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# 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.



## 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year B: Vol.43 No.07 13th / 14th January, 2018

#### PARISH STAFF:

Monsignor Ron McFarlane  
Father Joby Kadambattu MS  
Father Alfonsus Nahak SVD  
Maria Hyson  
(Sacramental Coordinator)  
Michelle Sultana &  
Joe Clemson  
(Office staff)

#### PARISH OFFICE:

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#### Office Hours:

Monday to Friday  
9.00am to 4.00pm

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#### PRESBYTERY:

41 Breakfast Rd, Marayong

#### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday (Vigil) 6.00pm  
Sunday:  
7.30am, 8.45am, 10.30am .

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Each Sunday morning  
after the 8.45am Mass.

#### Weekday Masses:

Monday: 9.00am  
Tuesday: 9.00am  
Wednesday: 9.00am  
*Novena & Mass: 7.00pm*  
Thursday: 8.00am  
Friday: 9.00am  
Saturday: 9.00am

**Mass for the Sick:** 4th Saturday  
of the month at 9.00am

**Rosary:** After each morning  
Mass and before the  
Saturday Vigil Mass

#### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

- After weekday morning Masses.
- Saturday: 4.30pm - 5.30pm
- Anytime by arrangement.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Baptisms:** 1st & 3rd Sunday  
of each month at 11.45am

#### **Baptismal Preparation:**

2nd Wednesday of each month  
at 7.30pm  
in the Fr Byrne Centre.  
Please book for Baptisms  
with the Parish Office.

#### PIETY STALL:

Open after Masses on Saturday  
night and Sunday morning or  
by asking for an appointment  
at the Parish Office.

#### FR. BYRNE CENTRE:

(Parish Meeting Rooms)  
38 Breakfast Rd, Marayong.

#### PARISH SCHOOLS:

#### **ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY**

Principal: Mr M. Tonnet  
Phone: 9671 6622  
Address: 36 Breakfast Road  
Marayong 2148

#### **ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE**

College Principal: Mr N. Vidot  
Phone: 9626 4000

#### **Campus -**

#### **JUNIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 7-10)**

Address: 116 Quakers Road  
Marayong 2148

#### **SENIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 11-12)**

Address: 50 Breakfast Road

## Parish Pastoral Council Members for 2018



- Joe Doyle (chair),
- Marianne Bautista (assistant chair),
- Fred Inglis (finance),
- Martin Zammit (Maintenance).
- Ex officio members: Msgr Ron, Fr. Joby, Fr. Alphonsus, Joyce Inglis, Joe Clemson.
- Parishioners:  
Robert Bautista and Peter Maw +5
- Legion of Mary: Elvie Clarke +1
- Couples for Christ:  
Glenn Macaraeg, Bong Ampon
- Catechists: +2

- Sacramental Programs: +1
  - Sunday School: +1
  - HJM: Cezar Estrera, Joseph (Marcial) Cacdac
  - Youth Ministry: +2
  - Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers: +2
  - Seniors Group: Monica Van Galen, Edsel Paltoo, Joan D'Abreu.
  - Other Ministries: +4
- We are in need of representatives for the Parish Pastoral Council in these areas.*  
We also need: name, address, mobile phone number, email address.

#### 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 ...**

- ♦ **THANKYOU FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**
- ♦ **CONGRATULATIONS FOR BAPTISM / MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY**
- ♦ **SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**
- ♦ **UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS**

## From Monsignor Ron ...

Our faith is based on the belief that God became man. We believe that one of the reasons why he became man was to show us how to love God and love our neighbour. The reason for this is that our relationship with our God is what gives meaning and purpose to our lives and our relationship with our neighbour is what enables us to grow as loving people. In our lives, we are called to think and to act like Jesus and to strive to have his attitudes and values. This will not happen automatically, but it will begin to happen when we finally accept in our hearts that our happiness and meaning in life lie in our identification with Jesus.

How often do we use the approach of Samuel? Here I am Lord I come to do your will! How often do we try to find out what God wants of us today, in this situation and at this moment? How often do we pray about the ordinary things we do to make sure not only that we do the right thing but that we do the best thing always?

If we are going to do this, we need to discover what Jesus would think of our actions and also discover how he would behave in our situation. We need to be committed to discovering God's will for us at this moment.

Each one of us needs to have a really good relationship with God. This means more than just knowing about him; it means knowing him personally. This is an important lesson in the gospel passage: the disciples spent time with Jesus. Yet, how much time do we really spend in prayer? How often do we talk to God during the day? How often do we receive the sacrament of Reconciliation? How often do we try to grow in our understanding of the faith? These are the ways we attune ourselves to

God's will. However, if we are not prepared to take these steps, we are making hard work, if not impossible work, of being Christians. Our aim must be to make God central to our lives. Today we are presented with some means of doing this; we need to accept that is time-consuming and demands a constant commitment to be a Christian.

In the final analysis, it is up to each one of us. Our God wants to do so much for us, but first, we must allow him to enter into our lives.

### *Beatitudes for Still-Seeking People*

Blessed are those who ask difficult questions: they are honouring their God-given brains.

Blessed are those who don't have glib answers: they offer a refreshing change.

Blessed are those who are not afraid to say, "I do not know for sure" or "I could be wrong:" their integrity will be rewarded.

Blessed are those who respect different ways of praising God: gifts will be given to them.

Blessed are those who is coming to faith was gentle and unspectacular: they are good people to be with.

Blessed are those who listen quietly to others hurts: they will be known as sensitive friends.

Blessed are you when you are awed by the Mystery of God, can find few words to describe your highest experiences, and so love your neighbour that you can be supportive of others they take different paths from yours. Some may tell you that you are not a proper Christian, but she will be on the way to wholeness as a human being.

*(Kate Compston)*

Please contact the Parish Office, **if you are unavailable** for your rostered Ministry.



#### MASS READINGS - YEAR B

##### **THIS SUNDAY:**

##### **2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10. 19  
Psalm: Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10  
Second Reading: 1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20  
Gospel: John 1:35-42

##### **NEXT SUNDAY:**

##### **3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5. 10  
Psalm: Ps 24:4-9  
Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31  
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

#### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 13th / 14th January 2018 [2nd Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]

| MINISTRIES  | 6.00pm                        | 7.30am                       | 8.45am                    | 10.30am                        |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ACOLYTE   | Romy Gapud<br>Emmanuel Tabone | Gus Kaster<br>Edsel Paltoo   | Noe Adan<br>Joy Kakodkar  | Robert Bautista<br>Ferdie Chin |
| COMMENTATOR   | Nenette Gapud                 | Claire Blunt                 | Mary Anne Xuereb          | Peter Maw                      |
| FIRST READER  | Ralph Vaz                     | Antonette Elogious           | Roseanne Victoria         | Allen Brady                    |
| SECOND READER                                       | Myra Estrera                  | Belinda Elogious             | Rose Rotik                | Maryanne Bautista              |
| PROJECTOR OPERATORS                                 | Sarah Debrincat               | Derica Elogious              | <i>Volunteer Required</i> | Abigail Chin                   |
| WELCOMER  | Annette Hudson                | Claire Blunt<br>Agnes Iligan | <i>Volunteer Required</i> | Jerome Chin                    |
| MUSICIANS   | Hearts                        | NO Music Mass                | CD Music Mass             | Dingalings                     |
| MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Second Sunday of the Month |                               |                              |                           |                                |

#### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 20th / 21st January 2018 [3rd Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]

| MINISTRIES   | 6.00pm   | 7.30am                         | 8.45am  | 10.30am                                      |
|--|--|--------------------------------|---|--|
| ACOLYTE  | Stephen Debrincat<br><i>Volunteer Required</i> | John Fernandes<br>Edsel Paltoo | Morie Balisbisan<br><i>Volunteer Required</i> | Robert Bautista<br><i>Volunteer Required</i> |
| COMMENTATOR  | Erna Ferrer                                    | Mary Anne Xuereb               | Chris Bettiol                                 | Carmelita Licalalde                          |
| FIRST READER                                       | Marian Fernandez                               | Fely Perez                     | Roseanne Victoria                             | Therrie Chin                                 |
| SECOND READER                                      | Edward Yin                                     | Laurinda Atienza               | Bernardo Rivera                               | Eduardo Gatchalian                           |
| PROJECTOR OPERATORS                                | <i>Volunteer Required</i>                      | <i>Volunteer Required</i>      | Jaden Victoria                                |  |
| WELCOMER   | Melita DelosReyes                              | Annette Hudson                 | Denise Farla<br>Dot Kaster                    | Peter Maw                                    |
| MUSICIANS  | St Andrew's<br>Family Choir                    | NO Music Mass                  | CD Music Mass                                 | Living Word Choir                            |
| MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Third Sunday of the Month |  |                                |   |  |

## Mass for the Sick with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick- 27<sup>th</sup> January



Parishioners are reminded of the importance of the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing of the Sick) to aid people experiencing serious illness, the infirmity of old age, and those preparing for surgery. If you know of anybody who fits into these categories, you are encouraged to inform them about this Mass which will take place on Saturday, January 27 at 9:00am. If necessary, we do ask you to provide transport to bring people who may be normally housebound and unable to get here to the church.

There will be morning tea after the Mass provided by our seniors group in the parish.



### MESSAGE FOR ALL CATECHISTS:

As we approach the beginning of another scholastic year, we begin with a celebration of Mass asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in continuing our mission to Catholic students in our local state primary schools. All catechists are invited to join with the teachers from our local Catholic schools as we celebrate Mass for a successful year in 2018. This Mass will be celebrated on January 29 at 9:00am in our parish Church.

### AUSTRALIA DAY

You are asked to remember that on Friday, January 26 we have a Mass of Thanksgiving for the privilege of living in this country. We will celebrate this Mass at 9:00am and we do encourage parishioners to reserve the date as we have much to be grateful for the gift of where we live. We also need to pray for the future of this country.



### ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The members of Marayong St. Vincent de Paul conference would like to express their sincere gratitude to our fellow parishioners, St. Andrews primary school and St Andrews college for the on going support we received for our 2017 Christmas appeal. Your generosity has allowed us to again give those in our community facing adversity in their lives a very generous food hamper as well as plenty of toys for the children. We were able to assist over 60 families this year as well as donating some of the toys we had left over to Catholic Care who also give assistance to those needing help in their lives, the on going generosity throughout the year is always very much appreciated by the members of the St. Vincent de Paul conference. We also acknowledge and appreciate the behind the scenes support given by Msgr. Ron, Fr. Joby, Fr Alfons, our parish staff as well as the teachers and staff of our schools.

### BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER 2017

We offer our congratulations and prayers to the families who have celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism in our parish family. We welcome these young children who are now members of our parish family.

Ellie FELIPE

Arion Mateo JOVELLANA

Yohan Christoph YGAY

Gabrielle Louise GEROLAGUIN

Logan LORETO

Elijah Cole NEWBERY

Jacob Alexander RAMOS

Jake Danilo SMITH

### Blessing of Marriage Anniversary

*We congratulate those who celebrated anniversaries in month of December.*

*They are.....*

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Leo & Ellen ALATA            | 25yrs |
| Maryann & Isidro ALFONSO     | 20yrs |
| Joseph & Sunita BHUNDOO      | 17yrs |
| Christina & Anthony MONTEIRO | 11yrs |
| Melvina & Pritam VAZ         | 8yrs  |

### January Marriage Anniversary Blessings

For those parishioners who celebrate wedding anniversaries in the month of January, we invite you to receive a special blessing at the 8:45am Mass on Sunday, January 21. In order to organise this, you are asked to present your details to the parish office as soon as possible.

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| <b>Sunday</b>   |
| 14  |
| <b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Counters: Group 2   |
| <b>Monday</b>   |
| 15  |
| 09:00 Mass<br>09:30 Rosary<br>19:00 Legion of Mary  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  |
| 16  |
| 09:00 Mass<br>09:30 Rosary  |
| <b>Wednesday</b>  |
| 17  |
| Saint Antony, Abbot   |
| 09:00 Mass<br>09:30 Rosary<br>19:00 Novena & Mass   |
| <b>Thursday</b>   |
| 18  |
| 08:00 Mass<br>08:30 Rosary<br>19:00 SVPD Meeting<br>20:00 Music Practice  |
| <b>Friday</b>   |
| 19  |
| 09:00 Mass<br>09:30 Rosary<br>16:00 Junior Legion of Mary<br>19:00 NO Youth Mass & SAYWAT<br>20:10 HJM Core Meeting |
| <b>Saturday</b>   |
| 20  |
| Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr,<br>Saint Sebastian, Martyr<br>Saturday memorial of the<br>Blessed Virgin Mary           |
| 09:00 Mass<br>09:30 Rosary<br>09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary<br>10:00 Church Cleaning LofM<br>16:15 Legion of Mary        |

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday School resumes next weekend  
9:30am, Sunday 21st January 2018



**FIESTA SINULOG 2018**  
Triduum Mass in preparation for the FIESTA OF SEÑOR SANTO NIÑO  
17th, 18th, 19th January 2018  
7.00pm Good Shepherd Catholic Church

**SUNDAY 21TH JANUARY 2018**  
Time: 2:30pm Concelebrated Mass followed by Procession  
Good Shepherd Catholic Church,  
130 Hyatt Road, Plumpton, NSW  
All devotees please bring your Santo Niño Statues  
Main Celebrant: Bishop of Parramatta  
Most Rev. Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv.  
SINULOG • SINULOG • SINULOG  
Beating of the drums by the Aklan Ati-Atihan group  
Entertainment program, dinner sharing & raffle  
Please bring food and drink to share

For more information call Mila Alforque 0478 707 516

## Sacramental Program Dates for 2018 ...

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**  
This Program will commence in Term 1 for children in Years 3 and above who have received the Sacrament of Penance.

**Registration Forms** ... may be collected from the Parish Office starting **Monday 12th February 2018** [These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office on Sundays 18th & 25th February between 9.30-11.30am]

**Registration Evening:**  
Tuesday 27th February 2018 at 7.00pm in the Church

**Classes:** Sundays 11th March and 18th March 2018  
[Classes begin with 8.45am Mass and conclude at approximately 11.30am]

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion:**  
Saturday 7th April at 6pm and  
Sunday 8th April 2018 at 8.45am or 12:15 pm



## Notices from the Diocese of Parramatta

### POSITIONS VACANT

- Youth Minister – St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill
- Accounts Officer – Chancery Office, Parramatta

More details at: [www.parracatholic.org/employment](http://www.parracatholic.org/employment)

• School Maintenance & Outdoor Worker – Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Baulkham Hills. Must have valid Working With Children Check, Commence February 2018, 3 hours/day- 5 days per week, Pre-employment Medical Assessment required, General maintenance experience preferred, 2 Referees, Applicants addressed to: The Principal – [ololbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ololbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au)

### DEANERY AND DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCILS

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv launched our new councils on Saturday 2 December at St Andrew's Parish, Marayong. He called on our councils to be listening bodies, particularly to those who are "outside the tent". Council members are to be connected to the grassroots, to help him listen and respond to the real needs and concerns of the people. More information, including council membership, can be found on [www.faithinourfuture.org.au](http://www.faithinourfuture.org.au)

### HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: 1 February

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite young adults (aged 18-35) to join them for Holy Hour for Vocations. Thursday, 1st February 2018, at 7:00 pm. Join us also for pizza at 8:00pm. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton.

RSVP: Sr Paula email: [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com) or mobile 0449 656 406.

### 2018 FILIPINO DIOCESAN FIESTA IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEPH, THE HUSBAND OF MARY

At Come, join us celebrate the On: Sunday, 18 March 2018, At: Nagle College Hall, 58A Orwell Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. \* 10:45 am Holy Mass, followed by \* Lunch sharing and entertainment

Theme: "St Joseph: Fatherhood and Leadership" For further information, please contact

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Twitter @parracatholic

#### HOME VISIT

Would you like a visit from a priest or parishioner?

Name .....

phone .....

#### SICK OR HOUSEBOUND

Do you know someone who would like Holy Communion or a visit?

Name .....

phone .....

#### PLANNED GIVING

Would you like to support our parish?

Name .....

phone .....

PLEASE PLACE ON COLLECTION PLATE AND YOU WILL BE CONTACTED