



# 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.



14th SUNDAY  
In  
ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year A: Vol.51 No.32 4th & 5th July 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)  
Merly Generalao &  
Michelle Sultana (Office staff)

#### PARISH OFFICE:

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[saapm@bigpond.com](mailto:saapm@bigpond.com)  
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.standrewspmarayong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.standrewspmarayong.catholic.edu.au)

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)

Acting Principal:

Tania Cairns

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

## St Andrew's Social Justice Group >>> FOOD DRIVE <<< for Mahboba's Promise

In the spirit of compassion and solidarity St Andrew's parish Social Justice Group is partnering with the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations and Mahboba's Promise for a special social justice event on Sunday, 26 July, 11:45am -1.30pm in the Piazza. Come hear the inspiring story of Mahboba Rawi, who has dedicated her life to saving war-torn Afghan widows and orphans. Following the 2021 return of the Taliban, Mahboba heroically evacuated nearly 100 vulnerable orphans to safety here in Western Sydney, a few of whom you can meet at Mahboba's talk.

Facilitated by the St Andrew's Parish Social Justice Group, this is a unique opportunity for our parish to engage in dialogue, reflecting our shared values of compassion and solidarity .

Ahead of this event we are having a Food Drive. Grocery items donated to this cause will directly feed and support these children in Australia. *Please be mindful of Halal food and Afghan friendly ingredients:*

Basmati Rice, Rice Bran, Olive oils, Chickpeas, lentils, Dried red beans, Salt, Sugar, Honey, Fruit juice (apple, orange), Biscuits, Halal chocolate (ie, Nestle), Goat milk, Long Life Milk Lactose Free, School snacks, Tea towels, Toilet Paper / Soap, Shampoo / Conditioner, Toothpaste / Hand wash, Sanitary pads / Deodarant, Dish and clothes detergent, Garbage bags (lrg and sml), Dishwashing tablets.

PLEASE DROP YOUR DONATIONS INTO THE PARISH OFFICE. **Thank you for your generosity!**

# YES, MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN LIGHT

As we come to the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jesus exclaims that our membership in the Church or being part of God's family is not because of intelligence or philosophical arguments but because we are as open as children are to the truth or reality of God's love for us. It is perhaps easy to see all the rules and regulations of the Church as burdensome, but what Jesus is asking us to know is that his yoke is easy and his burden is a light burden to carry.

Jesus exclaims that it is part of the Father's plan for children to understand the mystery of God more than the learned and the clever. Our faith can be intellectually rigorous but studying does not mean that those with degrees are better Christians than those who never got a degree in theology. So part of our reflection can be about what it means that children can grasp the truth of God and the clever and the learned cannot?

This is a complex question and there will never be just one answer to such a question. For me there are two elements that stand out, firstly the idea that children accept reality and secondly they trust more than the learned and the clever.

Part of the danger of the learned and the clever is that they spend so much time analysing things and wondering if there is a trap or some sort of hidden agenda that they find it hard to just accept something on face value. Of course, you and I do need to be careful because there are so many scams and people who want to steal from us. But when we try and be careful with God, then we fail to allow all of God's love into our hearts and lives. Children are better at this than the learned and the clever.

It seems to me that children are more instinctive when trusting than the clever and the learned. Children will 'know' who loves them, who protects them and keeps them safe. Again it is perhaps sensible to test what others say, but when we are dealing with God, it is children who more completely accept the truth.

It is this childlike simplicity and acceptance that means that Jesus' burden is light and his yoke is easy. Can we be as open as children to this truth?

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

..... *Fr Kevin Redmond sm*

| 4th & 5th July 2026           |  | LITURGY ROSTER   |   |  | [1st Sunday of the Month] |
|-------------------------------|--|--|---|--|---------------------------|
| MINISTRIES                    | 5.00pm   | 7.30am   | 8.45am  | 10.30am  |                           |
| <b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b> | Romeo Gapud<br>Myles Anderiesz   | Ruben Bables   | Elvie Clark<br>Joy Kakodkar   | Jacob Chin<br>Ferdinand Chin (B)   |                           |
| <b>COMMENTATOR</b>            | Erna Ferrer  | Zeni Bables  | Vinetta Lobo  | Therrie Chin   |                           |
| <b>FIRST READER</b>           | Nenette Gapud  | Eden Luna  | Martin Zammit   | Maricor Espinosa   |                           |
| <b>SECOND READER</b>          | Theodora D'Lima  | Agnes Zabala   | Maria Hyson   | Socorro Amos   |                           |
| <b>PROJECTIONIST</b>          | Mariyam & Joel<br>Wijeyaratnam   |  | Jeremy Portelli<br>Keith Vaz  | Jerome Chin  |                           |
| <b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> | Mary Ann Zammit<br>Christine Zammit<br>Maria Webb<br>Valerian D'Lima   | Geraldine Pereira,<br>Maryse Pereira,<br>Suzanne Daniels,<br>Caitlyn Dela Cruz | Josephine Daly<br>Maryanne Parson<br>Annette Morales<br>+1<br>Doris Barrios               | Joseph Widjaja<br>Socorro Amos<br>Maria Carpio<br>Virginia Salom<br>Jay Ilagan<br>Vicky Ilagan |                           |
| <b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>      | Henryka Ogrodniczek,<br>Janine Wheeler                                 | Francesca Arigo  |   |  |                           |
| <b>MUSIC</b>                  | Lorraine's Choir   | NO Music Mass  | Worship Hymn  | Mafi Family Choir  |                           |
| 11th & 12th July 2026         |  | LITURGY ROSTER   |   |  | [2nd Sunday of the Month] |
| MINISTRIES                    | 5.00pm   | 7.30am   | 8.45am  | 10.30am  |                           |
| <b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b> | Myles Anderiesz<br>Joe Doyle   | Aileen Dela Cruz<br>Joanel Dela Cruz   | Maria Hyson<br>Joy Kakodkar   | Noe Adan   |                           |
| <b>COMMENTATOR</b>            | Nenette Gapud  | Lewis Manalili   | Josephine Daly  | Lita Picart  |                           |
| <b>FIRST READER</b>           | Mariyam Wijeyaratnam   | Maria Webb   | Rittarina Reay  | Vicky Ilagan   |                           |
| <b>SECOND READER</b>          | Melvina Vaz  | Natalie Webb   | Elizabeth Abbey   | Jay Ilagan   |                           |
| <b>PROJECTIONIST</b>          | Demaiyrah Desouza,<br>Evelyn Moras                                     |  | Jeremy Portelli   |  |                           |
| <b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> | Monica Desira,<br>Honorio Domingo,<br>Merlie Domingo,<br>Mercy Aquino. | Maurice Perera,<br>Merly Generalao,<br>Luz Tiqui.                              | Doris Barrios,<br>Julieta Pareme,<br>Salve Gatchalian,<br>Joshua Daly,<br>Aradhana Hyson. | +1,<br>Brenda Payne,<br>Anna Amos,<br>Virginia Salom,<br>Anna Amos,<br>Maricor Espinosa. +1    |                           |
| <b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>      | Henryka Ogrodniczek,<br>Janine Wheeler                                 | Francesca Arigo  |   |  |                           |
| <b>MUSIC</b>                  | Hearts of Jesus & Mary   | NO Music Mass  | Praise and Glory  | Couples For Christ Australia   |                           |

# THE BROWN SCAPULAR



To commemorate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, an enrolment in our Lady's Brown Scapular will be held in all Masses at St Andrew's on the weekend of Sat 18<sup>th</sup> & Sun 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2026.



The Scapular finds its roots in the tradition of the Order, which has seen in it a sign of Mary's motherly protection. It has therefore, a centuries old spiritual meaning approved by Church.

- ★ It stands for a commitment to follow Jesus, like Mary, the perfect model of all the disciples of Christ. This commitment finds its origin in Baptism by which we become children of God.
- ★ It leads us into the community of Carmel, a community of religious men and women, which has existed in the Church for over eight centuries.
- ★ It reminds us of the example of the saints of Carmel, with whom we establish a close bond as brothers and sisters to one another.
- ★ It is an expression of our belief that we will meet God in eternal life, aided by the intercession and prayers of Mary.

*A gift to you from your Heavenly Mother - Promise of Our Lady to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251*  
**"WHOSOEVER DIES IN THIS GARMENT SHALL NOT SUFFER ETERNAL FIRE."**

## NAIDOC Day Celebration at Whalan Reserve: 9 July

Join us for NAIDOC Day 2026 at Whalan Reserve as we celebrate 50 Years Deadly! Hosted by Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation & Holy Family Parish Mt Druitt, and supported by Blacktown City Council, Diocese of Parramatta, and Catholic Care WSBM. **All welcome to this free community event.**

Please register your interest as a volunteer or stallholder:

<https://parracatholic.org/events/naidoc-week-celebration-9-july/>



## SAFEGUARDING MANDATORY MODULES FACE-TO-FACE

There are several face-to-face Safeguarding Training opportunities available throughout July at several 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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

## WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

WWCC's are only valid for five years. Anyone with an expired WWCC cannot continue to volunteer in a child-related ministry of the parish. It is important that your current WWCC number is renewed rather than applying for a new WWCC. All parish volunteers are responsible for renewing their WWCC before the date it expires and must provide the parish office with evidence of the renewal before the expiry date. For Applications and renewals:

<https://ocg.nsw.gov.au>



### MASS READINGS -YEAR A

#### THIS SUNDAY:

#### **14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10  
 Psalm: Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14  
 Second Reading: Rom 8:9. 11-13  
 Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

#### NEXT SUNDAY:

#### **15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11  
 Psalm: Ps 64:10-14  
 Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23  
 Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

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

Josephine Alvares, Guilherme Alvares, Maximo Bables Sr, Gae Bergin, Leonora Bonifacio, Joseph & Irène Bouquet, Martin Brown, Jose Cabral Jr, Mark Caruana, Mary Cumbo, Alberto Castillejo, Julie & Paul Clemson, Martin Desouza, William Doyle, Christiane Ekstrom, Victoria Ferrer, Emma Gacusana, Betty Galang, Carlota Gatbonton, Mary Ann Grech, Raymond Grima, Anthony Grima, Irene Guillaumier, Cyril Lamalétie, Pepito Mabagos, Abraham Macaraeg, Gregory Menezes, Doris Mizzi, Marvin Monzon, Anthony Motha, Julie 'Julita' Nunez, Gerado Palma, Donald Parsons, Mary Rafferty, Suliano Rausuvanua, Edgardo R Soller, Tony Charles Webber, Aeldred & Riolenne Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Webber Family, Bouquet & Beche Families, Vaz & Rodrigues Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory

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

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| <b>Sunday</b>  |
| 5-Jul  |
| <b>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                      |
| Counters: Group 1  |
| <b>07:30</b> Mass  |
| <b>08:45</b> Mass  |
| <b>10:30</b> Mass  |
| <b>11:45</b> Baptism                                     |
| <b>Monday</b>  |
| 6-Jul  |
| Monday of week 14<br>in Ordinary Time                    |
| St Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr                         |
| <b>09:00</b> Mass  |
| <b>15:30</b> Jnr Legion of Mary                          |
| School Holidays commence                                 |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   |
| 7-Jul  |
| Tuesday of week 14<br>in Ordinary Time,                  |
| St Peter To Rot  |
| <b>09:00</b> Mass  |
| <b>19:00</b> Legion of Mary                              |
| <b>Wednesday</b>   |
| 8-Jul  |
| Wednesday of week 14<br>in Ordinary Time,                |
| <b>09:00</b> Mass  |
| <b>19:00</b> Novena & Mass                               |
| <b>19:30</b> Baptism Preparation                         |
| <b>19:30</b> Music Practice                              |
| Praise & Glory   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  |
| 9-Jul  |
| Thursday of week 14<br>in Ordinary Time,                 |
| Saint Augustine Zhao Rong<br>and his Companions, Martyrs |
| <b>09:00</b> Mass  |
| <b>Friday</b>  |
| 10-Jul   |
| Friday of week 14<br>in Ordinary Time,                   |
| <b>09:00</b> Mass  |
| <b>10:00</b> SJ morning tea                              |
| <b>15:30</b> Jnr Legion of Mary                          |
| <b>19:00</b> Choir Practice HJM                          |
| <b>Saturday</b>  |
| 11-Jul   |
| Saint Benedict, Abbot                                    |
| <b>7:00</b> Church Cleaning CFC                          |
| <b>09:00</b> Mass  |
| <b>09:40</b> Legion of Mary                              |
| <b>16:00</b> Jnr Legion of Mary                          |
| <b>17:00</b> Vigil Mass                                  |
| <b>18:30</b> Prayer Meeting HJM                          |



# PARISH YOUTH GROUP

youthworksadmin@gmail.com  
IG / FB @youthworksmarayong

- July 12 - SAYA CIRCLE - 6pm at the FBC
- July 13 & 17 - CHOIR PRACTICE - 7pm at the FBC
- July 18 - SAYWAT - 6pm at the FBC
- July 19 - YOUTH MASS - 10:30am
- July 31 - ADORATION - 6pm in the CHURCH

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP *Beloved* Come and Be

An evening of faith, friendship and encouragement  
Come as you are and be refreshed through prayer, conversation, connection and community.

### EVENT DETAILS:

VENUE: Fr Byrne Centre,  
St Andrew the Apostle Marayong  
DATE: Friday, 17 July 2026  
TIME: 6:30pm - 8:30pm  
Tea, coffee and light supper Provided

Proverbs 31:25 - **"She is clothed with strength and dignity;  
and she laughs without fear of the future.**



### WHAT TO EXPECT :)

- ♥ Worship ♥ Reflection & Sharing ♥
- ♥ Fellowship ♥ A Welcoming Space ♥
- ♥ Relaxed & Open Atmosphere ♥



Scan the QR code  
to register your attendance.

FREE EVENT!!



**ALL WOMEN WELCOME •**  
Bring a Friend

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

*This Program will commence in Term 3 for children in Years 5  
& above who have made their First Holy Communion.*

**Registration Forms may be collected from the Parish Office from Monday 20th July 2026**

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office on  
Sunday 26th July & Sunday 2nd August 2026 between 9.30 & 11.30am]

**Registration Evening:  
Tuesday 4th August at 7.00 pm in the Church**

**Classes: Sunday 23rd August & Sunday 30th August 2026**  
[Classes begin with 8.45 am Mass and conclude at approximately 11.30am]

**Sacrament of Confirmation Ceremony:  
15th & 16th September 2026 at 7:00pm**



### PARISH REGISTRATION

If you have not filled out a Registration Form, please do so as soon as possible and return it to the Church or Parish Office. Forms are available at the back of the Church.

If you are a new parishioner, we ask you to complete a Registration Form, and return it to the Parish Office.

### **Bulletin Highlights ...**

- ♦ **FOOD DRIVE FOR MAHBOBA'S PROMISE**
- ♦ **NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATION**
- ♦ **ENROLMENT IN THE BROWN SCAPULAR**
- ♦ **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**
- ♦ **UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS**

#### **HOME VISIT**

Would you like a visit from a priest or parishioner?

Name .....

phone .....

#### **SICK OR HOUSEBOUND**

Do you know someone who would like Holy Communion or a visit?

Name .....

phone .....

#### **PLANNED GIVING**

Would you like to support our parish?

Name .....

phone .....

**PLEASE PLACE ON COLLECTION PLATE AND YOU WILL BE CONTACTED**

# BRIDGES OF HOPE DIALOGUE & ACTION



## Encounter and food drive supporting Afghan orphans

You are invited to a St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church parish event with the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations supporting the Muslim Australian charity Mahboba's Promise.

Come hear the inspiring story of Mahboba Rawi, who has dedicated her life to saving war-torn Afghan widows and orphans. Following the 2021 return of the Taliban, Mahboba heroically evacuated nearly 100 vulnerable orphans to safety here in Western Sydney, a few of whom you can meet at Mahboba's talk.

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Facilitated by the St Andrew's Parish **Social Justice Group**, this is a unique opportunity for our parish to engage in dialogue, reflecting our shared values of compassion and solidarity.

## St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church (Piazza)

40 Breakfast Road, Marayong NSW 2148

Sunday 26 July | 11.45 am



## ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO DONATE

**Fresh fruit, meat, vegetables, organic eggs acceptable on the day of the event**

**Please no meat or fish unless Halal certified, such as smoked salmon**

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basmati Rice                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit juice (apple, orange)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Paper / Soap        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Avocado, Rice Bran, Olive oils | <input type="checkbox"/> Biscuits                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo / Conditioner      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chickpeas, lentils             | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Halal</u> chocolate (ie, Nestle) | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste / Hand wash     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Dried</u> red beans         | <input type="checkbox"/> Goat milk                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary pads / Deodarant  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Salt                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Long Life Milk Lactose Free         | <input type="checkbox"/> Dish and clothes detergent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar                          | <input type="checkbox"/> School snacks                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Garbage bags (lrg and sml) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honey                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Tea towels                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Dishwashing tablets        |



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Tehillah Covenant  
Community- ICPE Mission  
Sydney



**BAABAYN ABORIGINAL CORPORATION  
& THE HOLY FAMILY PARISH SERVICES**



# **NAIDOC DAY**

**THURSDAY 9 JULY, 2026**

**10AM - 4PM AT WHALAN RESERVE**

**'50 Years Deadly'**



**FREE FAMILY EVENT!**

**FEAT. MT DRUITT'S GOT TALENT SHOW,  
FREE FOOD, FREE RIDES, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT,  
STALL-HOLDERS & MUCH MORE!**

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...including many other organisations.