



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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.51 No.24

9th & 10th 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.
Maria Hyson
(Sacramental Coordinator)
Merlinda (Merly) Generalao,
Michelle Sultana &
Joe Clemson
(Office staff)

PARISH OFFICE:

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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



CELEBRATE PENTECOST Sunday, 24 May 2026

"Empowered by the Spirit, Alive in Christ".

9:50am - 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.**

GOD'S INDWELLING, LOVING PRESENCE

At the heart of our faith lies a quiet yet life-changing truth: we are unconditionally loved by God. In baptism, this truth becomes our identity. Over us is spoken the same affirmation given to Christ: "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased." Yet even when we know these words, we often struggle to let them sink deeply into our hearts. How do we allow this truth to truly take root within us?

There is no instant answer, no quick remedy. Faith matures gently, through grace, patience, and openness. Still, we are not left alone in this journey. God has already given us help. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter and John are sent to lay hands on the Samaritans who had accepted the word of God, so that they might receive the Holy Spirit (cf. Acts 8:14-17). This same Spirit is given to all who welcome God's word, the living presence of God who teaches, guides, and strengthens us from within.

In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that love needs to be lived. "Whoever keeps my commandments loves me." To those who love him, he promises the Advocate, the Spirit of truth, who will remain with them. More than that, Jesus reveals a profound mystery: though he will no longer be seen, he will not be absent. He and the Father will come to dwell within us (cf. John 14:15-21). This divine indwelling is God's loving gift and enduring fidelity.

We see this promise alive in the early Church, especially in the ministry of Philip and in all who came to believe (cf. Acts 8:5-8). They were not abandoned; rather, they encountered the Lord in new and intimate ways. We, too, are invited into this same living relationship.

Peter encourages us to revere Christ in our hearts (1 Peter 3:15). When we live in the awareness that God dwells within us, our lives become a quiet witness, one that speaks not only in words, but in love.

God does not love us from a distance; he chooses to dwell within us. The Spirit lives in us, the Father abides in us, and Christ makes his home in our hearts.

.....Fr. Lauro Arcede SM

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	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 Wiyaratnam,	Geraldine Pereira Maria Webb Luz Tiqui	Salve Gatchalian Rose Rotik Juliet Parame Esther Viola Maryanne Parsons, +1	Bessie Mojica, Brenda Payne, Anna Amos, Virginia Salom, Maria Carpio Luke Binny, +1	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Francesca Arigo			
MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Praise and Glory	Couples For Christ Australia	

16th & 17th May 2026		LITURGY ROSTER			[3rd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Romeo Gapud, Joe Doyle	Elvie Clark John Blackford	Joy Kakodkar Derica Elogious	Ding Mojica, Mauricio Balisbisan (B)	
COMMENTATOR	Joyce Vincent	Donna Ison	Melvina Vaz	YouthWorks	
FIRST READER	Mercy Aquino	Luz Tiqui	Isabella Metcalfe	YouthWorks	
SECOND READER	Maria Webb	Sharmali Perera	Elizabeth Abbey	YouthWorks	
PROJECTIONIST	Demmfyrah 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 Virginia Salom, Maricor Espinosa, Therrie Chin Maria Carpio	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Francesca Arigo			
MUSIC	Lorraine's Choir	NO Music Mass	St Andrew's Family Choir	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir	

Mother's Day Blessing

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
 so you watch over your Church. Bless these women,
 that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.
 Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons
 and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.
 Grant this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.
 And may Almighty God bless you all,
 the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. R. Amen.



Sunday

10-May

6th Sunday of Easter
 Mother's Day Blessings
 Counters: Group 6
07:30 Mass
08:45 Mass
09:30 Choir Practice CFCA
10:30 Mass

Monday

11-May

Monday of the
 6th week of Eastertide
09:00 Mass
15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary
19:00 SVdP Meeting
19:00 Sacramental Facilitators
 Meeting
19:15 Pentecost planning
 Meeting

Tuesday

12-May

Tuesday of the
 6th week of Eastertide
 Saints Nereus &
 Achilleus, Martyrs
 Saint Pancras, Martyr
09:00 Mass
19:00 Legion of Mary
19:30 Commissioning Mass
for Liturgical Ministers 2026
St Patricks Cathedral

Wednesday

13-May

Wednesday of the
 6th week of Eastertide
 Our Lady of Fatima
09:00 Mass SAP yr3
19:00 Novena & Mass
19:30 Baptism Preparation
19:30 Music Practice
 Lorraine's Choir
 OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday

14-May

Saint Matthias, Apostle
09:00 Mass

Friday

15-May

Friday before Ascension Sun-
 day
09:00 Mass
15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary
19:30 Music Practice
 Family Choir

Saturday

16-May

Saturday before
 Ascension Sunday
09:00 Mass
09:40 Legion of Mary
10:00 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



Across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, people turn to the Church for care, hope, guidance and belonging. Through the Bishop's Good Works Appeal, our Diocese supports vital ministries including Holy Spirit Seminary, Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Over the coming weeks, this Appeal will support Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. Your generosity provides education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation for seminarians as they answer God's call.

Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code.

Thank you for supporting the future priests of our Church.



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:

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
 Psalm: Ps 46:2-3. 6-9
 Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
 Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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

Lourdes Alava, Josephine Alvares, Guilherme Alvares, Josefina Banal,
 Joseph Bartolo, Gae Bergin, Leonora Bonicacio, Silvia Braganza,
 Joan Chown, Julie & Paul Clemson, Eduardo Concepcion, Mary Cumbo,
 Arsenio 'Sonny' Cortez, Elvira De Leon, Jessie de Pedro, Nazario Egdane,
 Fabiana dela Cruz, Zenaida Dela Peña, Martin Desouza, Amadia Egdane,
 Emma Gacusana, Raymond Grima, Salome Hipolito, Dante Hipolito,
 Abelardo Hipolito, Chingkee 'Tony' Hui, Chadia Kaminski, Judith Kuestler,
 Erlinda Lamoridan, Pepito Mabagos, Norma Macadaeg, Therese Motha,
 Abraham Macaraeg, Benjamin Magistrado Jr, Pacita Surriba Malaluan,
 Sr Alice Mary Martyris, Joseph Martyris, Maria Regina Menezes,
 Gregory Menezes, Graciano Menezes, Marvin Monzon, June Pollard,
 Julie 'Julita' Nunez, Teodosia Pangilinan, Harold & Cordelia Pereira,
 Palmira Do Rosario, Gloria Salcedo, Cory Santos, Michael Schembri,
 Santan Sequeira, Maryse Sooknah, Bernard Sultana, Josephine Victoria,
 Teresa Vilaray, Tony Charles Webber, Stella & Felic Zammit,
 Henry, Constanca, Dods, Carmelo, Lucio,
 Webber Family, Vella & Pace Families,
 Vaz & Rodrigues Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families,
 Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory
**Please remember in your prayers**



PARISH YOUTH GROUP

E: youthworksadmin@gmail.com

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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

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

They will be selling bouquets of flowers after the 5:00 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.

The Parish Office will be closed

On Wednesday, May 13th for Staff development.

Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers: 12 May

All liturgical ministers – readers, servers, extra ordinary ministers are invited to join us for our [Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers](#). Families and friends are also invited. This celebration will take place at 7:30pm on 12 May 2026, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Liturgical ministers are asked to please arrive by 7pm and be seated by 7:15pm.

Please register the number of guests and ministers attending.

To register please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Adult Confirmations 2026

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 29th August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day.

The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 1st September, 2026 at 7:30pm at the Cathedral. Please Note: Enrolment forms and a copy of Baptismal Certificates should be sent to OFW before Monday 18th August, 2026. For more information, please contact the Office for Worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

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.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities for May 2026

There are several face-to-face Safeguarding Training opportunities available throughout May at different parishes. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.

For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org



✿ 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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*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)

