



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.



18th SUNDAY
In
ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.52 No.36

1st & 2nd August 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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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.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 now until Tue 4th Aug 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

WHY SPEND ON WHAT FAILS TO SATISFY?

We all long for something more. We desire to love and be loved, to find meaning in our lives, to belong, to be accepted, and to discover a joy that lasts. Even after reaching our goals, there can still be an emptiness that quietly reminds us that we were made for something greater. It is the hunger for God. It is into this deepest longing that God speaks.

The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) reveal a God whose greatest desire is to satisfy His people. Through the prophet Isaiah, He tenderly calls, "Come to me... Listen to me, and you shall delight in rich food" (Isaiah 55:1-3). God never intended us merely to survive from one day to the next. He desires that we live fully, nourished by His love and sustained by His grace.

St. Paul assures us that this invitation reaches its fulfilment in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:35, 37-39). Whatever burdens we carry, whatever trials we endure, nothing can separate us from the love of God. His love remains constant, faithful, and life-giving. It is the only love capable of filling the deepest hunger of the human heart.

In the Gospel (Matthew 14:13-21), Jesus gives this love a human face. Seeing the hungry crowd, He is moved with pity. He heals their sick and refuses to send them away empty. Instead, He turns to His disciples and says, "You give them something to eat." What seemed insufficient, five loaves and two fish, became more than enough when placed into the hands of Christ.

That invitation is extended to us. The Lord asks us not to focus on what we lack, but to offer what we have. When our lives are placed in God's hands, even our small acts of kindness become channels of God's abundant grace. God is never blind to our deepest yearnings. In giving us His Son, He not only feeds our daily needs but also satisfies our longing for eternal life.

.....Fr. Lauro Arcede SM

1st & 2nd August 2026		LITURGY ROSTER			[1st Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Romeo Gapud Myles Anderiesz	Ruben Bables John Fernandes	Elvie Clark Joy Kakodkar	Jacob Chin Ferdi Chin (B)	
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Zeni Bables	Vinetta Lobo	Therrie Chin	
FIRST READER	Nenette Gapud	Eden Luna	Isabelle Metcalfe	Maricor Espinosa	
SECOND READER	Theodora D'Lima	Agnes Zabala	Maria Hyson	Socorro Amos	
PROJECTIONIST	Mariyam & Joel Wijeyaratnam		Jeremy Portelli Keith Vaz	Jerome Chin	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Mary Ann Zammit Christine Zammit Maria Webb Valerian D'Lima	Geraldine Pereira, Maryse Pereira, Suzanne Daniels	Josephine Daly Maryanne Parson Annette Morales Caitlyn Dela Cruz Doris Barrios	Joseph Widjaja Scocorro Amos Maria Carpio Virginia Salom Maricor Espinosa Luke Binny	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Francesca Arigo			
MUSIC	Lorraine's Choir	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Mafi Family Choir	
8th & 9th August 2026		LITURGY ROSTER			[2nd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Myles Anderiesz Nayana Menezes Lobo.	Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz	Maria Hyson Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan	
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Lewis Manalili	Josephine Daly	Lita Picart	
FIRST READER	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Maria Webb	Vinetta Lobo	Vicky Ilagan	
SECOND READER	Melvina Vaz	Natalie Webb	Elizabeth Abbey	Jay Ilagan	
PROJECTIONIST	Demaiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Monica Desira, Honorio Domingo, Merlie Domingo. Mercy Aquino.	Maurice Perera, Merly Generalao, Maria Webb.	Julieta Pareme, Salve Gatchalian, Joshua Daly, Aradhana Hyson. +1	Bessie Mojica, Brenda Payne, Anna Amos, Virginia Salom, Anna Amos. Maricor Espinosa. +1	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Francesca Arigo			
MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Praise and Glory	Couples For Christ Australia	



PARISH YOUTH GROUP

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August 2 -	SAYA CIRCLE	- 6pm at the FBC
August 14 -	CHOIR PRACTICE	- 7pm at the FBC
August 15 -	SAYWAT	- 6pm at the FBC
August 16 -	YOUTH MASS	- 10:30am
August 28 -	ADORATION	- 6pm in the CHURCH

FEAST DAYS IN THE COMING WEEKS...

Tuesday August 4: St John Vianney – Patron of Parish Priests. We ask that on this day parishioners pray for all priests and particularly the priests in our own Diocese of Parramatta.

Thursday, August 6: The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. During this difficult time in the world, it is important to remember how Jesus wishes to help us in our daily journey.

“Lord Jesus, you encouraged your disciples when your humanity was transfigured by the divine glory at the Transfiguration. Increase our faith so that we may endure trials of life and the knowledge that our final destiny is to share in your glory. Amen.” (Weekday Living Word)

Saturday, August 8: St Mary of the Cross, national patron of Australia and also of our Diocese of Parramatta.

“Holy God, source of all goodness, In Mary MacKillop you show us a woman of faith who lived by the power of your cross and pioneered new ways of living the gospel. Help us to live in ways that respect and defend the human dignity of all in our land. We ask this through Christ, who lives and reigns for ever, AMEN.”

Saturday August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Holy day of obligation.

“Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us to become more and more like Jesus. We pray that parents and children may live in respect, honour and love. May we one day rejoice with Mary and all the saints in the presence of God. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen”

Masses for the Assumption: Friday evening Vigil at 7:00pm and Saturday morning 9:00am.

NEW BOOK RELEASE

FREE TO FLOURISH A new book by Fr. Stephen C. Onyekwere
What if flourishing isn't about having a perfect life — but about finding the courage to begin again?

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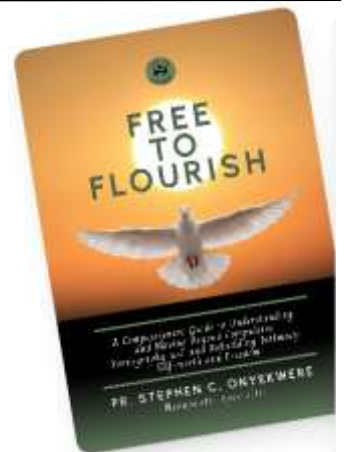
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MASS READINGS -YEAR A THIS SUNDAY:

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3
Psalm: Ps 144:8-9, 15-18
Second Reading: Rom 8:35, 37-39
Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

NEXT SUNDAY:

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13
Psalm: Ps 84:9-14
Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

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

Josephine Alvares, Guilherme Alvares, Daisy Amos, Nena Antonio, Elizabeth Azurin, Antonio Azurin, Gae Bergin, Julia Bonifacio, Martin Brown, Philomena Caivalho, Eulogio Canicula, Mark Caruana, Julie & Paul Clemson, Maria & Juan Concepcion, Rolando & Melchor Constantino, Gloria & Angelico Constantino, Minda Cortez, Francisca Cruz, Mary Cumbo, Ricardo De Mesa, Zenaida Dela Peña, Inas Santan D'Souza, Victoria Ferrer, Bernadette Bona Duque, Aquilina Estomaguio, Aquilina Estomaguio, Rodney John Flewitt, Zyrille Sabina Franche, Mary Ann Grech, Raymond Grima, Irene Guillaumier, Elena Jamias, Arnel Kels, Alex Kels, Sydney Lobo, Pepito Mabagos, Abraham Macaraeg, Marciano Malaluan, Dennis Manché, Joseph Martyris, Benjamin Martyris, Amalina Martyris, Marcelina Mazo, Ruby Mendonca, Anthony Mendonca, Maria Regina Menezes, Gregory Menezes, Marvin Monzon, Anthony Motha, Marilyn Macabulos Nalapo, Julie 'Julita' Nunez, Charlie Pace, Leyden Panol, Donald Parsons, Caridad Patron, George Peachy, Suliano Rausuvanua, Phillip Rodrigues, Lourdes Sapanlay, Bernard Sultana, Augusto Tan, Felix Villamarin Snr, Minda Trinidad, Abelardo Trinidad, Danilo Tuazon, Antonia Valensise, Evelyn Agbulos Velarde, Stella & Felic Zammit, Henry, Constanca, Lucio, Carmelo, Enriqueta & Maximo, Vaz & Rodrigues Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory**Please remember in your prayers**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2-Aug 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 5 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass 11:45 Baptism 13:00 HJM Bible Cell Facilitators meeting 14:00 Choir Practice CFCA 17:30 Youthworks SAYA	3-Aug Saint Dominic, Priest 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary	4-Aug Saint John Mary Vianney, Priest 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:00 Registration Evening Confirmation	5-Aug Wednesday of week 18 in Ordinary Time Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major 09:00 Mass SAP yr3 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Music Practice Praise & Glory	6-Aug The Transfiguration of the Lord 09:00 Mass	7-Aug Friday of week 18 in Ordinary Time Saints Sixtus II, Pope, and his Companions, Martyrs Saint Cajetan, Priest First Friday 09:00 Mass 09:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass 19:00 Choir Practice HJM	8-Aug Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop), Foundress, Patron of the Diocese 7:00 Church Cleaning CFC 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:30 Prayer Meeting HJM
9-Aug 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 6 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 Choir Practice CFCA 10:30 Mass 13:00 HJM Healing workshop	10-Aug Saint Laurence, Deacon, Martyr 09:00 Mass SAP yr5 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SVdP Meeting 19:00 Sacramental Facilitators Briefing	11-Aug Saint Clare, Virgin 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary	12-Aug Wednesday of week 19 in Ordinary Time Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious 09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Choir	13-Aug Thursday of week 19 in Ordinary Time Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs 09:00 Mass 19:00 Music Committee Meeting	14-Aug Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 18:30 Women's fellowship group 19:00 Vigil Mass Assumption 19:00 Music Practice <i>Fresh in Faith Youth Choir</i> 19:30 Music Practice <i>Family Choir</i>	15-Aug The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning LoM P2 14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:00 SAYWAT
16-Aug 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 7 Marriage Blessing 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass - Youth 11:45 Baptism	17-Aug Monday of week 20 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary	18-Aug Tuesday of week 20 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary	19-Aug Wednesday of week 20 in Ordinary Time Saint John Eudes, Priest 09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:00 Music Practice CFCA	20-Aug Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor 09:00 Mass	21-Aug Saint Pius X, Pope 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Choir Practice HJM	22-Aug Our Lady, Mother and Queen 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
23-Aug 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 8 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass Confirmation Class 1 09:30 Choir Practice CFCA 10:30 Mass	24-Aug Saint Bartholomew, Apostle 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SVdP Meeting	25-Aug Tuesday of week 21 in Ordinary Time Saint Louis Saint Joseph of Calasanz, Priest 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary	26-Aug Wednesday of week 21 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass	27-Aug Saint Monica 09:00 Mass 10:45 Church Cleaning Group 4 19:00 Social Justice group meeting 19:00 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	28-Aug Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary	29-Aug The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass
30-Aug 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 13 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass Confirmation Class 2 10:30 Mass	31-Aug Monday of week 22 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary	1-Sep Tuesday of week 22 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary	2-Sep Wednesday of week 22 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Choir	3-Sep Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor 09:00 Mass	4-Sep Friday of week 22 in Ordinary Time First Friday 09:00 Mass 09:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass 19:00 Choir Practice HJM	5-Sep Saturday of week 22 in Ordinary Time St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass 09:30 Parish Reconciliation 09:40 Legion of Mary 14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 16:00 Music Practice Worship Hymn 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass