



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.



The ASCENSION of the LORD

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.51 No.25 16th & 17th 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 CLERGY & STAFF:

Fr. Kevin Redmond sm,
Fr. Floyd Gatana sm,
Fr. Lauro Arcede sm.
Maria Hyson
(Sacramental Coordinator)
Joe Clemson (Safeguarding)
Merlinda “Merly” Generalao &
Michelle Sultana (Office staff)

PARISH OFFICE:

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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

**Bishop's
GOOD
WORKS
APPEAL**

**HELP OUR SEMINARIANS
ANSWER GOD'S CALL**

DONATE NOW

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.

AND KNOW THAT I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

This weekend in Australia the Church celebrates the Ascension. Jesus returns to the Father and his physical time on earth comes to an end. He will sit on the right hand of the Father. But mysteriously this does not mean that Jesus abandons us. For Jesus declares that “And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.”

Traditionally, the Ascension, is celebrated 40 days after Easter and that is why it was celebrated as Ascension Thursday. Then 10 days later at Pentecost, is the descent of the Holy Spirit. The decision has been made in places like Australia, to transfer the celebration to Sunday. This upsets the timing, but it allows for a greater focus on the meaning of the Ascension.

Through his life, suffering, death and resurrection Jesus brings salvation and opens for us the way to eternal life. He called people to work with him, to form the Church and as he ascends to the Father, he empowers the Church to continue bringing about the Kingdom. So that where he, the head has gone, we the body, hope to follow.

When Jesus meets the eleven disciples on the mountain in Galilee, they worship him, but some hesitate. It shows how the transformation of their understanding is not complete. It will not be until the sending of the Spirit of truth that we can more fully understand who Jesus truly is.

Jesus then sends them with authority to “make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you.”

Jesus often in his public ministry calls us to understand that he is speaking not of himself, but the words the Father has given. When Jesus talks about authority, it is not about power or a force to compel but, I believe, that ability to share the truth of God’s love for us.

We are invited to baptise people, so that we can make a response to the invitation that God has given and to understand that the commandment to love, is to be lived out, through our taking up the cross, dying to self, to serve others. We have the promise of Jesus that in living out our faith, we are not alone.

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

..... *Fr Kevin Redmond sm*

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	Demmyfyrh Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Theodora D'Lima, Myles Anderiesz, Mariyam Wijeyaratnam, Nenette Gapud	Agnes Zabala, Anthony Culbert. Maurice Perera	Rose Rotik, Henrietta D'Sa, Estrellita Viola, Maryanee Parson Josephine Daly	Aida Jamolin, Brenda Payne Virgina 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	

23rd & 24th May 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	Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan Ding Mojica	
COMMENTATOR	Therrie Chin	Nila Mangona	Vinetta Lobo	Nenette Gapud	
FIRST READER	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Agnes Zabala	Martin Zammit	Socorro Amos	
SECOND READER	Theodora D'Lima	Elizabeth Abbey	Nerissa Toong	Linda Ranee	
PROJECTIONIST	Jerome Chin				
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Dolette Enriquez, Gener Gatbonton, Christine Zammit, Mary-Ann Zammit.	Geraldine Pereira, Suzanne Daniels, Luz Tiqui.	Aradhana Hyson, Estrellita Viola, Joshua Daly, Annette Morales, Lorraine D'Cruz, +1	Maria Carpio, Bessie Mojica Anna Amos, Brenda Payne, Virginia Salom, Maricor Espinosa.	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Francesca Arigo			
MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Couples For Christ Australia	

Social Justice Group

This is the Second in a series where our Social Justice Group will highlight Saints who worked for and championed social justice.

Saint Ivo of Kermartin (May 19)

St Ivo of Kermartin (1253–1303) was a 13th-century Breton ecclesiastical judge, priest, and renowned "Advocate of the Poor" who defended the disadvantaged without fee. He is honoured as the patron saint of lawyers and abandoned children. He established a hospital and gave away his own money and harvests to help the poor.

The values proposed by St Ivo retain an astonishing timeliness. His concern to promote impartial justice and to defend the rights of the poorest persons invites the builders of the world today to make every effort to ensure that the rights of all, especially the weakest, are recognized and defended.

His key characteristics were integrity, charity and spirituality.



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 approach the sign-up tables after Mass to indicate your donation or assistance. Or you may liaise with the Parish Office (Ph 02 9622 0817).

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.



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY:

PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Psalm: Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34

Second Reading: 1Cor 12:3-7. 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

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

Sr Patricia Bell LCM , Fr Miguel Espinosa OSB , Josephine Alvares, Guilherme Alvares, Antonio Azurin Sr., Christian Raymond Barrios, Ponciana & Brigido Bilbar, Leonora Bonifacio, Joseph & Irène Bouquet, Silvia Braganza, Arsenio Castillejo, Criselda Castillejo, Larry Cullen, John Paul & Gian Marco Ceniza, Elueterio & Damiana Ceniza, Julie & Paul Clemson, Arsenio 'Sonny' Cortez, Victorio & Eufrocina Cubio, Hermina & Miguel Cubio, Mary Cumbo, Ricardo De Mesa, Martin Desouza, Andrew Johnny D'souza, Dario Fortaliza, Emma Gacusana, Raymond Grima, Judith Kuestler, Pepito Mabagos, Abraham Macaraeg, Sr Alice Mary Martyris, Joseph Martyris, Maria Regina Menezes, Gregory Menezes, Graciano Menezes, Leticia Moraleda, Julie, Dods, Henry, Constanca, Carmelo,Net, Minda & Lucio Nuncio, Julie 'Julita' Nunez, Pascual Perez Sr., Conching Revillas, Ana Maria Rivera, Palmira Do Rosario, Santan Sequeira, Maryse Sooknah, Bernard Sultana, Guillermo Tayson, Nieves Velasco, Stella & Felic Zammit, Farla & Duchenne Families, Vaz & Rodrigues Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory

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

Sunday
17-May
The Ascension of the Lord
Bishop's Good Works Appeal
Marriage Blessings
Counters: Group 7
07:30 Mass
08:45 Mass
10:30 Mass - Youth
11:45 Baptism
Monday
18-May
Monday of the
7th week of Eastertide
Saint John I, Pope, Martyr
09:00 Mass
15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary
Tuesday
19-May
Tuesday of the
7th week of Eastertide
09:00 Mass
19:00 Legion of Mary
Wednesday
20-May
Wednesday of the
7th week of Eastertide
St Bernardine of Siena, Priest
09:00 Mass
19:00 Novena & Mass
19:00 Music Practice CFCA
Thursday
21-May
Thursday of the
7th week of Eastertide
St Christopher Magallanes
& his Companions, Martyrs
09:00 Mass
16:30 Finance Committee Meeting
Friday
22-May
Friday of the
7th week of Eastertide
Saint Rita of Cascia
09:00 Mass
15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary
19:00 Choir Practice HJM
Saturday
23-May
Saturday of the
7th week of Eastertide
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
18:30 Prayer Meeting HJM



PARISH YOUTH GROUP

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

May 16 - SAYWAT - 6pm at the FBC
May 17 - YOUTH MASS - 10:30am
May 29 - ADORATION - 6pm in the CHURCH

Thank you for your support of our Mother's Day Flower Stall !!!

CHILDRENS CHOIR

The Children's Choir will be singing on
Holy Trinity Sunday, 31 May 2026 at the 8.45am Mass.

Practice for the Mass will be on Saturday 30 May 2026 at the Fr. Byrne Centre from 3 -4.30pm. A wonderful opportunity to share your talents, grow in faith & be part of this beautiful celebration of the Mass.



Annual Laudato Si' Week: Saturday 16 May – Sunday 24 May

Join the Catholic Church across Australia and Catholics around the world in celebrating Laudato Si' Week. This annual commemoration of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' encourages us to care more deeply for God's creation. This Laudato Si' Week and Pentecost, let us gather in community to nurture "seeds of hope" for our suffering planet. Can we also continue to pray as Pope Leo XIV encourages us to offer "a prayer to the Lord who conquered death without weapons or violence." You can find more ideas for contemplation and action, resources, and events in the following sections:

Laudato Si: LaudatoSiWeek.org

Caritas: <https://www.caritas.org.au/resources/parish-materials/laudato-si-week-parish/>

Ministry of Care courses: 3-24 June

Those who visit the sick and are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and in Homes are invited to attend this course on the Ministry of Care. The course will take place every Wednesday in June at 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Please register via parracatholic.org/ministry-of-care-courses to reserve your spot.

For enquiries, please contact 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





**DIOCESE of
PARRAMATTA**

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)





NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2026

27 MAY – 3 JUNE

ALL IN

FOR RECONCILIATION

MOUNT DRUITT AND DISTRICT RECONCILIATION WALK

Saturday 23 May 2026

10am - 1pm

ENTERTAINMENT
10 - 11
RESUMES AFTER
WALK
12PM-1PM



MOUNT DRUITT AND DISTRICT RECONCILIATION GROUP INC.



Blacktown City Council

WALK STARTS AT 11AM



Dawson Mall, Mount Drutt, NSW 2770