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.



33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: **www.standrewsmarayong.org.au** Year A: Vol.52 No.51 14th - 15th 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)

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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.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

Special Year of St Francis

This special Jubilee Year which began on 10 January 2026 and is ending on 10 January 2027, celebrates the enduring legacy of the "Poverello of Assisi" and invites the faithful to walk in his footsteps by living simply, caring generously, and becoming instruments of peace in our world.

Catholics across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are invited to renew their commitment to peace, reconciliation and care for creation during the Special Year of St Francis, proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV to mark 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi.

Plenary indulgences - During the Special Year of St Francis, the Church grants the opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence. The indulgence may be obtained by Catholics who, with a spirit detached from sin:

*Participate devoutly in Jubilee celebrations, or

*Make a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or to a church or place of worship dedicated to or associated with St Francis of Assisi, anywhere in the world, and

*Fulfil the usual conditions of: Sacramental confession & Eucharistic communion

*Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father

During your visit, you are invited to spend time in prayer or meditation. Ask God that, following the example of St Francis, charity, harmony and peace may take root in your heart, concluding with the Our Father, the Creed, and invocations to Our Lady, St Francis, St Clare and the saints of the Franciscan Family.

Those who are elderly, sick or unable to travel may also receive the indulgence by spiritually uniting themselves to the Jubilee through prayer and the offering of their sufferings.

OUR CHRISTIAN CALLING IS TO SERVE LIKE JESUS

This Sunday, the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are invited to reflect on how we respond to God's call to take part in His mission. We are also challenged to examine our Christian faith and ask ourselves how we live it in our daily lives.

The Book of Proverbs reminds us that true wisdom is shown through our service to others. It teaches us about our relationship with God and our willingness to follow His will. The woman described in the reading is a good example of this. She uses her strength, gifts, and abilities to care for her family and contribute to the wellbeing of the wider community. She understands that her qualities and virtues are not only for her own benefit but also for the service of God's people.

In the Second Reading, St Paul reminds us to stay awake and remain sober because we do not know the day or the hour when the Lord will come. He encourages us to live as sons and daughters of the light. This means living according to the teachings of Christ and allowing Him to be at the centre of our lives. As Christians, we are called to remain faithful and ready to respond to God's call at all times.

In the Gospel, Matthew challenges us to reflect on how we use the gifts and talents God has given us. Do we use these gifts in the service of others, or do we simply keep them to ourselves? God has blessed each of us with different gifts and abilities, and He expects us to use them for the good of others. We are called to serve those who are poor, vulnerable, and marginalised in our society. These people are also created in the image of God, and we are called to treat them with love, dignity, and respect as our brothers and sisters.

As we reflect on today's readings, let us ask ourselves: Am I aware of the gifts and talents God has given me? If so, how am I using them to serve others? Let us remember that our gifts are not meant for our own benefit alone. They are given to us so that we can build up God's community and make His Kingdom present here and now.

Let us open our hearts to God's call and be willing to serve those who are in need in our society. May we ask God for the wisdom to understand His will and the courage to put our gifts and talents at the service of others. Our service to others is one of the ways we remain awake, live our Christian faith, and prepare ourselves for the coming of our Lord.

.....from Fr Floyd Gatana SM

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			
Music	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	St Andrew's Family Choir	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir

21st & 22nd November 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 Joenel 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	Vinetta Lobo	Linda Ranee
Second Reader		Elizabeth Abbey	Lydia Villamarin	Maria Carpio
Projectionist				
Eucharistic 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.
Ushers/Welcomers	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Francesca Arigo		
Music	Lorraine's Choir	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Couples For Christ Australia

Parish Youth Group

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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

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Bishop's GOOD WORKS APPEAL

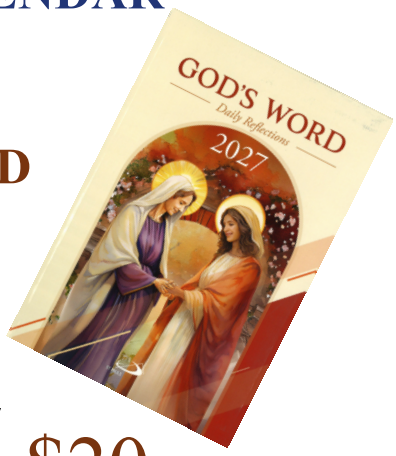


HELP A YOUNG MOTHER BREAK THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE AND HOMELESSNESS FOR HER CHILDREN AND FOR THEIR FUTURE

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.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2027 & GOD'S WORD 2027





NOW AVAILABLE

$10 $20



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY:

Christ the King
First Reading: Ezek 34:11-12. 15-17
Psalm: Ps 22:1-3. 5-6
Second Reading: 1 Cor15:20-26. 28
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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.

MASS intentions

Sunday
15-Nov
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Counters: Group 7
Marriage Blessing - All Masses
07:30 Mass
08:45 Mass
10:30 Mass
11:45 Baptism
18:00 Youthworks **SAYA**

Monday
16-Nov
Monday of week 33 in Ordinary Time
Saint Margaret of Scotland
Saint Gertrude, Virgin
09:00 Mass
15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

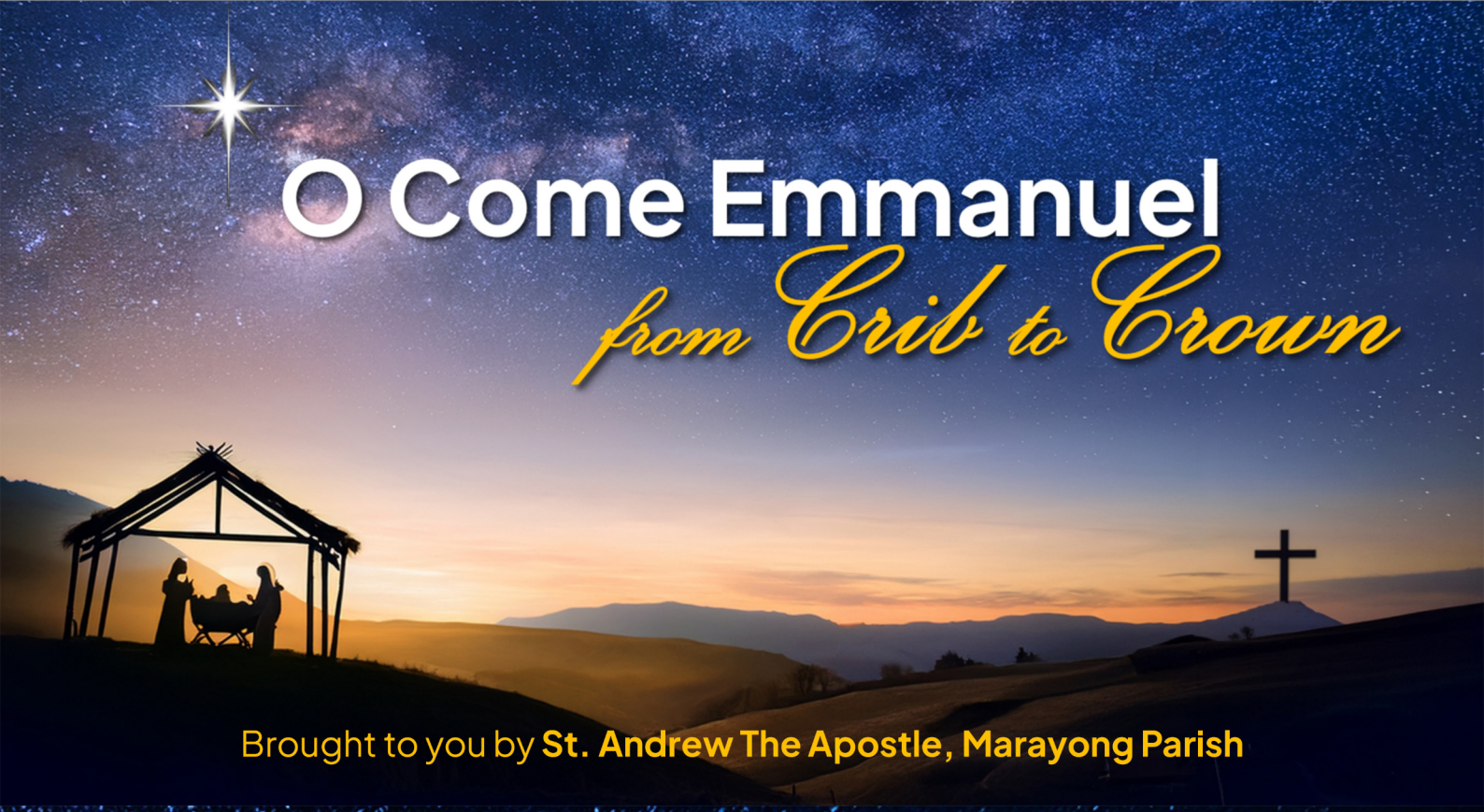
Tuesday
17-Nov
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
09:00 Mass
19:00 Legion of Mary

Wednesday
18-Nov
Wednesday of week 33 in Ordinary Time
Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles
09:00 Mass
19:00 Novena & Mass
19:00 Music Practice CFCA
19:30 Music Practice
Lorraine's Choir

Thursday
19-Nov
Thursday of week 33 in Ordinary Time
09:00 Mass
19:00 RCIA
19:00 Coordinating meeting for Misa de Gallo

Friday
20-Nov
Friday of week 33 in Ordinary Time
09:00 Mass
15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary
18:00 Women's fellowship group

Saturday
21-Nov
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
09:00 Mass
09:30 Altar server Training
09:40 Legion of Mary
10:00 Church Cleaning LoM P1
14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community
14:30 Christmas event rehearsal
16:00 Music Practice Worship Hymn
16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary
17:00 Vigil Mass
18:00 SAYWAT



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.