



# 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 EASTER

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year A: Vol.51 No.21 18th & 19th 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 &  
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#### PARISH OFFICE:

**Phone: 9622 0817**  
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Monday to Friday  
9.00am to 4.00pm  
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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  
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)**



# ROAD FROM SHATTERED DREAMS TO RENEWED HOPE AND VIGOR

It is never easy to experience failure, defeat, and loss. Yet these moments quietly find their way into every human life. We all, at some point, walk through darkness. And still, it is often there, within those very moments that genuine hope begins to take root and renewal slowly unfolds.

St. Peter, the apostle, gently reminds us that the price paid to free us from a meaningless way of life was not silver or gold, but the precious blood of a spotless and unblemished Lamb, Christ. He calls us to place our faith and hope in God, who has saved us through His Son and raised Jesus from the dead. Even when humanity rejected the Author of Life, God did not abandon Him to death. Instead, He raised Him up, for death could not hold Him (c.f. 1 Peter 1:17-21, Acts 2:14, 22-33).

And so it is with us. God does not abandon us in our moments of hurt, confusion, or disappointment. He remains near. As Jesus' disciples, we are invited to stay close to the Risen Lord, through prayer, through the Eucharist, and through Sacred Scripture. In the Eucharist, we encounter His real presence; in Scripture, we hear His living voice; and in the community of believers, we experience His love made visible.

The disciples on the road to Emmaus discovered this truth in a deeply personal way (c.f. Luke 24:13-35). Only after walking with the Lord did they realize who He was, and they said to one another, "Did not our hearts burn within us as he spoke to us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" In the breaking of the bread, their sorrow gave way to joy, and their broken hopes were transformed into renewed faith and purpose.

Perhaps you have felt that quiet stirring within your own heart, that gentle voice bringing peace, light, or courage when you needed it most. That is not by chance. It is the Lord Himself, drawing near, offering comfort, reminding you that He has never left your side. Even when your dreams seem shattered, He walks with you. Lovingly guiding you toward hope.

No matter what you are facing, the risen Jesus is with you. God remains close to those who seek Him and long to live in His presence.

You are not alone in your journey. The risen Lord walks beside you.

.....Fr. Lauro Arcede SM

| 18th & 19th April 2026        |   | LITURGY ROSTER  |   |   | [3rd Sunday of the Month] |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---------------------------|
| MINISTRIES                    | 5.00pm  | 7.30am  | 8.45am  | 10.30am   |                           |
| <b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b> | Romeo Gapud,  | Elvie Clark<br>John Blackford                           |   | Ding Mojica,<br>Morie Balisbisan  |                           |
| <b>COMMENTATOR</b>            | Erna Ferrer   | Gari De Guzman  | Donna Ison  | Therrie Chin  |                           |
| <b>FIRST READER</b>           | Joyce Vincent   | Sharmali Perera   | Melvina Vaz   | Linda Ranee   |                           |
| <b>SECOND READER</b>          | Mariyam Wijeyaratnam  | Agnes Zabala  | Elizabeth Abbey   | Socorro Amos  |                           |
| <b>PROJECTIONIST</b>          | Demmfyrah Desouza,<br>Evelyn Moras  |   | Jeremy Portelli   |   |                           |
| <b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> | Nenette Gapud,<br>Cezare Estrera,<br>Christiane Zammit,<br>Mary-Ann Zammit. | Suzanne Daniels,<br>Anthony Culbert,<br>Maryse Pereira. | Maryanne Parsons,<br>Henrietta D'Sa,<br>Estrellita Viola,<br>Josephine Daly<br>+1           | Brenda Payne,<br>Virginia Salom,<br>Luke Binny,<br>Anna Amos,<br>Socorro Amos.<br>+1                  |                           |
| <b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>      | Henryka Ogrodniczek,<br>Janine Wheeler                                      | Anthony Culbert   |   |   |                           |
| <b>MUSIC</b>                  | Lorraine's Choir  | NO Music Mass   | St Andrew's Family Choir  | Couples For Christ Australia  |                           |
| 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,<br>Kartiko Effendy   | Aileen Dela Cruz<br>Joanel Dela Cruz                    | Maria Hyson   | Noe Adan,<br>Ding Mojica  |                           |
| <b>COMMENTATOR</b>            | Nenette Gapud   | Gari De Guzman  | Vinetta Lobo  | YouthWorks  |                           |
| <b>FIRST READER</b>           | Dorris Barrios  | Elvie Clark   |   | YouthWorks  |                           |
| <b>SECOND READER</b>          | Zeni Bables   | Elizabeth Abbey   | Lydia Villamarin  | YouthWorks  |                           |
| <b>PROJECTIONIST</b>          | Jerome Chin   |   | Mariah Cutajar  | Louisa Velasco  |                           |
| <b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> | Merlie Domingo.,<br>Anne Marie Moriarty,<br>Henryka Ogrodniczek             | Geraldine Pereira,<br>Maurice Perera                    | Annette Morales,<br>Joshua Daly,<br>Maryanne Parsons,<br>Estrellita Viola,<br>Revathi Hyson | Aida Jamolin,<br>Therrie Chin,<br>Jay Ilagan,<br>Vicky Ilagan,<br>Maricor Espinosa.<br>Bessie Mojica. |                           |
| <b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>      | Henryka Ogrodniczek,<br>Janine Wheeler                                      | Anthony Culbert   |   |   |                           |
| <b>MUSIC</b>                  | Hearts of Jesus & Mary  | NO Music Mass   | Worship Hymn  | Fresh in Faith Youth Choir  |                           |



**PARISH  
YOUTH  
GROUP**

E: youthworksadmin@gmail.com  
IG / FB @youthworksmaryong

April 17 - CHOIR PRACTICE - 7pm at the FBC  
April 18 - SAYWAT - 6pm at the FBC  
April 24 - ADORATION - 6pm in the CHURCH  
April 26 - YOUTH MASS - 10:30am

**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**

**Where: St Andrew's Parish Piazza**

*(wet weather —> Fr Byrne Centre)*



*Tea, coffee and snacks will be provided*

Everyone is welcome!  
Please bring your friends  
and family along.



The Social Justice Group and St Vincent de Paul plan to make this a regular monthly gathering where members of the community can interact and get to know each other, build friendships and stay connected. We will seek your ideas for what you want to include in future programs and activities. Thank you.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE**

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September 2026. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries. To enrol and for more information, please contact the Parish Office. **Spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.** Registrations close 4th August.

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



**MASS READINGS -YEAR A**

**THIS 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

**NEXT 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

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

Josephine Alvares, Guilherme Alvares, Fransiskus Kunco Andilca, Juanito Banan, Joseph & Irène Bouquet, Silvia Braganza, Alison Cash, Tessie Cauchi, Paq-Asa Clariza, Fortunato Clariza Jr, Mary Cumbo, Julie & Paul Clemson, Arsenio 'Sonny' Cortez, Elvira De Leon, Amadea Afuang Egdane, Rodolfo Sr & Telesforo Jr Espinosa, Armando Evangelista, Marie Falzon, John Falzon, France Falzon, Allen Freitas, Emma Gacusana, Raymond Grima, Anthony Grima, Mr & Mrs George Khokhar, Rose Khoury, Rosemary Luczak, Abraham Macaraeg, Sr Alice Mary Martyris, Joseph Martyris, Maria Regina Menezes, Gregory Menezes, Graciano Menezes, Marvin Monzon, Maryane Moraleda, Josefina Napiza, Claude Ricaud, Julie 'Julita' Nunez, Roger Persich, Yvonne Pietersz, Manuella Said, Palmira Do Rosario, Michael Schembri, Santan Sequeira, Kay Taylor, Bernard Sultana, Leonardo Tamayo, Nestor Tepora, Linda Tepora, Tony Charles Webber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Webber Family, Vaz & Rodrigue Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory

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

**Sunday**

19-Apr

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

Counters: Group 3  
Marriage Blessing - All Masses  
**07:30** Mass  
**08:45** Mass  
**09:30** Choir Practice CFCA  
**10:30** Mass  
**11:45** Baptism  
**12:00** Discernment for new PPC membership

**Monday**

20-Apr

Monday of the 3rd week of Eastertide,  
**09:00** Mass  
**15:30** Jnr Legion of Mary  
**19:00** SVdP Meeting  
*Registrations Open - First Holy Communion*

**Tuesday**

21-Apr

Tuesday of the 3rd week of Eastertide, Saint Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop, Doctor  
**09:00** Mass  
**19:00** Legion of Mary  
*Students return SAP & SAC*

**Wednesday**

22-Apr

Wednesday of the 3rd week of Eastertide,  
**09:00** Mass SAP yr4  
**19:00** Novena & Mass  
**19:00** Music Practice CFCA  
*Students return PS*

**Thursday**

23-Apr

Thursday of the 3rd week of Eastertide, Saint George, Martyr, Saint Adalbert of Prague, Bishop, Martyr  
**09:00** Mass  
**19:00** Social Justice group meeting

**Friday**

24-Apr

Friday of the 3rd week of Eastertide, Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr  
**09:00** Mass  
**15:30** Jnr Legion of Mary  
**18:00** Adoration - Youth  
**19:00** Marriage conference event SAP hall  
*Building Strong Marriages in Changing Times*  
**19:00** Choir Practice HJM

**Saturday**

25-Apr

**Anzac Day**  
**09:00** Mass for the Sick  
**09:40** Legion of Mary  
**16:00** Music Practice  
*Worship Hymn*  
**16:00** Jnr Legion of Mary  
**17:00** Vigil Mass  
**18:00** Prayer Meeting HJM  
Public Holiday

## 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.**



*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



## 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)**