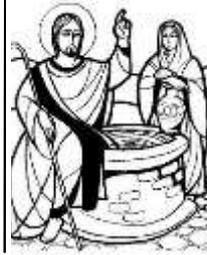




ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH MARAYONG

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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.51 No.15 7th & 8th 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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(Sacramental Coordinator)
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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

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 6, 13, 20 & 27

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

After weekday Masses
or by appointment.

March 7 - Saturday at 9:30am

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

The Gift of God

In Australia, we do not give up water for Lent. Doing so would move us straight from penance to emergency. That is how quickly thirst can become a medical crisis.

On this Third Sunday of Lent, thirst becomes a spiritual image of humanity's interior longing for a genuine and lasting relationship with God, a thirst that remains unquenchable unless we come to know the eternal source of true human satisfaction, while living water serves as a clear symbol of salvation and eternal life.

The first reading from the Book of Exodus begins with the phrase "tormented by thirst." The rest of the text tells us that the people who had been liberated from slavery complained and grumbled about the consequences of their freedom. They questioned why they had been brought out of Egypt at all. At times, people may seem to prefer slavery if it offers immediate or temporary satisfaction.

The Gospel of John reminds us that true satisfaction is found in the gift of God, which is the very presence of God in Christ. If we recognize God's presence in Christ, we would desire this gift, a gift that truly and eternally satisfies our deepest human longing for eternal life. The people who encountered him came to believe not only because of what others said about him, but because they heard him themselves and believed that he is the Christ.

St. Paul tells us that our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ makes us righteous and brings us peace with God. Through this relationship, we are able to look forward with hope to the glory of God. It is Christ's death on our behalf that brought us into this privilege, even when we had not yet come to know him.

God offers us our eternal fulfillment, a remedy for our perpetual thirst for a relationship with Him. This gift is none other than Christ himself. Are we faithful in that relationship with Christ, the one who alone can truly satisfy our deepest thirst?

.....Fr. Lauro Arcede SM

7th & 8th March 2026		LITURGY ROSTER			[2nd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Myles Anderiesz	Aileen Dela Cruz Joemel Dela Cruz	Nayana Menezes Lobo Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan	
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud		Josephine Daly	Socorro Amos	
FIRST READER	Doris Barrios	Anthony Culbert	Nerissa Toong	Vicky Ilagan	
SECOND READER		Nila Mangona	Christina Monteiro	Jay Ilagan	
PROJECTIONIST	Demaiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Mirza Alata Anne Marie Moriarty Henryka Ogrodniczek	Linda Dessa Geradine Pereira	Salve Gatchalian Connie Cassar Sam Cassar Rose Rotik Juliet Parame	Mario Picart, Brenda Payne, Anna Amos, Virginia Salom, Maria Carpio Luke Binny	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Anthony Culbert			
MUSIC	Lorraine's Choir	NO Music Mass	Praise and Glory	Couples For Christ Australia	
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	Demmyyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	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 Virgina 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	



THE FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH



Saturday, 14 March 2026

**St Patrick's Church
Mary Queen of the Family Parish
51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown 2148
Solemn High Mass @ 10:30 am
Main Celebrant:
Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen**

NOVENA MASSES

07 March 2026	Saturday	7:00 PM	ST PAUL THE APOSTLE CHURCH 40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hill 2153
08 March 2026	Sunday	7:00 PM	ST PADRE PIO CHURCH 34-38 William Howell Drive, Glenmore Park 2745
09 March 2026	Monday	7:00 PM	ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA CHURCH 326 High Street, Penrith 2750
10 March 2026	Tuesday	7:00 PM	ST AIDAN'S CHURCH 9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill 2766
11 March 2026	Wednesday	7:00 PM	ST ANDREW'S CHURCH 36-40 Breakfast Road, Marayong 2148
12 March 2026	Thursday	7:00 PM	ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH 58 Orwell St, Blacktown 2148



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS SUNDAY:

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Psalm: Ps 94:1-2. 6-9

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

NEXT 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

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

Ernesto 'Ernie' & Aurora Aaron, Josephine Alvares, Guilherme Alvares, Beatriz Areola, Onofre Azores, Elizabeth Azurin, Antonio Azurin, Franky Bonello, Joseph & Irène Bouquet, Silvia Braganza, Editha Briones, Pauline Buttigieg, Dusan Car, Carmen Ciappara, Julie & Paul Clemson, Arsenio 'Sonny' Cortez, Ricardo Evia De Mesa, Carmelita Artates Delos Santos, Monica D'Souza, Dominic D'Souza, Conception D'Souza, Andrew Manuel D'Souza, Emma Gacusana, Raymond Grima, Anthony Grima, Lilia Lozano, Abraham Macaraeg, Josephine Mamo, Rafael F. Mangona, Sr Alice Mary Martyris, Joseph Martyris, Maria Regina Menezes, Gregory Menezes, Graciano Menezes, Marvin Monzon, Beatriz Santos Moraleda, Julie Nunez, Michael Powell, Donald Quessy, Isagani & Edita Reyes, Fenella Reyes-Seichter, Palmira Do Rosario, Josephine Schembri, Santan Sequeira, Linneous Tolentino, Stella & Felic Zammit, Maria Zammit, Andrews Family, Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Vaz & Rodrigues Families, All Souls in Purgatory.....***Please remember in your prayers***

Sunday	
8-Mar	3rd Sunday of Lent Counters: Group 10 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 1st Reconciliation Class 3 09:30 Choir Practice CFCA 10:30 Mass
Monday	
9-Mar	Monday of the 3rd week of Lent Saint Frances of Rome, Religious 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SVdP Meeting 19:00 Liturgy Ministry Meeting - Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
Tuesday	
10-Mar	Tuesday of the 3rd week of Lent 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary
Wednesday	
11-Mar	Wednesday of the 3rd week of Lent, 09:00 Mass 19:00 St Joseph Novena Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation 19:30 Music Practice Praise & Glory --> NAPLAN 2026 begins
Thursday	
12-Mar	Thursday of the 3rd week of Lent 09:00 Mass 19:00 RCIA
Friday	
13-Mar	Friday of the 3rd week of Lent 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass & Stations of the Cross 19:00 Choir Practice HJM 19:30 Music Practice Family Choir
Saturday	
14-Mar	Saturday of the 3rd week of Lent 7:00 Church Cleaning CFC 09:00 Mass 09:30 First Reconciliation 09:40 Legion of Mary 12:00 CFCA CovOri&FinStew 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:30 Prayer Meeting HJM 19:00 Music Practice Fresh in Faith Youth Choir



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PARISH YOUTH GROUP

March 6 & 14 - CHOIR PRACTICE - 7pm at the FBC

March 15 - YOUTH MASS - 10:30am

March 21 - SAYWAT - 6pm at the FBC

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 opportunity is available on: **(WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED)**

- [Wednesday 11th March](#) at Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown (9.30am-1.00pm)

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.

Parish Pastoral Council

Over the next month, we will be asking parishioners to pray and reflect on who they think would make a valuable contribution to the Parish as part of the Parish Pastoral Council. There will be nomination forms available and you are asked to talk to the person you would like to nominate and get their permission for their name to go forward. We are also asking that you note down some of their qualities that you see, that would allow them to prayerfully discern and advise the Parish Priest about the Parish.

The proposed timetable is as follows:



Nominations	Mar 2 -27
Confirm Acceptance	Mar 30 – Apr 10
Discernment	Sun Apr 19 (12 noon - 3)
First PPC meeting	April 30

The Parish Pastoral Council is an advisory body in the Parish that helps us become more synodal and to take up the invitation that our Bishop Vincent gave us through our Diocesan Synod and the Pastoral Plan.

To help further discern, the goals of the PPC can include:

CREATE Parish communities that are capable of spreading the Word of God and uniting the parish families and the whole community

ASSURE an analysis of both spiritual and temporal needs of the all those involved in the Parish. Then setting priorities to develop and implement programmes aimed at meeting those needs.

SERVE as a permanent structure of dialogue between the clergy and laity of the Parish, Deanery and Diocese so that we can work in close cooperation and collaboration to fulfil Christ's saving mission in our Diocese.

PROVIDE a safe environment for people to express their pastoral concerns and then work to provide leadership, direction, formation, resources and encouragement to meet the priorities of the Parish.

COOPERATE with and effectively carry out the guidelines and pastoral direction given by the Bishop and Diocesan Pastoral Council.

DETERMINE and foster the abilities of all members of the parish community. To serve as the organising and coordinating body of the different groups and activities within the Parish.