



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.



20th SUNDAY
In
ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.52 No.38 15th & 16th 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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40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong 2148
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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.standrewpsmarayong.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

SRE CATECHIST MATTERS

SRE CATECHIST MEETING 20 AUGUST

SRE Catechists please note the Catechist meeting on Thursday 20 August at 10.00 am in the Fr Byrne Centre.

PARISHIONERS - SRE RECRUITMENT WEEKEND 29th ~ 30th AUGUST

Are you able to spare one hour a week for this very important ministry in our Parish? The students in the four public schools that are serviced by the Parish need you to give them the opportunity to encounter Jesus when Catechists come to teach Scripture Classes. Lots of training and support are available for you.

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 ...

- ♦ TICKETS ON SALE NOW — *Be The Witness*
- ♦ ACBC SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT
- ♦ EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION
- ♦ CFCA CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

WOMAN, YOU HAVE GREAT FAITH

For this 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time we are told of an encounter Jesus and the disciples had with a Canaanite woman. This is a very difficult Gospel passage, Jesus seems to be very unreasonable, rude and possibly even cruel to this Canaanite woman. But instead of focusing on Jesus, I would like to focus on the woman because in the end, Jesus recognised that she had great faith and was able to give her what she wanted, her daughter to be well again.

Going through the region of Tyre and Sidon, a Canaanite woman started shouting to Jesus, “Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.” The disciples pressed him to give her what she wanted “because she is shouting after us.” They were not asking what is God’s will in this matter, but seemingly were only interested in avoiding embarrassment.

The woman refused to get mad or offended even when Jesus called her a “house-dog”. It is difficult to justify or come up with an explanation of what Jesus was trying to achieve by using such language. But the most important thing, was that the woman did not allow herself to be distracted from her primary task – getting Jesus to help her daughter. Her responses revealed her deep faith and trust that Jesus could help. In the end Jesus granted her wish.

The Gospel challenges us to ensure that we are true to the foundations of our faith. Belief in Jesus is not tied to a particular culture or time. Anyone who accepts who Jesus truly is, can be a disciple, can serve and can write their names in the book of life and ultimately enter eternal life. It is not a matter of making a great deal of noise or following rules but it is acknowledging who Jesus is and the difference this makes for us and our approach to ourselves, to others, to creation and to God.

Culture and how we see and do things is very important to us. But we make a mistake if we think that God has only blessed or favours our particular culture. Let us hope we have the grace to be open to God through all people and all cultures.

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

..... *Fr Kevin Redmond sm*

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	Demmyfyrh Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Nenette Gapud, Cezare Estrera, Myra Estrera, Mirza Alata.	Agnes Zabala, Luz Tiqui, Geraldine Pereira.	Maryanne Parsons, Henrietta D'Sa, Van Nguyen, Estrellita Viola, Braedon Monteiro.	Aida Jamolin, Therrie Chin, Luke Binny, Maria Carpio, Maricor Espinosa. Bessie Mojica.	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler				
MUSIC	Lorraine's Choir	NO Music Mass	St Andrew's Family Choir	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir	
22nd & 23rd August 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		Socorro Amos	
FIRST READER	Dorris Barrios	Elvie Clark	Vinetta Lobo	Linda Ranee	
SECOND READER	Michael Fogarty	Elizabeth Abbey	Lydia Villamarin	Maria Carpio	
PROJECTIONIST					
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Dolette Enriquez, Anne Marie Moriarty, Henryka Ogrodniczek +1.	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				
MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Couples For Christ Australia	

Social Justice Statements

In a tradition reaching back to 1940, the Australian Catholic Bishops release major social justice statements each year in time for Social Justice Sunday. Through this tradition they contribute to the development of local Catholic Social Teaching. The statements encourage the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. They remind us of the social dimension of the mission of the Church.

Previously Social Justice Sunday was celebrated on the last Sunday in September. From 2020, Social Justice Sunday is celebrated in Australia on the last Sunday in August. <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Social-Justice-Statements>

ACBC Social Justice Statement: Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference launched the latest Social Justice Statement [Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division](#) on Friday 7 August.

The statement urges living the Gospel amid social division through prayer, encounter, justice, and compassion, emphasizing love's sacrificial power exemplified by Saint Maximilian Kolbe. Statement link here-> <https://bit.ly/3SyPOmr>

It highlights rising antisemitism, racism, social tensions, and the role of social media in polarization. Actions encouraged include fostering dialogue, welcoming migrants, promoting reconciliation, and challenging hatred to build social cohesion. The statement also explores the alarming rise in Islamophobia and other forms of racism.



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 8th September 2026

At St Andrew the Apostle Parish Marayong

Parishioners are encouraged to come along with your family and friends and bring flowers to offer to our Blessed Mother Mary.

At this time we recognise the importance of the Blessed Virgin Mary as our God-given helper and our source of coming to know Jesus better to help us to deepen our relationship with him.

★ Angelus 6:00pm ★ Procession ★ Holy Rosary
★ Flower Offering ★ **7:00pm Holy Mass**
(light refreshments to follow after Mass).



MASS READINGS -YEAR A THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY:

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalm: Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8
Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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

Wilfredo Abing Solon, Josephine Alvares, Guilherme Alvares, Cesar Alzona Sr., Bernard & Christian Raymond Barrios, Pacita Bautista, Gelito Biscocmo, Eulogio Canicula, Mother Maria Lourdes Cantonjos OCD, Mark Caruana, Philomena Carvalho, Bridget Cash, Jerick Castro, Leonida Clavano, Julie & Paul Clemson, Francisca Cruz, Mary Cumbo, Milroy D'Costa, Esteban, Amparo & Patricio De Leon, Elvira De Leon, Clifford De Souza, Isabel D'Silva, Inas Santan D'Souza, Guy Denis Farla, Jerome & Anthony Fernandes, Emma Gacusana, Mary Ann Grech, Raymond Grima, Elena Jamias, Gloria Jimenez Monsada, Teresa Lagan, Pepito Mabagos, Jacinto Mabagos, Abraham Macaraeg, Posario Mallillin, Gregorio Marcellana, Joseph Martyris, Benjamin Martyris, Amalina Martyris, Ruby Mendonca, Anthony Mendonca, Maria Regina Menezes, Gregory Menezes, Tony Monteiro, Julie 'Julita' Nunez, Anita Pacabis, Maria Teresa Resurreccion, Phillip Rodriques, Rodrigo Rupac, Perla Sicat, Bernard Sultana, Rosie Tan, Antonia Valensise, Jocelyn Viacrusis, Perla Villacorta, Stella & Felic Zammit, Vaz & Rodrigues Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory.....**Please remember in your prayers**

Sunday

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

Monday

17-Aug

Monday of week 20
in Ordinary Time

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

Tuesday

18-Aug

Tuesday of week 20
in Ordinary Time

09:00 Mass

19:00 Legion of Mary

Wednesday

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

Thursday

20-Aug

Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor

09:00 Mass

Friday

21-Aug

Saint Pius X, Pope

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

19:00 Choir Practice HJM

Saturday

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



PARISH YOUTH GROUP

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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



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).

Be The Witness

THE MUSICAL
THAT WILL TURN YOUR LIFE AROUND

An ancient message, a timeless calling, a musical not to be missed!

From **10-13 September**, **Parramatta Riverside Theatres** will be ablaze with **Be The Witness**, the powerhouse Gospel musical, produced by Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, and

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!

But it's so much more than a musical.
It's a movement!
Andrew brought his brother Peter to Christ.
Who will you bring?

10 - 13 September

RIVERSIDE THEATRES, Parramatta



St Carlo Acutis's Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition: 9-23 August

Designed by St Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, this exhibition documents reported Eucharistic miracles from around the world, and it is touring parishes right across our Diocese. Next, it comes to Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill, from 9-23 August. Students, teachers and parishioners are invited, entry is free and no bookings are required.

To see where the exhibition is heading next across the Diocese, visit:

parracatholic.org/iec2028/

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



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Institute for World Evangelisation
Transforming Lives
through the Joy of the Gospel



Tehillah Community

Faith Formation

The Life in the Spirit Seminar

Discover Jesus Christ's love through a personal encounter with Him

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- **Worship**
- **'Life in the Spirit' Seminar'**
teaching & small group sharing
- **Fellowship**
- **A Welcoming space**

MEETING DETAILS:

- **Time** : 2.30pm to 5pm
- **Venue** : St. Patrick's Parish, Blacktown
- **Dates** : 22 August 2026
26 September 2026
24 October 2026
28 November 2026

Come and See

Jn 1:39

WHO WE ARE:

A Catholic Community, based in Blacktown,
Mary Queen of the Family Parish.

We strive to live out our faith in our everyday lives, at school, at work, with our family & friends and thus have adopted Ephesians 5: 2 as our motto, to:

"Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ."



Scan the QR code
to register your
attendance

Website: <https://www.icpe.org>

Email: tehillah.community@gmail.com

FREE EVENT!!