



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.



28th SUNDAY
in
ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.52 No.46 10th & 11th October 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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Office 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
Novena Mass: 7.00pm
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

Proposed Building Project

Last month an Information Session was held about the proposed building project, you can read the 'Letter for Parish Consultation' and view some draft plans on our website (link below).

<https://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au/news/proposed-building-project/>



The Parish is seeking feedback by way of your position and any comments you would like to make.

FEEDBACK CLOSES 11:45pm Sunday, October 11. Form and website article can be accessed by scanning the QR code or using the following link- <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/k4HtGACifC>

WANTED

Parish Community History Photographs & Information

We are currently seeking historical records pertaining to St Andrew the Apostle parish community for use in upcoming celebrations.

If you can help please contact the Parish Office.

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 ...

- **SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP MEMBERSHIP & SAINTS WHO CHAMPIONED SOCIAL JUSTICE.**
- **HSC PRAYERS**
- **ALTAR SERVER FORMATION PROGRAM**
- **UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS**

HOW TO DECLINE AN INVITATION TO AN IMPORTANT CELEBRATION

Imagine receiving an invitation to a grand celebration. A party prepared especially for you, with everything ready and the host eagerly waiting for your arrival. Yet, instead of coming, you make excuses and continue with your ordinary routine. It sounds strange, but this is precisely what Jesus places before us in this Sunday's Gospel (cf. Matthew 22:1-10).

The kingdom of God is compared to a wedding feast. The invitation is generous, personal and freely given. God has prepared the banquet, and he wants us to share in his joy (also Isaiah 25:6-10). Yet some refuse the invitation because they are too occupied with their own affairs. Others simply do not care.

This places a question to us: What keeps us from accepting God's invitation?

Sometimes it is not that we reject God outright. We simply become too busy. Work, possessions, entertainment, worries, personal plans and countless distractions gradually occupy the space that belongs to God. We may still believe in him, but we can become too preoccupied to respond to him.

St Paul reminds us that he has learned to live with plenty and with little. His strength does not come from what he possesses but from Christ who sustains him (cf. Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20). This is a valuable lesson for us. Life becomes truly rich not when we have everything we want, but when we learn to recognise everything as God's gift.

The banquet of God is already being prepared. Every Eucharist is a foretaste of that eternal feast. Christ continues to invite us: "Come."

Are we willing to rearrange our lives to accept the invitation?

Perhaps we need to ask ourselves honestly: If God invited me to his banquet today, would I be ready to come, or would I still have something more important to do?

May we never become so preoccupied with the gifts of life that we forget the God who has invited us to the eternal feast.

.....Fr. Lauro Arcede SM

10th & 11th October 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.		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	Demalayah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Monica Desira, Honorio Domingo, Merlie Domingo. Mercy Aquino.	Maurice Perera, Maria Webb. +1	Rittarina Reay, 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	
17th & 18th October 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	Nenette Gapud, Cezare Estrera, Myra Estrera, Mirza Alata.	Agnes Zabala, Luz Tiqui, Geraldine Pereira.	Maryanne Parsons, Henrietta D'Sa, Braedon Monteiro, Estrellita Viola, Gloria Ferrer-Gabriana.	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 October edition of the series where our Social Justice Group highlight Saints who worked for and championed social justice.

Saint Francis of Assisi - October 4

Advocacy: Poverty relief, economic justice, and care for creation.

Impact: Born to wealth, Francis abandoned his status to live in radical solidarity with the poor. He challenged the rigid, exploitative economic stratifications of the medieval merchant class. His teachings form the bedrock of environmental justice, directly inspiring Pope Francis's social encyclicals on ecological justice.

Pope Saint John XXIII - October 11

Advocacy: Global peace, worker rights, and universal human rights.

Impact: He authored the historic social encyclical Mater et Magistra (Mother and Teacher), which focused on the rights of workers, the duty of wealthy nations to assist developing ones, and the need to narrow the gap between the rich and the poor. His landmark 1963 document Pacem in Terris (Peace on Earth) advocated for fundamental human rights as the necessary foundation for social justice and global peace.

Pope Saint John Paul II - October 22

Advocacy: Human dignity, religious freedom, and the fight against systemic oppression.

Impact: He used his global platform to aggressively challenge the totalitarian regimes of the late 20th century. He published multiple milestone social encyclicals, including Laborem Exercens (On Human Work) and Centesimus Annus, which argued that any economic system failing to prioritize individual human dignity and workers' rights over raw profit is fundamentally unjust.

Saint Anthony Mary Claret - October 24

Advocacy: Anti-slavery, education, and rural worker empowerment.

Impact: While serving as Archbishop of Cuba, Claret vehemently spoke out against the brutal exploitation of enslaved peoples and the agricultural underclass. He established a system of credit unions, vocational schools, and technical training programs designed to bypass wealthy land barons and help marginalized, impoverished workers achieve economic independence.

Membership Drive

We invite you to join our Social Justice Group and be part of a group of dedicated parishioners that aim to serve and advocate for the disadvantaged sectors of the community.

Our vision

We, at St Andrew the Apostle Parish are called to love, not only in word or speech, but in truth and action. To follow Christ in loving one another by seeking justice for all, advocating for those who cannot speak up for themselves and defending the rights of the poor, the needy, and the marginalised.

There will be sign-up tables after the Saturday and Sunday masses on the 3rd & 4th and 10th & 11th October. Alternatively you can also register your details at the parish office.



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS SUNDAY:

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalm: Ps 22

2nd Reading: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

NEXT SUNDAY:

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Psalm: Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

2nd Reading: Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

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

Ernesto O Biala, Joseph & Irène Bouquet, Sajih & Latife Boutros, Mary Anne & Paul Camelleri, Herman Chin Sr, Julie & Paul Clemson, Patrick Andrew Clohessy, Mario & Francisca Cruz, Mary Cumbo, Nigel Joseph Daly, Carmela Diana, Inas Santan D'Souza, Marie Eisenhuth, Alejandra T. Espinosa, Angel Evangelista, John Fabiszewski, Suzy Fanchin, Terese Francalanza, Emma Gacusana, Mary Ann Grech, Raymond Grima, Anthony Grima, Clarence Grostate, Maria Hoang, Benjamin Indolos, Lucreta Leonardo, Pepito Mabagos, Abraham Macaraeg, Peter Manche, Joseph Martyris, Benjamin Martyris, Amalina Martyris, Ruby Mendonca, Francisco Medina Sr, Linda Mendonca, Anthony Mendonca, Claudia & Vicente Mendoza Sr, Maria Regina Menezes, Gregory Menezes, Julie 'Julita' Nunez, Recaredo Ojera, Grenville Quinn, Carina Reyes, Phillip Rodriques, Cornel & Erie Rotik, Josephine Schembri, Benjamin & Socorro Soller, Bernard Sultana, Manuel Talens, Tessie Xuereb, Stella & Felic Zammit, Philip Zammit, Joe Zammit, Edward Zammit, Carmela Zammit, Henry, Constanca, Lucio, Nenet, Carmelo, Enriqueta, Maximo, Julie & Dodong, Bouquet & Beche Families, Vaz & Rodrigues Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory

.....***Please remember in your prayers***

Sunday
11-Oct 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 2 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 Choir Practice CFCA 10:30 Mass - HSC Intentions 13:00 CFCA CLP
Monday
12-Oct Monday of week 28 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass - SAP Staff 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SVdP Meeting 19:00 St Pedro Calungsod 5th day Novena School recommences <i>staff development</i>
Tuesday
13-Oct Tuesday of week 28 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary <i>students return</i>
Wednesday
14-Oct Wednesday of week 28 in Ordinary Time Saint Callistus, Pope, Martyr 09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Choir
Thursday
15-Oct Saint Teresa of Ávila, Virgin, Doctor 09:00 Mass 19:00 Music Committee Meeting
Friday
16-Oct Friday of week 28 in Ordinary Time Saint Hedwig, Religious, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin 09:00 Mass 10:30 Funeral Marie Eisenhuth 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Music Practice <i>Fresh in Faith Youth Choir</i> 19:30 Music Practice <i>Family Choir</i>
Saturday
17-Oct Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary 10:00 Social group function 10:00 Church Cleaning LoM P1 14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass Catholic Mission Appeal 18:00 SAYWAT



PARISH YOUTH GROUP

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October 16 -	CHOIR PRACTICE	- 7pm at the FBC
October 17 -	SAYWAT	- 6pm at the FBC
October 18 -	YOUTH MASS	- 10:30am
October 30 -	ADORATION	- 6pm in the CHURCH
October 31 -	FUNDRAISER	- 6pm in the SAP HALL

A Parish HSC Prayer

Heavenly Father, we bring before you our HSC students. Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage. Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams. May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them. We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability. May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of us, their parish community. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

A Student's HSC Prayer

Lord, you have loved me into life and I thank you. In this exam period, give me a calm heart and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold me in the palm of your hand. Bless me with keen understanding and a retentive memory. Give me the ability to grasp things correctly, and express myself clearly. Help me to look beyond this time of exams and see clearly whatever you are calling me to be in life. Show me my gifts and talents and help me to have the courage to use them to love others, to give you glory and to leave this world a better place. Amen.

ALTAR SERVERS

The parish of St Andrews the Apostle Marayong is seeking young people (year 4 to year 11) who have received the sacrament of Holy Communion both boys and girls to join the Altar Servers Ministry.

Why, Who & What Altar Serving

- ★ An altar server is a lay assistant to the priest during a Eucharistic Celebration
- ★ As an altar server you are called to serve Jesus, who is the chief priest at every Mass.
- ★ You are given the special tasks of carrying sacred vessels at the celebration and are closest to Jesus on the altar.
- ★ Being an altar server means you have been "Chosen to serve Jesus".

Formation Program Two Saturdays after the 9:00am Mass

Dates: November 14th (in the Fr Byrne Centre)

November 21st (in the Church)

Time: 9:30am to 10:30am

Installation: Saturday, November 28th at the 9:00am Mass

To apply visit <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/k4HtGACifC> or scan QR code



Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

*Name changed for privacy

ST ANDREWS SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP PRESENTS A TALK ON

POPE LEO'S ENCYCLICAL ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



**OCTOBER 17
10 AM
IN THE FBC**



**A TALK BY FR
KEVIN REDMOND**



"Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together."

Join us as we unpack one of the principal challenges of the contemporary age: artificial intelligence.

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



Youth Works!
Parish Bingo Night

SATURDAY

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OCTOBER

AFTER THE 5PM MASS
(6-9 PM)
ST ANDREWS
PRIMARY SCHOOL
HALL