



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.



21st SUNDAY
In
ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.52 No.39 22nd & 23rd 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:
saapm@bigpond.com
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.standrewspmarayong.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

>>> Attention >>> PARISHIONERS - SRE RECRUITMENT WEEKEND 29th ~ 30th AUGUST

Are you able to spare one hour a week to 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 them through Scripture Classes. Lots of training and support are available to you. Meet us after each Mass next weekend to let current SRE Catechists, share our experiences, take questions and tell you more.

Further enquiries at any time - call Betty Carter on 0407 967 418 or email SRE@saapm.onmicrosoft.com.
You are also welcome to call in at the Parish Office or ring on 02 9622 0817 to register your interest.

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 ...

- ♦ LITURGY ROSTER FOR SEPTEMBER
- ♦ PPC MEETING ♦ CHILDRENS CHOIR
- ♦ NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (pg5)
- ♦ CFCA CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (pg5 ONLINE)
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

THE KEYS WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH

There was one Sunday when the priests’ lapel could not be retrieved from the safe. The lock would not open. Who holds the keys?

We usually think of someone who holds the keys as a person who has the authority to open or close a door, to keep something inside and prevent others from accessing it. The readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, however, speak of “keys” as a symbol of something much deeper: trust, responsibility, and service.

In Isaiah (22:19–23), the key of the House of David is entrusted to Eliakim. In the Gospel (Matthew 16:13–20), Jesus gives Peter the keys of the Kingdom: “Whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.” Peter is not given the keys because he is perfect. In fact, he will make many mistakes. He is given the keys because God chooses ordinary and imperfect people to participate in His work.

This reminds us that authority in the Church is never meant to be about power or privilege. It is about service. The keys are given not to keep people outside, but to open doors, to welcome, forgive, reconcile, guide, and bring people closer to Christ.

St Paul gives us the right attitude toward such a mystery: “How rich are the depths of God!” God’s ways are often beyond our understanding (cf. Romans 11:33–36). We may wonder why God chooses certain people, why He entrusts particular responsibilities to us, or why our journey takes an unexpected direction. Yet faith teaches us to trust in God’s wisdom.

Each of us has been given some “keys”: influence in our families, responsibilities in our parish, gifts in our communities, or opportunities to encourage another person. What doors are we opening with them?

Let us use whatever God has entrusted to us not to build walls, but to open doors, especially doors that lead people to Christ.

.....Fr. Lauro Arcede SM

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	Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan, Ding Mojica	
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Nila Mangona		Socorro Amos	
FIRST READER	Dorris Barrios	Elvie Clark	Vinetta Lobo	Linda Ranees	
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	
29th & 30th August 2026		LITURGY ROSTER			[5th Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Joe Doyle Ferdie Chin	Joanel Dela Cruz	Derica Elogious Nayana Menezes Lobo	Mauricio Balisbisan	
COMMENTATOR	Melvina Vaz	Donna Ison	Rittarina Reay	Socorro Amos	
FIRST READER	Gener Gatbonton	Anthony Culbert	Children's Choir	Maricor Espinosa	
SECOND READER	Myra Estrera	Luz Tiqui	Children's Choir		
PROJECTIONIST			Jeremy Portelli		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Nayana Menezes Lobo, Maria Webb, Nenette Gapud, Caitlyn dela Cruz	Maryse Pereira, Suzanne Daniels, Agnes Zabala	Maryanne Parsons, Joshua Daly, Braedon Monteiro, Estrellita Viola, Josephine Daly	Luke Binny, Anna Amos, Linda Ranees, Maria Carpio, Virginia Salom, Socorro Amos.	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Francesca Arigo			
MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Children's choir	Choir & Rondalla Group	



PARISH YOUTH GROUP

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August 28 - ADORATION - 6pm in the CHURCH

BISHOP'S ANNUAL FATHERS DAY APPEAL

On the weekend of 5-6 September, the annual Bishop' Father's Day appeal will take place. This year's focus will be on Fr John O'Neill, recently retired Parish Priest of St John Vianney's, Doonside. This appeal supports all the retired priests of the Diocese, and your donations are very much appreciated.

Full information will be provided next week, but if you wish to get in early, please visit- <https://parracatholic.org/donate/clergy-support-foundation>

Bishop Vincent Presents: August 26

Vatican correspondent Gerard O'Connell and Elisabetta Pique

Hear from two of the world's most respected Vatican journalists their insider's account of the transition from Pope Francis to Pope Leo XIV.

Presented in partnership with the University of Notre Dame Australia and Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese.

6:00-8:00pm, at St Patrick's Cathedral Cloister Hall. Marist Pl, Parramatta.

All are welcome. Register at parracatholic.org/oconnellpique

NOTICE Parish Pastoral Council Meeting



7:00pm, Thursday, August 27
in the Fr Byrne Centre



Members of the PPC will be joined by representatives from each ministry and organisation in the parish. As well, parishioners who have something to contribute are invited to attend.

CHILDRENS CHOIR

**The Children's Choir will be singing at the
8.45am Mass Sunday 30 August 2026.**

The practice for the Mass will be on Saturday 29 August 2026 from 3-4.30pm at the Fr. Byrne Centre.



We are delighted to welcome the children's choir and look forward to having them share their beautiful voices with us.

We also warmly welcome any new members who would like to join the choir. We encourage children to come along, make new friends, and enjoy singing together!



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY:

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm: Ps 62:2-6. 8-9

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

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

Fr Jose Alemao, Josephine Alvares, Guilherme Alvares, Precilla Andres, Marie Attard, Alex Bandola, Joseph Bartolo, Jose Geneza Bason, Angeles & Enrique Bueno, Mark Caruana, Julie & Paul Clemson, Francisca Cruz, Mary Cumbo, Laudencia & Corazon Cunanan, Monica D'Souza, Inas Santan D'Souza, Donald D'Souza, Dominic D'Souza, Conception D'Souza, Marie, John & Frank Falzon, Beryl Freitas, Illuminada Fuentes, Emma Gacusana, Mary Ann Grech, Raymond Grima, Clarence Grostate, Teofista Herrara, Salome Hipolito, Abelardo Hipolito, Elena Jamias, Pepito Mabagos, Abraham Macaraeg, Joshua Malimban, Rosa Marigomen, Joseph Martyris, Benjamin Martyris, Amalina Martyris, Ruby Mendonca, Anthony Mendonca, Maria Regina Menezes, Gregory Menezes, Joseph Mizzi, Julie 'Julita' Nunez, Enrique Pariag, Donald Michael Earl Parsons, Phillip Rodriques, Ramon Rodriguez, Pascual, Abegail, Jaime & Willmor Resurreccion, Margaret Spiteri, Bernard Sultana, Rufina Tepora, Gregorio Tepora, Antonia Valensise, Ian Williams, Stella & Felic Zammit, Farla & Duchenne Families, Andrew's Family, Vaz & Rodriques Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory.....**Please remember in your prayers**

Sunday

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

Monday

24-Aug

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

19:00 SVdP Meeting

Tuesday

25-Aug

Tuesday of week 21
in Ordinary Time

Saint Louis

Saint Joseph of Calasanz,

Priest

09:00 Mass

19:00 Legion of Mary

Wednesday

26-Aug

Wednesday of week 21
in Ordinary Time

09:00 Mass

19:00 Novena & Mass

Thursday

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

Friday

28-Aug

Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

Saturday

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

5th & 6th September 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	Ding Mojica Ferdi Chin (B)
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Zeni Bables	Vinetta Lobo	Gloria Ferrer-Gabriana
FIRST READER	Nenette Gapud	Maryse Pereira	Martin Zammit	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, Caitlyn Dela Cruz	Josephine Daly Maryanne Parsons Annette Morales Revathi Hyson Doris Barrios	Joseph Widjaja Socorro Amos Maria Carpio Virginia Salom Vicky Ilagan Jay Ilagan
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Francesca Arigo		
MUSIC	Lorraine's Choir	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Mafi Family Choir

12th & 13th September 2026		LITURGY ROSTER		[2nd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Nayana Menezes Lobo Joe Doyle	Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz	Maria Hyson Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan, Jacob Chin
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Lewis Manalili	Josephine Daly	Lita Picart
FIRST READER	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Maria Webb	Nerissa Toong	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, Luz Tiqui.	Doris Barrios, Julieta Pareme, Salve Gatchalian, Joshua Daly, Aradhana Hyson.	Bessie Mojica, Brenda Payne, Socorro Amos, Virginia Salom, Anna Amos. Maricor Espinosa.
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Francesca Arigo		
MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Praise and Glory	Couples For Christ Australia

19th & 20th September 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	Melvina Vaz	YouthWorks
FIRST READER	Joyce Vincent	Sharmali Perera	Doris Barrios	YouthWorks
SECOND READER	Mercy Aquino	Luz Tiqui	Keith Vaz	YouthWorks
PROJECTIONIST	Demmfiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Nenette Gapud, Cezare Estrera, Myra Estrera, Mirza Alata.	Agnes Zabala, Eden Luna, Geraldine Pereira.	Braedon Monteiro, Henrietta D'Sa, Van Nguyen, Estrellita Viola, Rittarina Reay.	Aida Jamolin, Socorro Amos, 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

26th & 27th September 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, Jacob Chin
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Nila Mangona	Vinetta Lobo	Socorro Amos
FIRST READER	Dorris Barrios	Elvie Clark	Isabelle Metcalfe	Linda Ranee
SECOND READER	Michael Fogarty	Elizabeth Abbey	Lydia Villamarin	Maria Carpio
PROJECTIONIST				
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Dolette Enriquez, Mariyam Wijeyaratnam, Anne Marie Moriarty, Henryka Ogrodniczek.	Angela Jalin Geraldine Pereira, Maurice Perera	Annette Morales, Lorraine D'Cruz, Maryanne Parsons, Estrellita Viola, Revathi Hyson	Brenda Payne, Virginia Salom, Luke Binny, Honorio Domingo. Merlie Domingo, Maricor Espinosa.
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MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Couples For Christ Australia

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).



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).

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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/

