



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.



16th SUNDAY
In
ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.52 No.34

18th & 19th 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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40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong 2148
[PO Box 4345]

Email Address:
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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.standrewspsmarayong.catholic.edu.au

Principal:
Annemarie Bond
Phone: 8869 6700
Address: 36 Breakfast Road
Marayong 2148

ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE
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

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

GOD’S AUTHORITY IS SHOWN IN MERCY AND PATIENCE

Friends, on this 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we reflect on the readings, which invite us to consider the authority of God. God’s authority and greatness are revealed through His mercy and patience.

We hear this message in the Book of Wisdom and in the Gospel of Matthew. God patiently deals with humanity and shows mercy as an expression of His great love. The Book of Wisdom teaches us about God’s patience and mercy, and it challenges us to show the same qualities to others.

In the Gospel of Matthew, we hear the Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat. This parable reminds us that good and evil exist together in the world. God is patient, allowing time for repentance rather than bringing immediate judgment.

The readings help us understand who God is and how He relates to humanity. Although God is all-powerful and far greater than we are, He reaches out to us with mercy and patience. His true greatness is revealed not through force, but through His compassion and love.

The message of today's readings is clear. God calls us to learn from His example by showing mercy and patience to others. Let us be patient with those we meet and treat them with the same mercy that God continually shows to each one of us.

..... from Fr Floyd Gatana SM

RECEIVING COMMUNION BY TONGUE				
A reminder that here at St Andrew the Apostle, Marayong we permit holy communion by tongue for those who are interested. Only the priest gives communion by the tongue. During communion, please come forward to the priest at the end of the communion line.				

18th & 19th July 2026		LITURGY ROSTER			[3rd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Romeo Gapud	Elvie Clark John Blackford	Joy Kakodkar Derica Elogious	Noe Adan Morie Balisbisan	
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Donna Ison	Melvina Vaz	YouthWorks	
FIRST READER	Myra Estrera	Sharmali Perera	Doris Barrios	YouthWorks	
SECOND READER	Mercy Aquino	Luz Tiqui	Keith Vaz	YouthWorks	
PROJECTIONIST	Demmyfyrh Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Nenette Gapud, Cezare Estrera, Mirza Alata. +2	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.	
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	
25th & 26th July 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	Maria Hyson Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan, Ding Mojica	
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Nila Mangona	Peter Maw	Socorro Amos	
FIRST READER	Dorris Barrios	Elvie Clark	Vinetta Lobo	Linda Ranee	
SECOND READER	Maria Webb	Elizabeth Abbey	Lydia Villamarin	Maria Carpio	
PROJECTIONIST					
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Dolette Enriquez, Mariyam Wijeyaratnam, Anne Marie Moriarty, Henryka Ogrodniczek.	Caitlyn Dela Cruz Geraldine Pereira, Maurice Perera	Annette Morales, Lorraine D'Cruz, Maryanne Parsons, Estrellita Viola, Revathi Hyson	Brenda Payne, Virginia Salom, Luke Binny, Anna Amos, Socorro Amos. Maricor Espinosa.	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Francesca Arigo			
MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Couples For Christ Australia	

SRE CATECHIST REFLECTION DAY

Thursday 23 July at 10.00 am in the Fr Byrne Centre.

Fr Floyd will present our second Reflection Day for SRE Catechists - the takeaways from last year have helped guide us through this important Ministry at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, please come along.

It is also a great opportunity to invite others interested in this ministry to come and see what we do in our roles as SRE Catechists.

Please send through your RSVP (and questions) to Betty Carter on:

0407 967 418 or SRE@saapm.onmicrosoft.com



DoP WYD Seoul 2027 Launch: 12 August
17th International World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea (26 July – 11 August 2027), themed "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Join us to learn about the pilgrimage!

Venue: Nagle College, 58A Orwell St, Blacktown

Doors open at 6:30pm. Register today at:

parracatholic.org/events/wyd27-launch/

LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTERS GATHERING

The Parish of St. Andrew the Apostle, Marayong warmly invites all parish choir members, musicians, music group coordinators, and anyone interested in learning more about liturgical music ministry to a special gathering.



- ♫ Monday, 20 July
- ♫ 7:00 PM in the Church
- ♫ St. Andrew the Apostle, Marayong



Whether you are an experienced music minister or simply interested in serving the Church through music, this gathering is an opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Church's vision of liturgical music, grow in your ministry, and share in fellowship with fellow musicians and singers.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Message from Marist Laity Australia:

Marist Fourviere Event - July 28

Marist Way Australia has been busy preparing for the Marist Fourviere Celebration on Sunday, July 28, from 10 am to 2 pm at Hunters Hill. It would be wonderful if you could join us and bring others along — please RSVP as soon as possible. As Marists, we are called to be a bridge to one another, so do encourage others to come too. (Click on the RSVP link)

<https://www.maristway.org/Events/1644.php>



MASS READINGS - YEAR A

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY:

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5. 7-12
Psalm: Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130
Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

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

Cipriana Alata, Josephine Alvares, Guilherme Alvares, Onofre Azores, Bernard & Christian Raymond Barrios, Leonora Bonifacio, Martin Brown, Joseph & Irène Bouquet, Mark Caruana, Julie & Paul Clemson, Nicanor & Alejandria Cleto, Maria & Juan Concepcion, Gloria, Angelico, Rolando & Melchor Constantino, Francisca Cruz, Mary Cumbo, Martin Desouza, Pucing & Milagros de Jesus, Anh Minh Doan, Telesforo Espinosa Sr, Salud Estrera, Roberts Families, Quinn Families, Baptist Families, Victoria Ferrer, Gerard Go, Emma Gacusana, Mary Ann Grech, Raymond Grima, Anthony Grima, Dr Luisito Guanlao, Irene Guillaumier, Elena Jamias, Maria Carmen Kitney, Teresa Lagan, Geronimo Lauron, Simeon Ledesma, Pepito Mabagos, Mario Mabagos, Isidro Mabagos, Aurelio & Victoria Mabagos, Abraham Macaraeg, Roger Manché, Claudia & Vicente Mendoza Sr, Gregory Menezes, Marvin Monzon, Anthony Motha, Wilfredo Nemenzo Sr., Julie, Dods, Henry, Constancia, Carmelo, Nenet, Minda & Lucio Nuncio, Leyden Panol, Donald Parsons, Aurea Alcantara Paz, Julie 'Julita' Nunez, Nieves & Baldomero Penámante, Suliano Rausuvanua, Terrence John Ryan, Teresa & Lawrence Santimano, Vincent Sicat, Erlinda Solis Soller, Judith Stephenson, Josephine & Anthony Victoria, Aeldred & Riolen Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Bouquet & Beche Families, Vaz & Rodrigues Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory ...***Please remember in your prayers***

Sunday

19-Jul

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reception of the
Brown Scapular
Marriage Blessings
Counters: Group 3

07:30 Mass

08:45 Mass

10:30 Mass - Youth

11:45 Baptism

Monday

20-Jul

Monday of week 16
in Ordinary Time
Saint Apollinaris,
Bishop, Martyr

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

19:00 Gatherin of
all choir members
Registrations Open -
Confirmation

Tuesday

21-Jul

Tuesday of week 16
in Ordinary Time
St Laurence of Brindisi,
Priest, Doctor

09:00 Mass

19:00 Legion of Mary

19:00 Interfaith Women's
Discussion Group
students return

Wednesday

22-Jul

Saint Mary Magdalen

09:00 Mass

19:00 Novena & Mass

19:00 Music Practice CFCA

Thursday

23-Jul

Thursday of week 16
in Ordinary Time,
St Bridget of Sweden, Religious
Fourviere Pledge - Lyon
Parish Audit

09:00 Mass

10:00 SRE Catechist

Reflection day

10:45 Church Cleaning Group 4

19:00 Social Justice
group meeting

Friday

24-Jul

Friday of week 16
in Ordinary Time,
Saint Charbel Makhlof, Priest

09:00 Mass

10:30 Funeral Francisca Cruz

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

20:00 Choir Practice HJM

Saturday

25-Jul

Saint James, Apostle

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

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July 18 - SAYWAT - 6pm at the FBC
July 19 - YOUTH MASS - 10:30am
July 31 - ADORATION - 6pm in the CHURCH

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.



St Andrew's Social Justice Group

for Mahboba's Promise

>>> FOOD DRIVE <<<

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 / Deodorant, Dish and clothes detergent, Garbage bags (lrg and sml), Dishwashing tablets.

PLEASE DROP YOUR DONATIONS INTO THE PARISH OFFICE.

Thank you for your generosity!

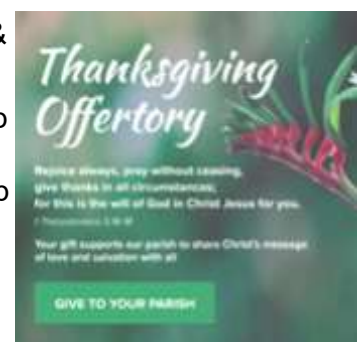
YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND PLANNED GIVING TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

The financial well-being of every parish community is dependent on the support given by members of the parish family. Please remember that the parish is exposed to the same cost of living pressure as the rest of the community; your support and generosity is needed.

If you have not yet collected your planned giving envelopes, please do so this weekend. If you are not yet a planned giving participant in our parish community, you are encouraged to become involved. You may do this either by parish envelopes, credit card or direct debit.

We are very appreciative of those who continue to drop in envelopes each week & also those who are taking advantage of online contributions. This can be done by:

- ❖ Visiting our website and use the '[Make a Payment](#)' button. The Biller Code drop down box will let you choose from Planned Giving, 1st or 2nd Collection etc.
- ❖ You can contact the parish office to set up a planned giving direct debit or setup your own recurring payment to:
BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 00000420
Account Name: Marayong Catholic Church
- ❖ A tap and go terminals are available in the church.



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.

In the spirit of collaboration, we are hosting a Food Drive. Your donations of grocery items will feed and support Mahboba's children settling in Australia.

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



COLUMBAN CENTRE FOR
CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM RELATIONS