesday: 9.00am
No 7.00pm Novena & Mass
Holy Thursday: 7.00pm
Good Friday:
Stations of the Cross: 10.00am
Commemoration Passion: 3.00pm
Saturday no 9.00am Mass

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

Lent, Holy Week & Easter 2026 Mass Times

MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent at 7:00pm:

March 27

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

After weekday Masses
or by appointment.

April 3 - Good Friday after

The Divine Mercy Novena

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

Procession of Faith: Following Christ to the Cross and Beyond

Public celebrations are often marked by a procession or a parade, a visible sign that something important is taking place.

As the Church enters the holiest week of the year, she invites her children to take part in the solemn procession of palms, commemorating the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, where He would accomplish our salvation through His suffering, death, and resurrection.

Yet this procession is more than a remembrance of a past event. It is a real participation in the mystery of Christ here and now. Christ is truly present among us: in the cross that leads the procession, in the priest who acts in His person, and in the community gathered in His name. As we walk, we do not merely recall His journey, we walk with Him.

This procession also points us toward the future. When Christ entered the earthly Jerusalem, He did so to lead His people toward the heavenly Jerusalem. He did not come to conquer by force, but to save through love. He entered the city to suffer and to die for our sake, and through His Passion, He triumphed in the Resurrection. Our salvation is found in following Him. We need to be willing to die with Him, dying to sin and self, so that we may also rise with Him to new life. This is why the Church prays that we may “heed His lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in His Resurrection.”

At the end of the celebration, we take our blessed palms home and place them in a place of honor, on an altar, near an entrance, or where we often pass. They remain as a quiet reminder that we are called to walk with Christ, not only during Holy Week, but throughout the year. They invite us to live in hope, trusting that by His Resurrection, He will lead us to where He calls us.

May this Holy Week be a time of grace, as we walk with Christ in love, sacrifice, and the hope of new life.

With Mary, the Mother of Him who died to save us

.....Fr. Lauro Arcede SM



Palm Sunday
29 March 2026



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.

| 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 | Joanel Dela Cruz | Zain Chaudry, Derica Elogious | Noe Adan, Morie Balisbisan |
| Commentator | Erna Ferrer | Nila Mangona | Melvina Vaz | Socorro Amos |
| First Reader | Myles Anderiesz | Agnes Zabala | Children's Choir | Maricor Espinosa |
| Second Reader | Mercy Aquino | Gari de Guzman | Children's Choir | Maria Carpio |
| Gospel: Narrator: Other Parts: | Jesus: Priest Erna Ferrer Choir Member | Jesus: Priest Nila Mangona Anthony Culbert | Jesus: Priest Sabrina Tomas 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 | Christine Zammit, 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 | <i>Volunteer required</i> | Anna Amos |
| Music | Hearts of Jesus & Mary | NO Music Mass | Children's choir | Choir & Rondalla Group |



Parishioners are invited to pray a very special
**NINE DAY NOVENA IN OBSERVANCE OF
 THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY.**
 Day 1 Good Friday, 3rd April 2026 at 11:00am
 (Right after Stations of the Cross)
 Day 2 Saturday 4th April 2026 at 9:00am
 Day 3 Sunday 5th April 2026 (after the 8:45am Mass)
 Times for the remaining week will be at 9:30am

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| Sunday |
| 29-Mar |
| Palm Sunday Counters: Group 13 Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal |
| 07:30 Mass |
| 08:45 Mass |
| 10:30 Mass |



EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES
 The Easter offering envelopes go to the support of priests throughout the diocese. This includes priests who are active in ministry and those who have retired.
Your generosity is appreciated.
 Envelopes are available at the doors of the church.

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| Monday |
| 30-Mar |
| Monday of Holy Week |
| 09:00 Mass |
| 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary |

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) Tuesday 31st of March at 7pm in the Church.
 Good Friday (Led by HJM) Good Friday 1pm FBC.
 Easter Vigil (Led by Lorraine's Choir) Wednesday April 01st at 7.00pm in the Church.
All welcome to participate if you attend the practices.

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| Tuesday |
| 31-Mar |
| Tuesday of Holy Week |
| 09:00 Mass |
| 19:00 Legion of Mary |
| 19:00 Music Practice for Holy Thursday |

Casting, Chorus and September Performances Announced

Be The Witness – The Musical, endorsed by Bishop Vincent, is progressing strongly. Acclaimed local theatre director Jon-Claire Lee has been appointed, rehearsals are underway with a 60-member chorus, and performances are confirmed at Riverside Theatres, 10–16 September 2026, including school matinees on 15–16 September. Casting Call for lead roles, Choreographer call and Marketing, Social Media volunteer opportunities are now open.
 Email twsydau@gmail.com or register [@bethewitness.com.au](http://bethewitness.com.au)

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| Wednesday |
| 1-Apr |
| Wednesday of Holy Week |
| 09:00 Mass |
| 19:30 <i>Chrism Mass</i> at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta |
| 19:00 Music Practice Combined Choir for Easter |

The Parish Office will be closed
 From Friday, April 3rd and re-open Tuesday, April 7th.

***** Next Saturday Night Reminder *****

← **Daylight Saving** ends on Sunday, 5th April ←

Clocks go *back* one hour.

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| Thursday |
| 2-Apr |
| Maundy Thursday |
| 19:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| <i>Last day of term 1</i> |

MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY:
EASTER SUNDAY
 First Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43
 Psalm: Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23
 Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
 Gospel: John 20:1-9

During the week prayers have been requested for.....
 Andres Alava, Josephine Alvares, Guilherme Alvares, Joseph & Irène Bouquet, Silvia Braganza, Wendy Calvert, Roberto Castillejo, Julie & Paul Clemson, Belen Garado, Arsenio 'Sonny' Cortez, Gloria Fortu Sr, Anthony Grima, Emma Gacusana, Raymond Grima, Vasant Kakodkar, Abraham Macaraeg, Sr Alice Mary Martyris, Joseph Martyris, Maria Regina Menezes, Gregory Menezes, Graciano Menezes, John Micallef, Marvin Monzon, Julie Nunez, Gregorio Palmares, Yvonne Pietersz, Donald Quessy, Palmira Do Rosario, Rodrigo Rupac, Nerita Sarmiento, Josephine Schembri, Santan Sequeira, Candilaria Siron, Stella & Felic Zammit, Vaz & Rodrigues Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory
***Please remember in your prayers***

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| Friday |
| 3-Apr |
| Good Friday First Friday |
| 10:00 Stations of The Cross |
| 11:00 Divine Mercy Novena followed by Reconciliation |
| 15:00 Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord <i>Public Holiday</i> OFFICE CLOSED |

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| Saturday |
| 4-Apr |
| Holy Saturday |
| 09:00 Divine Mercy Novena |
| 09:30 Reconciliation |
| 19:00 Mass Easter Vigil <i>Public Holiday</i> |



E: youthworksadmin@gmail.com
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PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Youthworks will be holding an Easter Egg hunt next Sunday after the 10:30am Mass to celebrate Easter Sunday. All ages are welcome and they hope to see you there!



CYP Good Friday Night Walk | 3 April

The annual Good Friday Night Walk pilgrimage is attended by 1000+ young people from across Western Sydney each year. Beginning late on Good Friday night and continuing into the early hours of Holy Saturday, participants journey together in prayer, reflection and reverence as we retrace the steps of Christ during the Easter Triduum. **Registration is compulsory, visit : parracatholic.org/gfnw**
If you are interested in supporting as a volunteer, please contact Sebastian Duhau. sebastian.duhau@parracatholic.org

Youth for Christ Australia (YFCA) is a Catholic youth group for teenagers 13-19 years old. YFCA is having an entry camp on April 17-19 at Scout Bundilla Camp, Winston Hills. For inquiries, please contact Jeff on 0401410350 or RoseVi on 0416245254. Registration form can be accessed on [@yfca.central](https://www.instagram.com/yfca.central) Instagram

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

[Version3: 27/03/2026]

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 Raneer, 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 | Vinetta Lobo | |
| 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, 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 | <p>PLEASE LET THE PARISH OFFICE KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE OR UNABLE TO ATTEND YOUR ROSTERED CEREMONY ASAP ON 9622-0817</p> |
| Acolytes Ministers at the Altar | John Fernandes, Ruben Bables | Zain Chaudry Derica Elogious | Ferdi Chin Jacob Chin | |
| Commentator | Nila Mangona | Donna Ison | Therrie Chin | |
| First Reader | Maryse Pereira | Josephine Daly | Linda Raneer | |
| Second Reader | Elizabeth Abbey | 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, Aradhana Hyson, Annette Morales, Rittarina Reay, Lorraine D'Cruz. | Maria Carpio, Anna Amos, Virginia Salom, Esther Viola Honorio Domingo. | |
| Ushers/Welcomers | <i>Volunteer required</i> | Gari de Guzman | <i>Volunteer required</i> | |

Music NO Music Mass Worship Hymn Mafi Family Choir