



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.



24th SUNDAY
In
ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.52 No.42

12th & 13th September

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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Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

9.00am to 4.00pm

after hours

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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



CLERGY SUPPORT
FOUNDATION

**DONATE
NOW**



Thank you for caring for our spiritual fathers.

Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised over \$8000 to provide much-needed care and support for those who have dedicated their lives to serving our community. Your generosity and love ensure they receive the care, comfort and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives.

If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit
parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan the QR code.

Thank you for caring for those who have spent their lives caring for us.

MERCY RECEIVED, MERCY GIVEN

When someone hurts us, we feel that they deserve to suffer as much as they have made us suffer. Somehow, we think that if we punish them, justice will be restored. We feel that justice is restored when the other person experiences pain because of what they have done to us. But the Gospel invites us to see justice differently. For us Christians, the answer to suffering is not revenge but mercy, because we ourselves live by the mercy of God.

The Book of Ecclesiasticus (cf. Sir. 27:30-28:7) reminds us: “Remember the last things, and stop hating; remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.” These words invite us to look beyond our hurts and remember what truly matters before God.

St. Paul reminds us that, whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord. We are to live for the Lord, and even in death, we belong to Him (cf. Rom. 14:7-9). If we truly belong to Christ, then our lives must reflect His heart, especially in the way we treat those who have hurt us.

Jesus reminds us that our heavenly Father will deal with us according to the mercy we show our brothers and sisters (cf. Mt. 18:21-35). Why are we asked to forgive again and again? Because we ourselves have already experienced the mercy of God. We are forgiven people, and therefore we are called to become forgiving people.

Forgiveness does not mean tolerating wrongdoing or saying that what happened was acceptable. We can recognize the wrong without allowing hatred to take root in our hearts. We can seek justice without seeking revenge. We can correct someone without condemning them.

When someone falls, we do not give up on them. We try to help them find the right path, not as judges standing above them, but as fellow sinners who have ourselves been shown mercy.

.....Fr. Lauro Arcede SM

12th & 13th September 2026		LITURGY ROSTER			[2nd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	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		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.	Brenda Payne, Socorro 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	

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	

Social Justice Group

Next in the series where our Social Justice Group highlight Saints who worked for and championed social justice we highlight those with Feast Days in September.

St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

Feast Day: September 5

- * Social Focus: Poverty, healthcare, and human dignity for the dying.
- * Impact: Founded the Missionaries of Charity, creating hospices, orphanages, and leper colonies globally to uphold the inherent dignity of the poorest, most neglected individuals who were otherwise abandoned by society.

St. Peter Claver

Feast Day: September 9

- * Social Focus: Anti-slavery, racial justice, and human rights.
- * Impact: A Spanish Jesuit priest who ministered in Cartagena, Colombia (a major hub of the transatlantic slave trade). He declared himself "the slave of the slaves forever," boarding slave ships to provide medical aid, food, and spiritual care, while fiercely advocating against the brutal institutional practice of human trafficking.

Blessed Frédéric Ozanam (Beatified)

Feast Day: September 9

- * Social Focus: Poverty relief, systemic economic reform, and Catholic Social Teaching.
- * Impact: Founded the St. Vincent de Paul Society in 1833 to directly assist urban poor populations in industrial Paris. He was an early pioneer of modern Catholic social advocacy, writing extensively on working-class rights, fair wages, and structural poverty.

St. Lorenzo Ruiz

Feast Day: September 28

- * Social Focus: Religious freedom, asylum, and anti-persecution.
- * Impact: The first Filipino saint, Ruiz, falsely levied criminal charges in his homeland and sought refuge with Dominican missionaries. He was executed in Japan after refusing to renounce his faith, becoming a symbol of resilience for migrants and victims of structural injustice.

National Child Protection Week - Safeguarding Sunday 13 September

The Diocese of Parramatta renews its commitment to building a culture of care, vigilance and accountability, where the safety, wellbeing and dignity of children and vulnerable adults is a priority. This year the theme for Safeguarding Sunday is "Love Protects". Our Diocese offers a Healing and Support Service providing pastoral, therapeutic and spiritual care to anyone who has experienced harm in a Church context. We provide direct support, resources, and pathways to assist individuals in their process of healing and recovery. If you, a loved one or someone you know has experiences abuse in a Church context, you are welcome to contact our Healing and Support Counsellor

lorena.portocarrero@parracatholic.org,

or for more information visit parracatholic.org/safeguarding/healing-and-support



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS SUNDAY:

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7
Psalm: Ps 102:1-4. 9-12
Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

NEXT SUNDAY:

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm: Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18
Second Reading: Phil 1:20-24. 27
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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

Fr Dominic Dinh , Marcelina Valdellon Afuang, Josephine Alvares, Guilherme Alvares, Jossie & Joyce Amor, Pricilla Andres, Mary Calleja, Sebastian Jr & Antoniette Canicula, Mark Caruana, Julie & Paul Clemson, Mario & Francisca Cruz, Mary Cumbo, Vincent Dalley, Jaime De Guzman, Elvira De Leon, Peter DeLange, Dominic Do Thai, Inas Santan D'Souza, Joe Ebejer, Eduardo Ebo Sr., Emma Gacusana, Nicolasa Gatchalian, Mary Ann Grech, Raymond Grima, Clarence Grostate, Wilfredo Gurrero, Joseph Guillaumier, Fausto & Francisca Gurrero, Pedro Gutierrez, Bayan Hendricks, Liston Johnson, Ruben Layug, Alfredo Layug, Pepito Mabagos, Abraham Macaraeg, Milagros Martin, Joseph Martyris, Benjamin Martyris, Amalina Martyris, Cecilia Mascarenhas, Ruby Mendonca, Anthony Mendonca, Maria Regina Menezes, Lily Menezes, Gregory Menezes, Tomas Nazal Jnr, Julie 'Julita' Nunez, Recaredo Ojera, Alberto de Braganca Pereira, Phillip Rodriques, Bernard Sultana, Nicanor Tugade, Santa Vadacga, Stella & Felic Zammit, 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
13-Sep 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 10 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 Choir Practice CFCA 10:30 Mass 13:00 CFCA CLP 17:30 Youthworks SAYA
Monday
14-Sep The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SVdP Meeting 19:00 Music Practice <i>Fresh in Faith Youth Choir</i>
Tuesday
15-Sep Our Lady of Sorrows 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:00 Confirmation Ceremony
Wednesday
16-Sep Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 09:00 Mass 19:00 Confirmation Ceremony 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Choir
Thursday
17-Sep Thursday of week 24 in Ordinary Time St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor St Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin, Doctor 09:00 Mass 10:00 Informal Catechist Meeting 18:00 Social Justice group meeting 18:00 Women's fellowship group
Friday
18-Sep Friday of week 24 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Music Practice <i>Fresh in Faith Youth Choir</i> 19:30 Music Family Choir
Saturday
19-Sep Saturday of week 24 in Ordinary Time Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr, Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary 11:00 HJM-Growth in the Spirit Seminar 10:00 Church Cleaning LoM P1 14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass TLC Raffle 18:00 SAYWAT



PARISH YOUTH GROUP

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September 13 -	SAYA CIRCLE	- 6pm at the FBC
September 18 -	CHOIR PRACTICE	- 7pm at the FBC
September 19 -	SAYWAT	- 6pm at the FBC
September 20 -	YOUTH MASS	- 10:30am
September 20 -	SAYA PICNIC	- 1pm at Bungaribee
September 25 -	ADORATION	- 6pm in the CHURCH

In the ***MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV FOR THE 11th WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION 2026 LIVING WATER**, we were invited to reflect on Isaiah's prophetic vision: ***"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks."* (Isaiah 2:4)** These words call us to transform what destroys life into what nurtures and sustains it.

Our world is wounded by war, poverty, division and the degradation of creation. The suffering caused by conflict extends beyond the battlefield, damaging communities, contaminating water and land, and leaving wounds that endure for generations. These crises are deeply connected, revealing a need not only for change in our world, but for a conversion of heart.

The theme Living Water reminds us that God is the source of life, healing and peace. As we pray, may our hearts be renewed so that we can become instruments of reconciliation and care for our common home. May we move from desert to garden, from division to communion, and from violence to peace, allowing the living water of God's grace to flow through our lives and bring healing to all creation.

* <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/creation/documents/20260815-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026



**SEASON OF
CREATION**

LIVING WATER

Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning, we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace. We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city. We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures. We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love.

Yet, we confess that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity. We have choked the seas with our waste and watched the warming tides rise in judgment. We lament the cracked earth of the drought-stricken and the salty tears of the climate refugee. Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow.

Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live. Stir in us a calling to care for the waters — to protect the watershed, defend the rights of water, and honor the dignity of the thirsty. May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations.

May God our Father who brought water from the rock sustain us in the desert. May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration. And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
Amen.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

We extend this invitation to anyone interested in learning about the Catholic faith!

Consider this is a journey of faith focusing on your personal spiritual journey and relationship with God, rather than just a series of sessions. Developing a relationship takes time, along the way you will learn about the core beliefs, history, and traditions of the Church; truth be told the journey is life long but typically includes the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass for those that wish. So take the opportunity to explore your faith more deeply and take another step on your journey.

<https://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au/intrested-in-becoming-catholic/rcia-program/>

For full details & an invitation to join our upcoming journey beginning Thursday, September 24 please contact the parish office or speak with one of our priests!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP *Beloved* Come and Be

An evening of faith, friendship and encouragement

Come as you are and be refreshed through prayer, conversation, connection and community.

EVENT DETAILS:

VENUE: Fr Byrne Centre,

St Andrew the Apostle Marayong

DATE: Thur, 17th Sep 2026

TIME: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Tea, coffee and light supper Provided

Proverbs 31:25 - "She is clothed with strength and dignity;
and she laughs without fear of the future."



WHAT TO EXPECT :)

- ♥ Worship ♥ Reflection & Sharing ♥
- ♥ Fellowship ♥ A Welcoming Space ♥
- ♥ Relaxed & Open Atmosphere ♥



Scan the QR code
to register your attendance.

FREE EVENT!!



ALL WOMEN WELCOME •
Bring a Friend



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).

Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Community (HJM)

— INVITES YOU TO: —

GROWTH

in the *Spirit*

SEMINAR

The Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Community (HJM) is a prayer group based in the Parish of St Andrew the Apostle

HJM is part of the worldwide Catholic Charismatic Renewal movement within the Catholic Church that seeks to:

- ENCOUNTER**
God's Love
- GROW**
in Faith
- BE EMPOWERED**
by the Holy Spirit
- BE SENT**
to Make a Difference

WHEN
SEPT 19, 2026
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

WHERE
FATHER BYRNE CENTER
St Andrew The Apostle Parish
36-40 Breakfast Rd,
Marayong NSW 2148

ALL WELCOME - FREE EVENT

Noel Talentino
0407 558 523

ENQUIRIES:
Dora D'Lima
0431 939 052

Len Limguanco
0420 981 721

Come with an open heart. Leave transformed.

Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) volunteers will be selling raffle tickets next weekend, along with some merchandise items. All proceeds will directly support their free legal clinic provided for over 17 years to disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable people of Western Sydney. Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 10 tickets – with ten prizes.



Season of Creation 2026

Living Water

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From the Marist Family  
Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation committee

## Your Invitation

... to reflect, listen and share on this year's  
Season of Creation theme of 'Living Water'  
that Christians be immersed in the living water flowing  
from the throne of God,  
stepping deeper and inspired by the Spirit of God  
for the renewal of Creation.

**Saturday, Sep 19, 2025**

2.00 to 4.00 pm, Parish Hall, Mary St, Hunters Hill  
(near Gladesville Rd)

***RSVP: Sep 12 to one of:***

**Sr Grace Ellul SM:** *grace@maristsisters.org*

**Cathy Larkin, Marist Way:** *cathylarkin1960@gmail.com*

**Fr Paul Mahony SM:** *mahonytp@gmail.com*

**Br Lawrence McCane FMS:** *lawrie.mccane@mac.com*

**Sr Margaret Tisch SMSM:** *margaretanntisch@gmail.com*



ST. PADRE PIO  
PARISH  
GLENMORE PARK

# Saint Padre Pio *Feast Day*

**20 SEPTEMBER 2026**

## **TRIDUUM**

Thursday 17 September - 7:00pm

Friday 18 September - 7:00pm

Saturday 19 September - 5:30pm

## **SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER**

Procession followed by Mass,  
Veneration and blessing with  
St. Padre Pio's Relic &  
fellowship meal. - **10:00AM**

### **Contact Details**

(02) 4789 2232

34 William Howell Drive,  
Glenmore Park 2745





# HOLY SHROUD

## EXHIBITION

St Patrick's Cathedral,  
Parramatta is hosting the  
**Holy Shroud Exhibition**  
featuring a life-size replica  
of the Shroud of Turin



Sunday 6 – Sunday 13  
September



9:00am – 6:00pm

From **Thursday 10 – Sunday 13  
September**, the exhibition will have  
extended opening hours from **9:00am  
– 10:00pm** daily and will be located in  
the Chapel.



Parking: Available  
via Victoria Road.

Everyone is warmly invited to visit  
this special exhibition and learn  
more about the history and  
significance of the Shroud of Turin.

