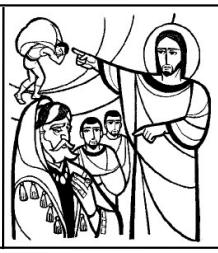
St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Marayong

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.



32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: **www.standrewsmarayong.org.au** Year A: Vol.52 No.50 7th - 8th November 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:

Phone: 9622 0817
40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong 2148
[PO Box 4345]

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parishoffice@standrewsmarayong.org.au

Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
9.00am to 4.00pm

after hours 9671 5793

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.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

OUR ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS
FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

This is a special occasion to pray for people we know who have died and especially for those who have died in the past year. It is also an opportunity to find support in our grief process helping us to find healing from what has happened.



This Mass will take place on Friday evening November 13 at 7:00pm.

On this occasion people are encouraged to bring along a flower (please note one flower) to be used in the procession.

✝ ***As is our custom, at this Mass we will have the blessing of our deceased family members exemplified through the crosses we have placed on the wall of the Church.***

We encourage parishioners to make their own "Cross" to be placed on the wall of the church.
[This cross should not be bigger than 6.5 cm across, 10 cm from top to bottom, 1.5 cm writing area]

After the Mass there will be a supper.

We encourage parishioners to bring along something for the supper; we also ask for volunteers to help organize and coordinate the supper. This supper has proved to be very important in the past and is a wonderful opportunity for us to support each other by our presence.

If you can help with the organization of this supper please contact the parish office.

FIVE BRIDESMAIDS WERE FOOLISH AND FIVE WERE SENSIBLE

As we come to the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear a parable Jesus tells his disciples about what the kingdom of heaven will be like. It will be like Bridesmaids taking their lamps to go and meet the bridegroom. Five were sensible and five were foolish. The sensible ones brought their lamps and flasks of oil, while the foolish only brought their lamps. The bridegroom was delayed and the bridesmaids fell asleep. When the bridegroom was approaching, it was realised that their lamps were going out. The sensible ones used the oil from their flasks and were able to go into the wedding hall but the foolish ones had to go and buy extra oil and when they returned, the door was locked and the Lord said, '"I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

It is important to realise this is a parable about the kingdom of heaven, not a story about being generous and sharing. So a question can be asked, what does the parable challenge us to do, so that we will be ready to enter into heaven?

What does it mean to be sensible rather than foolish? For me the answer lies in being ready to be of service, to love, to be a witness to the hope and truth of God in our lives and world, whenever the opportunity arises. To do that requires us to be in a good space and so the questions become how are we sleeping? What is our diet like, are we looking after ourselves and eating a healthy and balanced diet? How regularly do we find time to pray and read the Scriptures and spiritual material? What form of exercise is possible for us? Do we find time to serve? Do we make the time to catch up with family and friends? What do we do that gives us life and energy? Do we create space in our lives for God or are we on the go constantly?

There are a hundred and one things that we need to be doing well, so that we are able to be sensible and take up the opportunities provided for us to get to heaven. Otherwise those moments are missed.

May God bless you, all those you love and all who love you. .....Fr Kevin Redmond sm

7th & 8th November 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 Joenel 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	
Eucharistic Ministers	Monica Desira, Honorio Domingo, Merlie Domingo. Mercy Aquino.	Maurice Perera, Merly Generalao, Luz Tiqui.	Rose Rotik, 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		

14th & 15th November 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
Eucharistic 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	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	St Andrew's Family Choir	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir

Parish Youth Group

youthworksadmin@gmail.com
IG / FB @youthworksmarayong

November 13	CHOIR PRACTICE	7pm at the FBC
November 15	YOUTH MASS	10:30am
November 15	SAYA BOARDGAMES	6pm at the FBC
November 21	SAYWAT	6pm at the FBC
November 27	ADORATION	6pm in the CHURCH

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



St Andrews Christmas Event is coming November 28

to see more details visit pg 6 online

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS

We do encourage everyone to make sure they include prayer, self-denial, and Masses for the intentions of all who have died. We belong to a very special family, God's family, which consists of all those who have lived, including those who have died and may be in need of our prayers. On All Saints Day we remembered that we have special helpers and these are not just the canonised saints but every person who has lived a successful life in the eyes of God and now lives with him in eternity. During November we are asked remember those who, though they have died, are still on their journey and are in need of our support. Just as we like the fact that the saints in heaven are supporting us, we need to remember our responsibility and privilege to support those in need of our help who have died.



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS SUNDAY:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
Psalm: Ps 62:2-8
Second Reading: 1 Thess 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

NEXT SUNDAY:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Prov31:10-13,19-20,30-31
Psalm: Ps 127:1-5
Second Reading: 1 Thess 5:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

November Masses for the Faithful Departed

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.



Sunday
8-Nov
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Counters: Group 6
07:30 Mass
08:45 Mass
09:30 Choir Practice CFCA
10:30 Mass

Monday
9-Nov
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
09:00 Mass
15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary
19:00 SVdP Meeting
19:00 *Music Practice*
Fresh in Faith Youth Choir

Tuesday
10-Nov
Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor
09:00 Mass
19:00 Legion of Mary

Wednesday
11-Nov
Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
09:00 Mass
10:45 SAP Remembrance Day Liturgy
19:00 Novena & Mass
19:30 Baptism Preparation
19:30 Combined Choir Practice for Bereavement Mass
Armistice Day

Thursday
12-Nov
Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr
09:00 Mass
19:30 Music Practice for Nativity Christmas event

Friday
13-Nov
Friday of week 32 in Ordinary Time
09:00 Mass
15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary
18:00 Women's fellowship group
19:00 Bereavement Mass
19:00 Choir Practice HJM
19:00 *Music Practice*
Fresh in Faith Youth Choir
19:30 *Music Practice*
Family Choir

Saturday
14-Nov
Saturday of week 32 in Ordinary Time
Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 Church Cleaning CFC
09:00 Mass
09:30 Altar server Training
09:40 Legion of Mary
15:00 Christmas event rehearsal
16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary
17:00 Vigil Mass BGWA
18:30 Prayer Meeting HJM



DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

Bishop's GOOD WORKS APPEAL

HELP A YOUNG MOTHER BREAK THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE AND HOMELESSNESS FOR HER CHILDREN AND FOR THEIR FUTURE

This Christmas, embrace the spirit of the Nativity story. Let the birth of our Saviour, Jesus, inspire us to reach out to those in need. Your tax-deductible gift this Christmas can provide young mothers and their children with secure shelter, nourishing food, and the support they need to build a strong family life and a hopeful future.

Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your generosity, Christian kindness & compassion.

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/

An **online information session** is being held on **Wednesday 11 November at 7:30pm,** for all those interested in the Undergraduate Certificate of Theology being offered by BBI Taite in partnership with the Diocese of Parramatta.
Learn more about the course structure, delivery modes and assessment from Professor Gerard Moore, BBI Taite Principal and Course Coordinator.

Register via the link below, the online meeting link will be sent to you on 9 November prior to the session.
https://parracatholic.org/events/online-information-session-on-the-undergraduate-certificate-of-theology-11-november/

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: Fri, 20th Nov 2026
TIME: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Tea, coffee & 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

Sacramental Program Dates for 2027

SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

The Sacrament of First Penance Program will take place in Term 1 for children in Years 3 and above who have been baptised.

Registration Forms may be collected from the Parish office from Monday 1st February 2027.
(These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office on Sunday 7th February and Sunday 14th February 2027 between 9:30am -11:30am)

Registration Evening: Tuesday 16th February 2027 at 7pm in the Church

Classes: Sundays 28th February, 7th March and 14th March 2027

[Classes begin with the 8:45am Mass and conclude approximately at 11:30 am]

Sacrament of First Penance will be celebrated on:

Friday 19th March (6pm) and /or Saturday 20th March (9:30am) 2027

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion Program will take place in Term 2 for children in Years 3 and above who have received the Sacrament of Penance.

Registration Forms may be collected from the Parish office from Tuesday 27th April 2027.
(These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office on Sunday 2nd May and Sunday 9th May 2027 between 9:30am -11:30am)

Registration Evening: Tuesday 11th May 2027 at 7pm in the Church

Classes: Sunday 30th May and Sunday 6th June 2027

[Classes begin with the 8:45am Mass and conclude approximately at 11:30 am]

Reconciliation before reception of First Holy Communion - Saturday 12th June (9:30am)

Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

Saturday 19th June (5pm), Sunday 20th June (8:45am),
Saturday 26th June (5pm) and Sunday 27th June (8:45am)

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation Program will take place in Term 3 for children in Years 5 and above who have received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Registration Forms may be collected from the Parish office from Monday 19th July 2027.
(These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office on Sunday 25th July and Sunday 1st August 2027 between 9:30am -11:30am)

Registration Evening: Tuesday 3rd August 2027 at 7pm in the Church

Classes: Sunday 15th August and Sunday 22nd August 2027

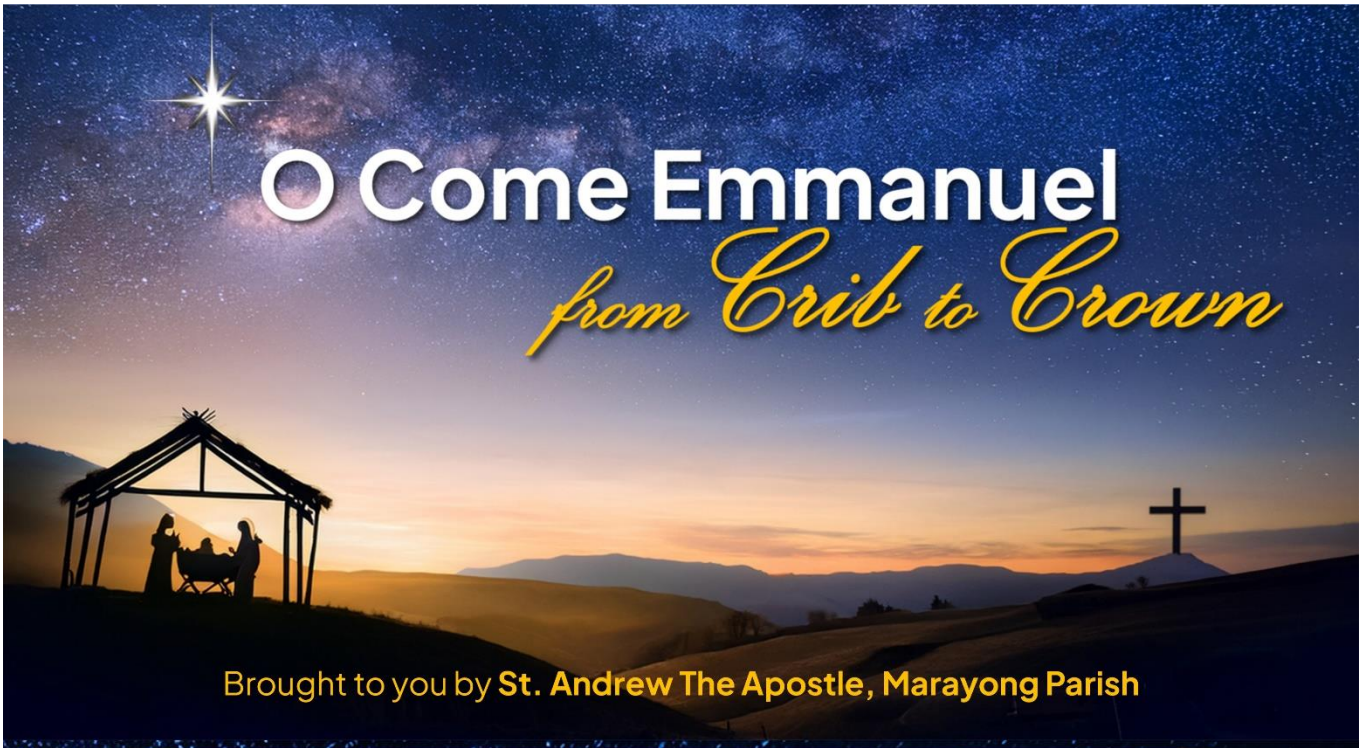
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Reconciliation before reception of Confirmation - Saturday 28th August (9:30am)

Sacrament of Confirmation: *(Dates to be Confirmed)*

Monday 6th September and 7th September 2027 at 7pm OR

Tuesday 14th September and Wednesday 15th September 2027 at 7pm



O Come Emmanuel

from Crib to Crown

Brought to you by **St. Andrew The Apostle, Marayong Parish**

on **Saturday, 28th November 2026**
from **6pm**, immediately after the Saturday vigil mass
at the **Parish Church & Piazza**

Join us, at the start of Advent, for an evening of…

The Crib to Crown

An Enactment with Gospel & faith-centred storytelling, reflection and prayer

Carol Singing

Joyfully join in with the choir singing our favourites to start the Advent season, with **Santa Claus** visiting us too!

Family Fete & Communal Supper

Share a festive supper spread as a parish family, and enjoy festive fete games with prizes to be won, Christmas karaoke, spot prizes and more!

Come, join us as we gather as a Parish Family and local community to reflect, sing and celebrate together!

If you'd like to participate or contribute, please contact the Parish office.



THANKSGIVING & 36TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LORD OF PARDON

8 NOVEMBER 2026

OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA
POLISH CATHOLIC CHURCH
116 Quakers Road
Marayong NSW 2148

THEME:
TO EMPTY PURGATORY

1:30 PM
PRAISE & WORSHIP
Devotion & Procession

3:30 PM
CONCELEBRATED MASS
Everyone is invited to this special celebration for all the souls in Purgatory.

9 DAY NOVENA
30 OCTOBER TO 7 NOVEMBER
At host families or online.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS
Join us for light refreshments outside the church.
A plate to share is warmly welcomed.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
To host the statues in your home please email:
ludypapa08@gmail.com
or text only **0409975563**

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- ♥ A Welcoming Space
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Tehillah Covenant Community- ICPE Mission Sydney