



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.



19th SUNDAY
In
ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.52 No.37

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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
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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

Interfaith Food Drive Success: Supporting Mahboba's Promise

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent joint Food Drive with the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations! Together, our parish community collected essential non-perishable food items and funds to support Mahboba's Promise, an organisation dedicated to helping vulnerable Afghan women, widows, and orphans both locally and abroad. This effort was a wonderful demonstration of the dialogue of deeds in action, putting our Christian values into practice alongside our Muslim neighbours to serve those in need. Thank you for your incredible generosity and for bringing the spirit of unity and compassion to life in our Western Sydney community.

The [Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations](https://columban.org.au/our-work/interfaith-relations/christian-muslim-relations) (CCCMR), located at The Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown, is a ministry of the St Columbans Mission Society. Established in 1997 and directed by Rev Dr Patrick McInerney, it promotes understanding, respect, and social cohesion between Christians and Muslims through education, personal encounters, and interfaith dialogue. <https://columban.org.au/our-work/interfaith-relations/christian-muslim-relations>

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 ...

- ♦ THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
- ♦ SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP
- ♦ MEETING NOTICES
- ♦ CFCA CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

SHIFTING OUR FOCUS TO GOD

My dear friends, today we gather to celebrate the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings invite us to reflect on our relationship with Jesus and the way we live out our faith.

Both the First Reading and the Gospel show us how God comes to us. Often, He does not come in the way we expect. As human beings, we tend to decide how God should reveal Himself and what He should do for us. We often try to control our expectations of God. However, today's readings remind us that God works in His own way and calls us to deepen our faith in Him.

In the First Reading, Elijah encounters God in a gentle breeze. God is not found in the powerful wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but in the quiet breeze. This reminds us that we often meet God in the silence of our hearts. We are encouraged to create moments of silence in our daily lives so that we can listen to God's voice speaking deep within us.

In the Gospel, we hear the story of Jesus walking on the water. The disciples are frightened because they think they are seeing a ghost. But Jesus reassures them, saying that it is He. When Peter realizes it is Jesus, he asks to walk on the water toward Him. Peter begins to walk, but when he notices the strong wind and the rough waves, he becomes afraid and starts to sink. Peter's failure was not a lack of faith at the beginning; rather, he took his eyes off Jesus and focused on the storm.

This is the message for us today. We are invited to ask ourselves: Where is my focus in life? What things distract me and draw me away from God? To keep our focus on God, we need to make time for silence so that we can hear Him speaking in the depths of our hearts. Let us seek God in silence and train the eyes of our faith to remain fixed on Him, no matter what storms we face.

..... from Fr Floyd Gatana SM

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	Nelette 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	
15th & 16th August 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, Morie Balisbisan	
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Donna Ison	Vinetta Lobo	YouthWorks	
FIRST READER	Joyce Vincent	Luz Tiqui	Melvina Vaz	YouthWorks	
SECOND READER	Mercy Aquino	Maryse Pereira	Keith Vaz	YouthWorks	
PROJECTIONIST	Demmfiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Nelette Gapud, Cezare Estrera, Myra Estrera, Mirza Alata.	Agnes Zabala, Luz Tiqui, Geraldine Pereira.	Maryanne Parsons, Henrietta D'Sa, Van Nguyen, Estrellita Viola, +1.	Aida Jamolin, Therrie Chin, Luke Binny, Maria Carpio, Maricor Espinosa. Bessie Mojica.	
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	

Social Justice Group

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

SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

Feast day Saturday, August 8

“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.”

National patron of Australia and also of our Diocese of Parramatta.

Saint Mary MacKillop, Australia’s first canonised saint, was an ordinary woman who lived an extraordinary life. As a woman of faith, courage and hope, she overcame many obstacles and challenges to create a legacy that continues to inspire today.

Born in Victoria to Scottish immigrants, she was the eldest of eight children and worked from a young age to support her family. At 24, she devoted her life to God, taking the name ‘Mary of the Cross’.

Together with Fr Julian Tenison Woods, Mary co-founded a school in South Australia to educate poor and underprivileged children. This led to the establishment of Australia’s first religious order, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, who became affectionately known as the “Brown Joeys”. She took her vision for education, especially for the poor, isolated and underprivileged, establishing dozens of schools throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Dedicated to serving the poor, Mary with her Josephite Sisters went wherever they were needed, living amongst the communities they served. Despite facing fierce opposition, including her excommunication, Mary’s unwavering resolve and determination never faltered.

On 8 August 1909, Mary passed away in Alma Cottage (the Josephite Convent at the time), now the sacred site of Mary MacKillop Place (North Sydney, Australia). She was beatified in 1995 by Pope John Paul II and, on 17 October 2010, Mary MacKillop was canonised at St Peter’s Basilica, Rome. Her final resting place, the Tomb of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, in the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel forms part of Mary MacKillop Place and a site of pilgrimage open to all.

https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/about-us/saint-mary-mackillop/

MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING



There will be a meeting of the music committee on Thursday evening, August 13 at 7:00pm in the Fr Byrne Centre. We do encourage all participants of this committee to attend.



MASS READINGS -YEAR A THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY:

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
First Reading: Isaiah 56:1. 6-7
Psalm: Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8
Second Reading: Rom 11:13-15.29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

During the week prayers have been requested for.....
Raymond Andrew Abbey, Napoleon Afuang, Fausto Afuang, Eufonio Afuang, Josephine Alvares, Guilherme Alvares, Daisy Amos, Pricilla Andres, Emilia Bautista, Nieves Gulapa Cano, Mark Caruana, Henry Cash, Julie & Paul Clemson, Amira Cook, Charito Bustos Cordero, Oswald Cotta, Francisca Cruz, Mary Cumbo, Delia De Leon, Aurora N. De Pedro, Inas Santan D'Souza, Imelda & Rodolfo Espinosa, Emmanuel Espinosa Sr, Marie, John & Frank Falzon, Diana Fernandez, Noli Gasendo, Gayle & Priscilla Gatabonton, Mary Ann Grech, Raymond Grima, Elena Jamias, Elena Jamias, Toby Jamolin, Pepito Mabagos, Abraham Macaraeg, Joseph Martyris, Benjamin Martyris, Amalina Martyris, Anacleto & Marcelina Mazo, Ruby Mendonca, Anthony Mendonca, Maria Regina Menezes, Gregory Menezes, Lawrence Monterio, Marvin Monzon, Julie 'Julita' Nunez, Charlie Pac, Emelita Perez, Alfredo Placido Jr, Cynthia Delilkan Rodrigo, Phillip Rodrigues, Joseph & Antonia Sultana, Adelia Stanley, Antonia Valensise, Stella & Felic Zammit, Emanuela, Albert, & Dominica Zammit, Edna Zapanta, Henry, Constancia, Lucio, Nenet, Carmelo, Enriqueta & Maximo, Vaz & Rodrigues Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory
.....Please remember in your prayers

Sunday
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
Monday
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
Tuesday
11-Aug
Saint Clare, Virgin
09:00 Mass
19:00 Legion of Mary
Wednesday
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
Thursday
13-Aug
Thursday of week 19 in Ordinary Time
Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
09:00 Mass
19:00 Music Committee Meeting
Friday
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
Fresh in Faith Youth Choir
19:30 Music Practice
Family Choir
Saturday
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



PARISH YOUTH GROUP

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Take courage!
I have overcome the world.
(Jn 16:33)

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

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, Orwell St, Blacktown Doors open at 6:30pm.

Register today at: parracatholic.org/events/wyd27-launch/

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK...

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FACILITATORS

There will be a **briefing for Sacramental facilitators at:**

7:00pm on August 10 in the Main Hall - Fr Byrne centre.

Current facilitators as well as people interested in becoming facilitators are asked to attend.

CATECHIST MEETING

Thursday, 20th August at 10.00am in the Fr. Byrne Centre.

We do encourage all our SRE Catechists to attend these quarterly meetings; we also invite other people to consider becoming involved in this very important Ministry of providing faith education for Catholic children in our local state schools. Evangelisation is the basic work of a Christian and this is a wonderful way in which we can offer incredible support and opportunities for spiritual growth of our young people.

New volunteer SREs will be given support, training, teaching materials and will start as a classroom helper.

To register your interest or make further enquiries please contact Betty Carter our Parish SRE Catechist Coordinator—on 0407 967 418 or email sre@saapm.onmicrosoft.com or visit / call the Parish Office 9622 0817.



CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (CLP)

On **13 September 2026**, Couple for Christ Australia (CFCA) will commence its parish based **Christian Life Program (CLP)** at **Fr Byrne Centre** from **1pm to 4pm**. Everybody is welcome, especially husband and wife (you may

bring your children). The program is free of charge and the only investment required is your time and openness. For details, please contact anyone of the CFCA members:

Bro. Glenn and Sis. Tess Macaraeg (0400 939 905 or 0404 488 274),

Bro. Allen and Sis. Myra Fabela (0412 065 899 or 0415 812 283),

Bro. Efren and Sis. Myrna (04524 197 605 or 0449 856 142).

Bro. Melvin and Sis. Beth (0447 042 209 or 0447 052 909).

Diocese of Parramatta on Social Media

Connect with the Diocese & find out the latest news & events on Social Media:



Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic>

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/parracatholic>



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