



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 EASTER

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.51 No.22 25th & 26th April 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,
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PARISH OFFICE:

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Office Hours:
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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
Novena Mass: 7.00pm
Thursday: 9.00am
Friday: 9.00am
Mass: 7.00pm
Saturday: 9.00am

PARISH SCHOOLS:

ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY
www.standrewspmarayong.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

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This Program will commence in Term 2 for children in Years 3 and above who have received the Sacrament of Penance.

Registration Forms may be collected from the Parish Office now.

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office on Sunday 26th April and Sunday 3rd May 2026 between 9.30 and 11.30am]

Registration Evening:

Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 7.00pm in the Church

Classes: Sunday 24th May & Sunday 31st May 2026

[Classes begin with 8.45am Mass and conclude at approximately 11.30am]

Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

**Saturday 20th June (5pm), Sunday 21st June (8:45am)
Saturday 27th June (5pm) and Sunday 28th June (8:45 am)**



THE SHEPHERD LEADS AND PROTECTS

We gather on this Fourth Sunday of Easter to listen to the Word of God. Today's readings invite us to reflect more deeply on our Christian calling—to be witnesses of Christ and to make good choices in our daily lives.

In the first reading from Acts, Peter boldly proclaims his faith in Christ. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, he calls people to repentance and to believe in Jesus. Through his witness, Peter reminds us of the transformation that can take place in our lives when we choose to follow Christ.

In the second reading from the First Letter of Peter, we are reminded of the example that Christ has given us. He calls us to live with patience, trust in God, and a spirit of forgiveness. When we hold on to these values, we grow in holiness. Christ has shown us the way and continues to lead us toward a deeper relationship with God.

In the Gospel, Jesus is presented as the Good Shepherd and the gate. The Shepherd knows his sheep, leads them, and protects them. In the same way, Jesus guides and protects us from harm. As the gate, he stands as the one who keeps us safe, guarding us from going astray. He is the way that leads to life, truth, and security.

Today's readings challenge us to make good choices. We live in a world filled with many voices and influences. As Christians, we are called to listen carefully and discern which voice leads us closer to Christ. Jesus calls us each day to follow him, but it is up to us to respond.

When we listen to the voice of Jesus in our hearts, he leads us toward repentance, forgiveness, compassion, and love. Let us strive to recognize his voice amid the many distractions of our world and follow him faithfully.

..... from Fr Floyd Gatana SM

25th & 26th April 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	Noe Adan, Ding Mojica	
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Gari De Guzman	Vinetta Lobo	YouthWorks	
FIRST READER	Dorris Barrios	Elvie Clark		YouthWorks	
SECOND READER	Zeni Bables	Elizabeth Abbey	Lydia Villamarin	YouthWorks	
PROJECTIONIST	Jerome Chin		Mariah Cutajar	Louisa Velasco	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Merlie Domingo., Anne Marie Moriarty, Henryka Ogrodniczek	Geraldine Pereira, Maurice Perera	Annette Morales, Joshua Daly, Maryanne Parsons, Estrellita Viola, Revathi Hyson	Aida Jamolin, Therrie Chin, Jay Ilagan, Vicky Ilagan, Maricor Espinosa, Bessie Mojica.	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Anthony Culbert			
MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir	

2nd & 3rd May 2026		LITURGY ROSTER			[1st Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Romeo Gapud Myles Anderiesz	Ruben Bables John Fernandes	Olan Cruise Joy Kakodkar	Jacob Chin Ferdi Chin (B)	
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Eden Luna	Vinetta Lobo	Therrie Chin	
FIRST READER	Theodra D'Lima	Zeny Bables	Martin Zammit	Maricor Espinosa	
SECOND READER	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Agnes Zabala	Maria Hyson	Socorro Amos	
PROJECTIONIST	Mariyam & Joel Wijeyaratnam		Jeremy Portelli Keith Vaz	Abigail Chin	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Mary Ann Zammit Christine Zammit Maria Webb Valerian D'Lima	Geraldine Pereira, Maryse Pereira, Suzanne Daniels	Gari De Guzman Maryanne Parson Linda Renee Josephine Daly Braedan Monteiro	Joseph Widjaja Socorro Amos Maria Carpio Virginia Salom Jay Ilagan Vicky Ilagan	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Anthony Culbert			
MUSIC	Lorraine's Choir	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Mafi Family Choir	



**PARISH
YOUTH
GROUP**

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April 26 - YOUTH MASS - 10:30am

Anzac Day

Saturday, April 25, we once again commemorate Anzac Day.

On this day, we pray for those who have died and for those who have suffered because of the activities of our Armed Forces.

PRAYER

May the Christ, who suffers with us,
Enter this land and bring a Great Compassion.
May we remember the many families who have lost a loved one.
We contemplate the terrible toll that is extracted from the innocent.
May Christ, who journeys with all of creation,
be with those left grieving and suffering
and touch their lives with His everlasting love.
We pray for the safe return of those still serving
to their families and loved ones at home.
To those still suffering the terrible effects of conflict,
may the compassion and peace of Christ
rest lightly upon their lives this day. Amen



B. Challoner

The Parish Office will be closed
On Monday April 27th for the ANZAC Day public holiday.

St Andrews Parish Social Justice Group and St Vincent de Paul would like to invite you to a morning of ... FUN & FRIENDSHIP



Date: 08 May, Friday
Time: 10am—12:00pm
Where: St Andrew's Parish Piazza
(Fr Byrne Centre - wet weather)
Tea, coffee and snacks will be provided
Everyone is welcome!



Please RSVP to the parish office if you can attend. Thank you.



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS SUNDAY:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14. 36-41
Psalm: Ps 22:1-6
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25
Gospel: John 10:1-10

NEXT SUNDAY:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7
Psalm: Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel: John 14:1-12

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

Rey Benjamin Acluba, Josephine Alvares, Guilherme Alvares, Dia Marie Amboy, Alberto Bandola, Alicia Biason, Modesto Boniba, Beatrice S. Boniba, Joseph & Irène Bouquet, Silvia Braganza, Mary Calleja, Arsenio Castillejo, Julie & Paul Clemson, Mary Cumbo, Arsenio 'Sonny' Cortez, Vincent Dalley, Cristina Danilo, Bernardo Danilo, Zenaida Dela Peña, Antonio Ferrer Sr., Emma Gacusana, Raymond Grima, Rosario Guiam Tan, Rose Khoury, Gloria Guiam Tan, Monica Indolos, Mario Lagado, Tito Medina, Abraham Macaraeg, Genara Malate, Bernardo Manalili Jr, Sr Alice Mary Martyris, Joseph Martyris, Anacleto & Marcelina Mazo, Maria Regina Menezes, Gregory Menezes, Graciano Menezes, Marvin Monzon, John Motha, Julie 'Julita' Nunez, Roger Persich, Daniel Redulla Patos Sr, Felicula & Emelita Perez, Pascual Perez Sr, Yvonne Pietersz, Palmira Do Rosario, Virgilio San Jose, Corazon Salvador, Michael Schembri, Santan Sequeira, Leonardo Tamayo, Resurreccion Tolentino, Perla Villacorta, Stella & Felic Zammit, Dominic, Duchenne & Farla Families, Vaz & Rodrigues Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory

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

Sunday
26-Apr 4th Sunday of Easter Counters: Group 4 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass -Youth
Monday
27-Apr Monday of the 4th week of Eastertide Saint Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, Priest 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SVdP Meeting Public Holiday <i>Office Closed</i>
Tuesday
28-Apr Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary
Wednesday
29-Apr Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor 09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Group
Thursday
30-Apr Thursday of the 4th week of Eastertide Saint Pius V, Pope 09:00 Mass 19:00 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Friday
1-May Friday of the 4th week of Eastertide or Saint Joseph the Worker First Friday 09:00 Mass 09:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass 20:00 Church Cleaning HJM
Saturday
2-May Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor or Saint Joseph the Worker 09:00 Mass 09:30 Parish Reconciliation 09:40 Legion of Mary 14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass



May Flower Offering to our Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 9 May 2026

HOLY MASS - 9:00AM

HOLY ROSARY & FLOWER OFFERING - 9:40AM

followed by refreshments... **everyone** is invited to join
especially the children and
please come with a flower to offer to our Blessed Mother



WITNESS LIVE ! @ ST ANDREW'S PARISH, MARAYONG

Proudly the First Parish to Ignite WITNESS LIVE!


St Andrew's Parish, Marayong, is honoured to be the first parish to kick-start WITNESS LIVE, the exciting new chapter of the *Be The Witness* musical journey, an initiative of Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown.

Be The Witness




Come 'Be The Witness'

Save the date in your calendar now! Don't miss this incredible opportunity to get a sneak peak into the musical – *Be The Witness*, and experience what the amazing chorus which includes several of our parishoners, has achieved in the past 7 weeks of rehearsals.

 Witness Live - Sunday May 10th 2026

 Venue: **St Andrew's Parish Marayong**

 Time: 9.30am (between the 8.45am Mass and the 10.30am Mass)

This is a powerful, inclusive, uplifting, live musical experience inviting us to reflect on discipleship and rediscover what it means to live as witnesses of Christ in today's world - united as one voice, one Church, one witness.

From the very beginning, St Andrew's has shown extraordinary generosity, encouragement and faith-filled support. The parish has embraced this initiative not simply as a performance, but as a mission of evangelisation, recognising the power of music and story to bring hearts closer to Christ.

Let us step forward together — not just as spectators, but as disciples — and truly **BE THE WITNESS**



CELEBRATE PENTECOST Sunday, 24 May 2026

This year's celebration will have the theme

"Empowered by the Spirit, Alive in Christ".

Starting at 10:00am with a Family Rosary

followed by a special liturgy for the 10:30am Mass.

Mass will begin with the Entrance procession being joined by representatives from different nationalities that make up our parish community. This will be followed by a candle procession highlighting the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. During the Offertory, parish groups/families will offer food hampers for St Vincent de Paul beneficiaries. Following the Mass, the Parish community is invited for fellowship at the Piazza.

Volunteers are needed to help with the following:

- Food/household item donations for St Vincent de Paul from parish groups; for families wishing to donate a parcel and be part of the Offertory procession please contact the Parish office and bring your parcel wrapped in red or yellow in the Mass
- Donation of food and beverages, preferably easy-to-serve food as there will be no heating facility. The Piazza kitchen will be open from 9:30am to receive food donations
- Packing away tables and cleaning up afterwards

Please come and join us to make the Pentecost Sunday a joyful occasion to honour the Holy Spirit, celebrate the birthday of our Church and to bring our Parish community together.

Thank you all in advance for your time and dedication.



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*Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL
extends an invite to you and your family to the*

A N N U A L
C O M M I S S I O N I N G M A S S
of
L I T U R G I C A L M I N I S T E R S

12TH MAY 2026

7:30PM

St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta

1 Marist Pl, Parramatta

RSVP by 7 May, 2026: ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795

with the number of guests attending for seating and catering purposes



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On Trinity Sunday, please join

His Excellency, Archbishop Charles Balvo,
the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia and
Most Rev Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv,
Bishop of Parramatta
for a special Mass to celebrate

40 years of the Diocese of Parramatta.

Together, let's celebrate and give thanks for the growth,
development and many blessings that have shaped our faith
and Catholic community over four decades.

Sunday 31 May 2026 | 2pm
St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta

**SCAN HERE
TO RSVP**



Please bring a plate of afternoon tea to share
(NOTE: no access to heating or cooling)

