



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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.51 No.23 2nd & 3rd May 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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PARISH OFFICE:

Phone: 9622 0817
40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong 2148
[PO Box 4345]
Email Address:
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Office Hours:
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

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

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)**



DO YOU NOT BELIEVE

In the Gospel for this Fifth Sunday of Easter Jesus is trying to help the Apostles, help us understand his relationship with the Father. But both Thomas and Philip do not really understand what Jesus is trying to say and this leads Jesus to ask “Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?”

In the first half of the Gospel, Jesus declares that “you know the way to the place where I am going” but Thomas responds “Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus responds by saying the famous line, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.”

Jesus promises that there are many rooms in my Father’s house. By listening to Jesus, by following his example and living the kind of life he did, then we too can be brought ‘home’ to be with the Father for all eternity. That is why Jesus can declare himself the Way, the Truth and the Life. In what ways does Jesus’ life inspire us?

Thomas was much more interested in the destination, but what I believe Jesus is inviting us to recognise is that what we need to focus on is the journey, how are we going to get to be with the Father? That is why, following the example of the life of Jesus is so important.

Jesus has consistently declared that what he speaks, is not from himself, but from the one who sent him, the Father and mysteriously, seeing Jesus is to have seen the Father. But Philip again does not understand, and so asks to see the Father. But I believe that Jesus is talking about more than family resemblance. For we are to know the truth that Jesus reveals the Father, because he does not speak and act by his own authority.

There is also the truth, that God made us in his image and likeness. That it is possible to encounter God through others and creation. When we are faithful to the example of Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life, then we ‘see’ or encounter the Father more easily or readily. When we sin, we block or disfigure our ability to reveal the Father and that is why reconciliation is so important.

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

..... Fr Kevin Redmond sm

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 Scocorro Amos Maria Carpio Virginia Salom Jay Ilagan Vicky Ilagan	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Francesca Arigo			
MUSIC	Lorraine's Choir	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Mafi Family Choir	
9th & 10th May 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	Nayana Menezes Lobo Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan	
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Gari De Guzman	Josephine Daly	Socorro Amos	
FIRST READER	Doris Barrios	Natalie Webb	Nerissa Toong	Vicky Ilagan	
SECOND READER	Melvina Vaz	Nila Mangona	Maria Hyson	Jay Ilagan	
PROJECTIONIST	Demaiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Mirza Alata Anne Marie Moriarty Henryka Ogrodniczek Mariyam Wiewaratnam,	Geraldine Pereira Maria Webb Luz Tiqui	Salve Gatchalian Rose Rotik Juliet Parame	Bessie Mojica, Brenda Payne, Anna Amos, Virginia Salom, Maria Carpio Luke Binny	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Francesca Arigo			
MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Praise and Glory	Couples For Christ Australia	



PARISH YOUTH GROUP

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

- May 3 - SAYA CIRCLE - 6pm at the FBC
- May 9 - CHOIR PRACTICE - 7pm at the FBC
- May 16 - SAYWAT - 6pm at the FBC
- May 17 - YOUTH MASS - 10:30am
- May 29 - ADORATION - 6pm in the CHURCH

Next weekend, Youthworks are holding their annual Mother's Day Flower Stall.

They will be selling bouquets of flowers after the 5 pm, 8:45 am and 10:30 am Masses.

All money raised goes towards supporting future youth events. Thank you in advance for your support.

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.



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



CELEBRATE PENTECOST Sunday, 24 May 2026

This year's celebration will have the theme

"Empowered by the Spirit, Alive in Christ".

Starting at 9:50am with a Family Rosary

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



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.



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY:

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

Psalm: Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

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

Josephine Alvares, Guilherme Alvares, Lourdes Arranz, Greg Baxter, Gae Bergin, Silvia Braganza, Amador Caimbon, Julie & Paul Clemson, Arsenio 'Sonny' Cortez, Mary Cumbo, Marcelo De Mateo, Martin Desouza, Ronald Dias, Bong & Jojo Espinosa, Emma Gacusana, Raymond Grima, Eric & Eunice Hyson, Abraham Macaraeg, Consuelo Mangona, Sr Alice Mary Martyris, Joseph Martyris, Maria Regina Menezes, Gregory Menezes, Graciano Menezes, Marvin Monzon, John Motha, Julie 'Julita' Nunez, Wenceslao Ong, Palmira Do Rosario, Michael Schembri, Santan Sequeira, Paulino Tan, Anthony Victoria, Stella & Felic Zammit, Julie, Dodo, Chio Family, D'Souza Family, Andrews Family, Vaz & Rodrigues Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory

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

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>26-Apr 4th Sunday of Easter Counters: Group 4</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass - Youth</p>	<p>27-Apr Monday of the 4th week of Eastertide Saint Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, Priest</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SvDP Meeting</p> <p>Public Holiday Office Closed</p>	<p>28-Apr Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>29-Apr Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Group</p>	<p>30-Apr Thursday of the 4th week of Eastertide Saint Plus V, Pope</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting</p>	<p>1-May Friday of the 4th week of Eastertide or Saint Joseph the Worker First Friday</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 19:00 Mass 20:00 Church Cleaning HJM</p>	<p>2-May Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor</p> <p>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</p>
	<p>3-May 5th Sunday of Easter Counters: Group 5</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass 11:45 Baptism 17:30 Youthworks SAYA</p>	<p>4-May Monday of the 5th week of Eastertide</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary</p>	<p>5-May Tuesday of the 5th week of Eastertide</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:00 Registration Evening First Holy Communion</p>	<p>6-May Wednesday of the 5th week of Eastertide</p> <p>09:00 Mass SAP vr5 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Music Practice Praise & Glory</p>	<p>7-May Thursday of the 5th week of Eastertide</p> <p>09:00 Mass</p>	<p>8-May Friday of the 5th week of Eastertide</p> <p>09:00 Mass 10:00 SJ morning tea 11:45 SAP Mothers Day Liturgy 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Choir Practice HJM</p>	<p>9-May Saturday of the 5th week of Eastertide</p> <p>7:00 Church Cleaning CFCFA 8:00 CFCFA Marriage retreat 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:30 Prayer Meeting HJM 19:00 Music Practice Fresh in Faith Youth Choir</p>
	<p>10-May 6th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day Blessings Counters: Group 6</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 Choir Practice CFCFA 10:30 Mass</p>	<p>11-May Monday of the 6th week of Eastertide</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SvDP Meeting 19:00 Sacramental Facilitators Meeting</p> <p>19:15 Pentecost planning Meeting</p>	<p>12-May Tuesday of the 6th week of Eastertide Saints Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:30 Commissioning Mass for Liturgical Ministers 2026 St Patricks Cathedral</p>	<p>13-May Wednesday of the 6th week of Eastertide Our Lady of Fatima</p> <p>09:00 Mass SAP vr3 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Choir</p>	<p>14-May Saint Matthias, Apostle</p> <p>09:00 Mass</p>	<p>15-May Friday before Ascension Sunday</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:30 Music Practice Family Choir</p>	<p>16-May Saturday before Ascension Sunday</p> <p>09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary 10:30 Church Cleaning LoM P1 14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass Bishop's Good Works Appeal 18:00 SAYWAT</p>
	<p>17-May The Ascension of the Lord Bishop's Good Works Appeal Marriage Blessings Counters: Group 7</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass - Youth 11:45 Baptism</p>	<p>18-May Monday of the 7th week of Eastertide Saint John I, Pope, Martyr</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary</p>	<p>19-May Tuesday of the 7th week of Eastertide</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>20-May Wednesday of the 7th week of Eastertide St Bernadine of Siena, Priest</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:00 Music Practice CFCFA</p>	<p>21-May Thursday of the 7th week of Eastertide St Christopher Magallanes & his Companions, Martyrs</p> <p>09:00 Mass 16:30 Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p>22-May Friday of the 7th week of Eastertide Saint Rita of Cascia</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Choir Practice HJM</p>	<p>23-May Saturday of the 7th week of Eastertide</p> <p>09:00 Mass for the Sick 09:40 Legion of Mary 16:00 Music Practice Worship Hymn 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:30 Prayer Meeting HJM</p>
	<p>24-May Pentecost Counters: Group 8</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 FHC Class 1 09:30 Choir Practice CFCFA 10:00 Rosary 10:30 Mass 11:30 Parish Celebration International shared meal & fellowship</p>	<p>25-May Our Lady, Help of Christians (The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church)</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SvDP Meeting</p>	<p>26-May Saint Philip Neri, Priest</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary</p> <p>National Sorry Day</p>	<p>27-May Wednesday of week 8 in Ordinary Time Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</p> <p>09:00 Mass SAP vr2 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Choir</p> <p>National Reconciliation Week May 27 - June 3</p>	<p>28-May Wednesday of week 8 in Ordinary Time</p> <p>09:00 Mass 10:45 Catechist Meeting 10:45 Church Cleaning Group 4 19:00 Social Justice group meeting</p>	<p>29-May Friday of week 8 in Ordinary Time Saint Paul VI, Pope</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 18:00 Adoration - Youth</p>	<p>30-May Saturday of week 8 in Ordinary Time Saint Paul VI, Pope Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass</p>
	<p>31-May The Most Holy Trinity Counters: Group 13</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 FHC Class 2 10:30 Mass 13:00 HJM Leader workshop 14:00 40 years of the DaP Celebration Mass St Patricks Cathedral</p>	<p>1-Jun Saint Justin, Martyr</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary</p>	<p>2-Jun Tuesday of week 9 in Ordinary Time Saints Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs</p> <p>09:00 Mass SAP vr6 19:00 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>3-Jun Saints Charles Lwanga and his Companions, Martyrs</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Choir</p>	<p>4-Jun Thursday of week 9 in Ordinary Time</p> <p>09:00 Mass</p>	<p>5-Jun Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr First Friday</p> <p>09:00 Mass 09:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass 20:00 Church Cleaning HJM</p>	<p>6-Jun Saturday of week 9 in Ordinary Time, Saint Norbert, Bishop Saint Marcellin Champagnat Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>09:00 Mass 09:30 Parish Reconciliation 10:30 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 14:00 Music Practice Worship Hymn 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass</p>

✦ 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.

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**

Be The Witness





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PARRAMATTA

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

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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



**DIOCESE of
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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)

