



# 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.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year A: Vol.51 No.20 11th & 12th 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,  
Michelle Sultana &  
Joe Clemson  
(Office staff)

#### PARISH OFFICE:

**Phone: 9622 0817**  
40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong 2148  
[PO Box 4345]  
Email Address:  
[saapm@bigpond.com](mailto:saapm@bigpond.com)  
Office Hours:  
Monday to Friday  
9.00am to 4.00pm  
**after hours 9671 5793**

#### 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  
Saturday: 9.00am

#### PARISH SCHOOLS:

#### **ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY**

[www.standrewpsmarayong.catholic.edu.au](http://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](http://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

## 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 starting  
**Monday 20th April 2026**

[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)**



# LIFE THROUGH HIS NAME

As we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday our readings help us to know how much of a difference the life, death and resurrection of Jesus makes in our lives, but only if we can 'see' the signs.

In the Gospel, we hear about the famous encounter between Jesus and doubting Thomas. When Jesus first appeared to the disciples, Thomas was not present. When he was told of the encounter, Thomas refused to believe unless he could see and touch the wounds Jesus received on the Cross. Eight days after the first encounter, Jesus comes among the disciples once again, with Thomas, this time, present, Jesus shows Thomas his hands and his side, instructing Thomas to look and touch his hands and his side. Thomas declares, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus responds to say, Thomas believes because he can see him, "happy are those who have not seen and yet believe". We are part of those people, who have not physically seen Jesus but believe. But it is important to consider that 'seeing' is not just with our eyes but with the eyes of faith, the heart.

It is at the first appearance, we hear about in this passage from John's Gospel, that Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to the disciples. At our Baptism, as we anoint near the heart the candidate with the Oil of Catechumens, we pray, in part, "send your Holy Spirit to dwell within them". It is a gift of the Holy Spirit that we 'see' God in our lives and world.

At the end of the passage, we are told that the account written down, that we recognise as the Gospel of John, recorded only some of the signs Jesus worked and the disciples saw. What was recorded was so that we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and believing this we can experience life through his name.

We can know that God is active in our lives and world, only if we create the space to 'see', to encounter the power of God within our day to day lives. The Holy Spirit helps us see and to experience that life, that belief in Jesus can bring. Let us pray that we may truly be open to seeing and hearing God, to experience God's Divine Mercy.

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

..... *Fr Kevin Redmond sm*

11th & 12th April 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 Joanel Dela Cruz	Derica Elogious	Noe Adan	
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud		Josephine Daly	Maricor Espinosa	
FIRST READER	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Lewis Manalili	Connie Reyes	Lita Picart	
SECOND READER	Theodora D'Lima	Maryse Pereira	Christine Monteiro	Jay Ilagan	
PROJECTIONIST	Demaiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Monica Desira, Honorio Domingo, Maria Webb, Merlie Domingo.	Maurice Perera, Agnes Zabala, Luz Tiqui.	Rittarina Reay, Julieta Pareme, Salve Gatchalian, Sam Cassar, Aradhana Hyson.	Bessie Mojica, Brenda Payne, Anna Amos, Virginia Salom, Socorro Amos, Merlie Domingo	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Anthony Culbert			
MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Praise and Glory	Couples For Christ Australia	

18th & 19th April 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, Morie Balisbisan	
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer		Donna Ison		
FIRST READER	Joyce Vincent	Sharmali Perera	Melvina Vaz	Linda Ranee	
SECOND READER	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Agnes Zabala	Elizabeth Abbey	Socorro Amos	
PROJECTIONIST	Demmfiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Nenette Gapud, Cezare Estrera, Christiane Zammit, Mary-Ann Zammit.	Suzanne Daniels, Anthony Culbert, Maryse Pereira.	Maryanne Parsons, Henrietta D'Sa, Estrellita Viola, Josephine Daly +1	Brenda Payne, Virginia Salom, Luke Binny, Anna Amos, Socorro Amos. +1	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Anthony Culbert			
MUSIC	Lorraine's Choir	NO Music Mass	St Andrew's Family Choir	Couples For Christ Australia	

**PARISH YOUTH GROUP**

April 17 - CHOIR PRACTICE - 7pm at the FBC  
 April 18 - SAYWAT - 6pm at the FBC  
 TBA - YOUTH MASS - 10:30am  
 April 24 - ADORATION - 6pm in the CHURCH

**PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY...**



In a decree dated August 3, 2002, the Apostolic Penitentiary announced that in order “to ensure that the faithful would observe this day (Divine Mercy Sunday) with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence...so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbour, and after they have obtained God’s pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters.”

The plenary indulgence is granted (under the usual conditions of a Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and a prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on Divine Mercy Sunday, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, recite the Our Father and the Creed, and also adding a devout prayer (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!).

**PRAYER FOR DIVINE MERCY**

You expired, O Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You.

Amen.



**MASS READINGS -YEAR A**

**THIS SUNDAY:**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 First Reading: Acts 2:42-47  
 Psalm: Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24  
 Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9  
 Gospel: John 20:19-31

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 First Reading: Acts 2:14. 22-33  
 Psalm: Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11  
 Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21  
 Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

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

Bobby Alegacoon, Josephine Alvares, Guilherme Alvares, Remie Bermudez, Joseph & Irène Bouquet, Silvia Braganza, Julie & Paul Clemson, Arsenio 'Sonny' Cortez, Elvira De Leon, Lucita dela Cruz, Emma Gacusana, Pedrito Gatbonton, Gerard Go, Raymond Grima, Anthony Grima, Rose Khoury, Alice Lumanog, Abraham Macaraeg, Sr Alice Mary Martyris, Joseph Martyris, Maria Regina Menezes, Gregory Menezes, Graciano Menezes, Marvin Monzon, Julie 'Julita' Nunez, Rubert Perera, Yvonne Pietersz, Ausumptha Rajanayagam, Palmira Do Rosario, Michael Schembri, Santan Sequeira, Leonardo Tamayo, Anthony Wanigaratne, Dominica Zammit, Stella & Felic Zammit, Emanuela & Albert Zammit, Duchenne & Farla Families, Vaz & Rodrigues Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory

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

<b>Sunday</b>
12-Apr
<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b> (2nd Sunday of Easter) Counters: Group 2
07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 Choir Practice CFCA 10:30 Mass
<b>Monday</b>
13-Apr
Monday of the 2nd week of Eastertide, Saint Martin I, Pope, Martyr
09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary
<b>Tuesday</b>
14-Apr
Tuesday of the 2nd week of Eastertide
09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary
<b>Wednesday</b>
15-Apr
Wednesday of the 2nd week of Eastertide
09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Group
<b>Thursday</b>
16-Apr
Thursday of the 2nd week of Eastertide
09:00 Mass 19:00 Music Committee Meeting
<b>Friday</b>
17-Apr
Friday of the 2nd week of Eastertide
09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Music Practice Fresh in Faith Youth Choir 19:30 Music Practice Family Choir Last day School Holidays
<b>Saturday</b>
18-Apr
Saturday of the 2nd week of Eastertide
09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning LoM P2 14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:00 SAYWAT

## MANDATORY DIOCESEAN SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

As part of the Diocese of Parramatta’s commitment to ensuring all children and adults at risk are safe, respected, protected and supported in our care, ***all volunteers in our parishes and ministries are required to complete Mandatory Safeguarding Training.*** The Diocese supports all Parishes with ongoing education in safeguarding training with an online learning platform and face to face opportunities linked and listed below. (Renewed every two years).

Cycle 1 (New volunteers who have not completed any training within the Diocese)

[Module 1](#): Understanding Safeguarding and the Child Safe Standards (45min)

[Module 2](#): Legal Compliance, ROSH (Risk Of Significant Harm) and RC (Reportable Conduct) (45min)

[Module 3](#): Working with Adults at Risk and Understanding Boundaries (45min)

Cycle 2 (Renewal Training for volunteers who completed Cycle 1 two or more years ago)

[Module 4](#): Applying the Child Safe Standards to Safeguard Children & Adults at Risk (45min)

[Module 5](#): Legal Compliance: Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH) and Reportable Conduct (45min)

Cycle 3 (Renewal Training for volunteers who completed Cycle 2 two or more years ago)

[Module 6](#): Legal Compliance & Continuous Improvement Refresher.

Also available **Face to Face** at **St Joseph’s Catholic Church Kingswood** on **Saturday, May 2 from 10:00am to 12:30pm**  
<https://parracatholic.org/events/mandatory-safeguarding-training-refresher-module-6-cycle-3-2-may/>

**Thank you for helping to make the Diocese of Parramatta a safe Church for children, young people and adults at risk.**



## BUILDING STRONG MARRIAGES IN CHANGING TIMES

**Are financial stress, work pressure, and life's challenges testing your marriage?**

Join us for a **FREE faith-based conference** designed to strengthen your relationship through practical tools and expert guidance. Learn how to navigate intimacy, finances, and faith together, all within a supportive community.

### Why you shouldn't miss this:

- Expert psychosocial strategies tailored for couples
- Q&A session with specialists
- Free professional conference (valued at \$400/couple)
- Refreshments provided + childcare available
- Faith-centred approach to modern marriage challenges

**📅 Friday, April 24th, 2026, | 🕒 7:00pm–9:30pm**  
**📍 St Andrew's Marayong Church Hall**  
 36–40 Breakfast Road, Marayong NSW 2148  
**Led by Rev. Stephen C. Onyekwere,**  
**Therapeutic Specialist**  
**For details: 0491 046 780 (TEXT ONLY)**

25th & 26th April 2026		LITURGY ROSTER		
		[4th Sunday of the Month]		
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Myles Anderiesz, Kartiko Effendy	Aileen Dela Cruz Joemel Dela Cruz	Maria Hyson	Noe Adan, Ding Mojica
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Nenette Gapud		Vinetta Lobo	YouthWorks
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Dorris Barrios	Elvie Clark		YouthWorks
<b>SECOND READER</b>		Elizabeth Abbey	Lydia Villamarin	YouthWorks
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Jerome Chin		Mariah Cutajar	Louisa Velasco
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Merlie Domingo., Mariyam Wijeyaratnam, 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.
<b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Anthony Culbert		
<b>MUSIC</b>	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir