



# 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.



## 15th SUNDAY In ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year A: Vol.52 No.33 11th & 12th 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:

**Phone: 9622 0817**  
40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong 2148  
[PO Box 4345]  
Email Address:  
**saapm@bigpond.com**  
Office Hours:  
Monday to Friday  
9.00am to 4.00pm  
**after hours 9671 5793**

#### 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)

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

## THE BROWN SCAPULAR OF OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL

To commemorate the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, an enrolment in our Lady's Brown Scapular will be held at St Andrew's Parish Church.



Saturday, 18th July 2026 during the 5:00pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday, 19th July 2026 during the Holy Mass at 7:30am, 8:45am & 10:30am

It is a gift to you from our Heavenly Mother, "WHOSOEVER DIES IN THIS GARMENT SHALL NOT SUFFER ETERNAL FIRE." promise of Our Lady to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251.



#### 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 ...**

- ♦ ENROLMENT IN THE BROWN SCAPULAR
- ♦ SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
- ♦ FOOD DRIVE FOR MAHBOBA'S PROMISE
- ♦ WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

# A GOOD HARVEST BEGINS IN AN OPEN HEART

Every farmer knows that a fruitful harvest does not begin with the seed but with the soil. The finest seed cannot flourish upon hardened ground, nor can abundant rain produce fruit where the earth refuses to receive it. Before there is growth, there must first be openness.

The 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time tells us this simple truth.

The prophet Isaiah (55:10-11) reminds us that God's word is like the rain and snow descending from heaven. They do not return without watering the earth, making it fertile and fruitful. God is always speaking; He is always pouring His grace upon the world. God is generous. Are our hearts receptive?

Jesus continues the same image in the Parable of the Sower (cf. Mt. 13:1-23). The seed is generously scattered upon every kind of ground. God does not measure His love before He gives it. Yet the harvest differs because every heart receives the same gift differently. A hardened heart resists. A distracted heart forgets. A divided heart withers. Only a heart that is open to God bears fruits.

All creation longs for the fullness of God's kingdom according to St. Paul (Rom 8:18-23). Like a seed hidden beneath the soil, creation waits patiently for new life to emerge. Growth is often unseen before it becomes visible. God's greatest work is usually hidden, quietly transforming the heart long before it transforms the world.

We often ask God to change our circumstances, while God patiently seeks to cultivate our hearts. We desire a better harvest, but God first prepares better soil.

Mary is the perfect image of that fertile ground. She welcomed the Word without resistance, treasured it in silence, and allowed it to bear fruit for the salvation of the world. Each of us is invited to become that same humble soil where Christ may once again take flesh.

May we allow Christ to soften whatever has become hard within us, remove whatever chokes His grace, and deepen our roots in Him. Then our lives, quietly and faithfully, will become a harvest of peace, hope, and love for the world.

May you bear abundant harvest.

.....Fr. Lauro Arcede SM

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 Joe Doyle	Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz	Maria Hyson 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, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli		
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Monica Desira, Honorio Domingo, Merlie Domingo, Mercy Aquino.	Maurice Perera, Merly Generalao, Luz Tiqui.	Doris Barrios, Julietta Pareme, Salve Gatchalian, Joshua Daly, Aradhana Hyson.	+1, Brenda Payne, Anna Amos, Virginia Salom, Anna Amos. Maricor Espinosa. +1	
<b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Francesca Arigo			
<b>MUSIC</b>	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Praise and Glory	Couples For Christ Australia	
18th & 19th July 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, Nayana Menezes Lobo.	Elvie Clark John Blackford	Joy Kakodkar Derica Elogious	Noe Adan Morie Balisbisan	
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Erna Ferrer	Donna Ison	Melvina Vaz	YouthWorks	
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Joyce Vincent	Sharmali Perera	Doris Barrios	YouthWorks	
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Mercy Aquino	Luz Tiqui	Keith Vaz	YouthWorks	
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Demmfyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Nenette Gapud, Cezare Estrera, Myra Estrera, Mirza Alata.	Agnes Zabala, Eden Luna, Geraldine Pereira.	Maryanne Parsons, Henrietta D'Sa, Van Nguyen, Estrellita Viola, Rittarina Reay.	Aida Jamolin, Therrie Chin, Luke Binny, Maria Carpio, Maricor Espinosa. +1.	
<b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Francesca Arigo			
<b>MUSIC</b>	Lorraine's Choir	NO Music Mass	St Andrew's Family Choir	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir	

## 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.

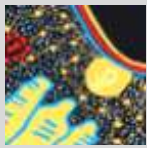
Facilitated by the St Andrew's Parish Social Justice Group, this is a unique opportunity for our parish to engage in dialogue, reflecting our shared values of compassion and solidarity.

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!***



### 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:**

##### **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

##### **NEXT SUNDAY:**

##### **16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Wis 12:13. 16-19

Psalm: Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

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

Cicily Abraham, Fausto & Marcelina Afuang, Josephine Alvares, Daisy Amos, Guilherme Alvares, Amparo Ramirez Bernardo, Leonora Bonifacio, Julia Bonifacio, Joseph & Irène Bouquet, Martin Brown, Mary Calleja, Mark Caruana, Mary Cumbo, Fortunato & Pag-Asa Clariza, Julie & Paul Clemson, Vincent Dalley, Maria & Juan Concepcion, Elvira De Leon, Zenaida Dela Peña, Martin Desouza, Nazario & Amadea Egdane, Leslie Elias, Aloysius Elias, Marie, John & Frank Falzon, Victoria Ferrer, Emma Gacusana, Mary Ann Grech, Raymond Grima, Anthony Grima, Irene Guillaumier, Elena Jamias, Randolph Johnson, Alex Kels, Pepito Mabagos, Abraham Macaraeg, Virgilio Malaluan, Marciano Malaluan, Bibiana Malaluan, Gregory Menezes, Marvin Monzon, Anthony Motha, Nathan Newson, Julie 'Julita' Nunez, Anecito Padilla, Donald Parsons, Abraham Paulose, Anna Perera, Suliano Rausuvanua, Victorino Salvador, Alvin Sebastian, Minda Trinidad, Abelardo Trinidad, Danilo Tuazon, Therese Wanigaratne, Aeldred & Riolene Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Emanuela, Albert & Dominica Zammitt, Farla & Duchenne Families, Bouquet & Beche Families, Vaz & Rodrigues Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory ...***Please remember in your prayers***

### Sunday

12-Jul

#### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Counters: Group 2

07:30 Mass

08:45 Mass

09:30 Choir Practice CFA

10:30 Mass

17:30 Youthworks SAYA

### Monday

13-Jul

Monday of week 15

in Ordinary Time

Saint Henry

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

19:00 SVdP Meeting

19:00 Music Practice

*Fresh in Faith Youth Choir*

### Tuesday

14-Jul

Tuesday of week 15

in Ordinary Time

Saint Camillus of Lellis, Priest

09:00 Mass

19:00 Legion of Mary

### Wednesday

15-Jul

Saint Bonaventure,

Bishop, Doctor

09:00 Mass

19:00 Novena & Mass

19:30 Music Practice

Lorraine's Choir

### Thursday

16-Jul

Thursday of week 15

in Ordinary Time,

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

09:00 Mass

16:30 Finance Committee

Meeting

18:30 Deanery Gathering

*for Synodal Church*

*at Good Shepherd Plumpton*

### Friday

17-Jul

Friday of week 15

in Ordinary Time,

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

18:30 Beloved -

Women's ministry

19:00 Music Practice

*Fresh in Faith Youth Choir*

19:30 Music Practice

*Family Choir*

Last Day School Holidays

### Saturday

18-Jul

Saturday of week 15

in Ordinary Time,

Saturday memorial of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Reception - the Brown Scapular

09:00 Mass

09:40 Legion of Mary

10:00 Church Cleaning LoM P1

16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary

17:00 Vigil Mass

18:00 SAYWAT



## 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

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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



## *Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth*

are inviting parishioners to join them for a  
Holy Family Association & Friends gathering.

Date: Saturday, 18 July 2026

Venue: **Holy Family Services, Recreation Hall**  
116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong

09.30 am: Arrival & Morning Tea

10.00 am: A talk by Guest Speaker Fr. Lauro SM

12.00 pm: Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Joe Manjaly MS,  
Holy Family Services Chapel, followed by Lunch

For more information and to RSVP by 13 July, please contact:  
Sr Venus 0433 187 127 Email: holyfamilyassociation2026@gmail.com

***Look forward to seeing you there!***



## 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**

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Catholic Parish Marayong



Tehillah Covenant  
Community- ICPE Mission  
Sydney



**Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth**  
Association of the Holy Family-Australia

Dear Associates and Friends,

*You are invited!*



***Association  
Gathering***

***Saturday  
18 July 2026***

Look forward to seeing  
you there!

RSVP to  
Sr Venus or Sr Rita  
0433 187 127  
0424 678 766

by 11 July 2026

holyfamilyassociation2026  
@gmail.com

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10:00 - 11:00 - Talk  
Fr. Lauro Arcede, SM

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Fr. Joe Manjaly, MS  
Holy Family Services Chapel

Lunch  
Holy Family Services  
Recreation Centre

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# BRIDGES OF HOPE DIALOGUE & ACTION



## Encounter and food drive supporting Afghan orphans

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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**

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|---|--|---|
| <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        |

