



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.



29th SUNDAY
in
ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.52 No.47 17th & 18th 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)
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Merly Generalao &
Michelle Sultana (Office staff)

PARISH OFFICE:

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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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united



This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.

WHAT IS YOUR PRIORITY IN LIFE?

The readings for this Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us to reflect on our priorities in life. What is most important to us? Where do we focus our attention, and what do we place first in our lives?

In the Gospel, some people try to trap Jesus by asking whether it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar. Jesus knows their intentions and responds in a way that invites them to think more deeply. Through his response, Jesus challenges them to examine their priorities and consider where their true loyalty lies.

This message also speaks to us today. As Christians, we are called to reflect on our priorities and ask ourselves where our loyalty lies. Do we place God at the centre of our lives, or do we allow the things of this world to draw us away from Him? We need to examine our lives honestly and ask ourselves where we place our trust.

We live in a world full of attractions and promises of happiness. Sometimes, we look for happiness in material things, wealth, success, and other worldly desires. However, these things cannot give us lasting peace and happiness. We must learn to put God first in our lives and allow Him to teach us how to use the things of this world wisely. As Christians, God must always be at the centre of everything we do. When we put God first, we become better able to live according to His will and make choices that reflect our faith.

Let us, therefore, ask ourselves: What is our greatest priority in life? Are we giving God the place He deserves, or are we allowing other things to take His place? Our faith calls us to trust in God, remain faithful to Him, and use the gifts He has given us for the good of others.

Let us pray for the grace to make wise choices in life, to put God first in everything we do, and to give Him what rightly belongs to Him. May our lives reflect our love for God and our commitment to following His will.

..... from Fr Floyd Gatana SM

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	Ruben Bables 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	Demmfyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Nenette Gapud, Mirza Alata +2.	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	
24th & 25th October 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		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, Mariyam Wijeyaratnam, Anne Marie Moriarty, Henryka Ogrodniczek.	Angela Anthony Jalin, 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	Francesca Arigo			
MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Couples For Christ Australia	

November Masses for the Faithful Departed

November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on November 2 and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions.

During the month of November Masses are prayed for the faithful departed. The names of these people for whom Masses are requested are placed on the wall of the Church.



November Mass Offering Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church. The usual offering is \$20. You are requested to print the name of the deceased so that it will be easily read.

2026 LIFTED Live in the Forecourt: 24 October

All are welcome to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Saturday, 24 October for LIFTED Live in the Forecourt 2026. Join hundreds of young people and families for a Youth Mass at 6pm followed by festivities in the forecourt. Encounter the variety of talent and passion of Western Sydney and Blue Mountains, with live performances, inflatable games, small businesses, adoration and more.

Register by visiting parracatholic.org/lifted-live
(See page 6 online)

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 15 November

Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held on Sunday 15 November at 2:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by afternoon tea. Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate. If you would like to attend, please register by 6 November, your full names, years married, and numbers attending via parracatholic.org/events/wedding-anniversary-mass

Design the Catholic Outlook Magazine front cover for Christmas 2026!

We're inviting you to design the front cover of the *Catholic Outlook Magazine's* Christmas and Summer 2026 edition! People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. Let's make this Advent and Christmas season a canvas of faith and joy – together. Submit your entry by **Friday 6 November 2026** – with a short description of your artwork – via parracatholic.org/artcomp
(See page 7 online)



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY:

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26
Psalm: Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51
Second Reading: 1 Thes 1:5-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

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

Sr Joyce Marie, Mary Theresa Alagiah, Christian Raymond Barrios, Ernesto O Biala, Andres & Romana Bonifacio, Mark Caruana, Theresa Celada, Julie & Paul Clemson, Mario & Francisca Cruz, Maria Lourdes Cruz, Mary Cumbo, Nigel Joseph Daly, Elvira De Leon, Carmela Diana, Inas Santan D'Souza, Marie Eisenhuth, Gloria Fortu Jr, Emma Gacusana, Mary Ann Grech, Raymond Grima, Anthony Grima, Domenic Tran Van Ha, Margaret Hill, Carmen Indolos, Benjamin Indolos, Dominga Llesis, Pepito Mabagos, Abraham Macaraeg, Kieren Marquillero, Richard & Glee Martin, Joseph Martyris, Benjamin Martyris, Amalina Martyris, Ruby Mendonca, Anthony Mendonca, Maria Regina Menezes, Gregory Menezes, Anna Nguyen, Julie 'Julita' Nunez, Recaredo Ojera Editha Pelayo, Grenville Quinn, Phillip Rodrigues, Rodrigo Rupac, Julita G San Jose, Josephine Schembri, Cesar Sosa, Bernard Sultana, Daniel Tibig, Ralph Vaz, Shari Villanueva, Isabel Villanueva, Armando Villanueva, Federico Villanueva Sr., Concepcion Villanueva Sr., Stella & Felic Zammit, Farla & Duchenne Families, Vaz & Rodrigues Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory

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

Sunday
18-Oct 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 3 Catholic Mission Appeal Marriage Blessing - All Masses 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass - Youth 11:45 Baptism 13:00 CFCA CLP
Monday
19-Oct Monday of week 29 in Ordinary Time Saints John de Brébeuf and and Isaac Jogues, priests, and their Companions, Martyrs, Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary
Tuesday
20-Oct Tuesday of week 29 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary
Wednesday
21-Oct Wednesday of week 29 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:00 Music Practice CFCA
Thursday
22-Oct Thursday of week 29 in Ordinary Time Saint John Paul II, Pope 09:00 Mass 10:45 Church Cleaning Group 4 19:00 Social Justice group meeting 19:00 RCIA
Friday
23-Oct Friday of week 29 in Ordinary Time Saint John of Capistrano, Priest 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Choir Practice HJM
Saturday
24-Oct Saturday of week 29 in Ordinary Time Saint Antony Mary Claret, Bishop, Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 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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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

(*see page 5 online)

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

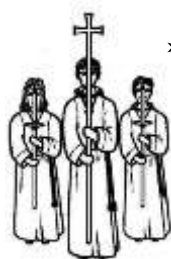
Dates: November 14th (in the Fr Byrne Centre)

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/UnQXks563AC> or scan QR code



Please Print -

ALTAR SERVER REGISTRATION FORM 2026

Child's First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____ School & Grade: _____

Family Address: _____

Parent / Guardian's e-mail: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Responding to our Diocesan Synod and Pastoral Plan

A key theme of our Diocesan Synod was the need for ongoing and substantial formation for lay women and men, so that they can more meaningfully respond to the call of their baptism and become more active and co-responsible participants in the life and mission of the Church.

Undergraduate Certificate in Theology - Units: Theology, Scripture, Ecclesiology and Spirituality

The Diocese of Parramatta has partnered with BBI-The Australian Institute of Theological Education (BBI-TAITE) to offer a nationally recognised Undergraduate Certificate in Theology (Two years part time).

The program is offered face-to-face at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown supported by online student help. No previous tertiary study is required. Open to anyone over the age of 18.

Course fees and sponsorship

The cost of the course is shared between the Diocese, the candidate's parish and the candidate.

Applications are now open for the first cohort, commencing in Semester 1, 2027.

How to apply

Start a conversation. Speak with your Parish Priest about the course.

Do you want to **SEE MORE DETAILS** ? Follow the link below or scan the QR code.

<https://parracatholic.org/learn/study-catholic-theology/>



RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



Youth Works!
Parish Bingo Night

SATURDAY

31

OCTOBER

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



LIFTED LIVE

IN THE FORECOURT

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2026
6PM (YOUTH MASS) AND A 7PM START
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

CatholicOutlook
MAGAZINE

Christmas Cover ART COMPETITION

THEME: THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS – SPECIAL YEAR OF ST FRANCIS

Will you design our Christmas cover?

All ages welcome.

Entries close 6 November 2026

Enter now at parracatholic.org/artcomp



**2025
WINNER**

