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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.



## The ASCENSION of the LORD

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year B: Vol.43 No.24

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### PARISH STAFF:

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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  
*Youth Mass & SAYWAT 7.00pm*  
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: 8869 6700

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  
Marayong 2148

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CONFIRMATION

The registration evening for this program will be held on Tuesday evening, May 15, at 7:00pm in the Church.

To be eligible for this program, young people must be baptised in the Catholic Church, have received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, be in at least year five at school and be parishioners of St Andrew the Apostle Parish. In this context, a parishioner is one who lives within the parish boundaries and/or one whose family has chosen this place as their parish of choice.

Registration forms can be collected from the parish office on Sunday morning and during office hours on Monday and Tuesday.

The sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Tuesday, June 19 and Wednesday, June 20. The celebrant of the sacrament will be the Very Rev Peter Williams, Vicar General of the Diocese of Parramatta.



### 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 ...**

- ♦ MOTHER'S DAY ♦ PARISH RETREAT WEEKEND
- ♦ FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES
- ♦ CELEBRATE PENTECOST
- ♦ SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - CONFIRMATION
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

## From Monsignor Ron ...

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. This feast does not celebrate the end of his presence in the world, but rather a change in the way he is present in the world. It celebrates the fact that Jesus is no longer present in the world through his human body in a physical way. He is now present in the world through his Mystical Body in a spiritual way. He is present also through his Church. This is particularly true whenever we come together in prayer and also whenever we celebrate the Sacraments. Of course, Jesus always present for us in the Blessed Sacrament. As well, we know he is present wherever two or three are gathered in faith.

This feast day of the Ascension teaches us three important lessons. The first is that we are going to live forever with Jesus. The second is that our true home is with Jesus in heaven. The third truth is the reason for the departure of Jesus. From now on the normal way that the church and we will know him will be in the sacraments and in the Mass. This is how he wants to come to all of us today. Wherever we go and wherever we are, Jesus is as close to us as the nearest Catholic Church. The point of the Ascension for us is that to meet the risen Christ today, we do not have to go to Jerusalem, Bethany, the Upper Room where the first Mass was celebrated or the Mount of Olives where Jesus suffered. We have only to come to our Church.

For a moment, I would like to focus on what happens at the end of Mass. At the end of Mass,

we are "sent." It is in fact a commissioning ceremony. We say "thanks be to God" which is supposed to mean -- "yes, I am glad to share the mission of the church and I am going out to share the mission I received from Jesus on the day of my baptism."

Today, let us be aware of ourselves as called and chosen. Let us thank our God that he thinks so much of us. Let it hit home that we are the Apostles of Jesus in today's world and that we are all really needed by the people who are part of our lives.

We are to live in a manner worthy of the call we have received -- with all humility, gentleness, patience, bearing with one another through love. We need to get busy and to keep God in the centre of our lives.

### Parish Retreat Weekend:

For a long time now, parishioners have been requesting that we conduct a retreat. Well, now the opportunity has arrived and I would encourage parishioners to make the most of this event. Copies of the timetable are available at the doors of the church. Please make the most this opportunity which will take place on the weekend of June 2/3.

### Faith Formation on the Acts of the Apostles:

This continues on Wednesday evening at 7:45 PM. Even if you have not come along yet please consider doing so as this helps us to understand the meaning of the season of Easter through the lives of the Christians of the early church.

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



#### MASS READINGS -YEAR B

#### THIS SUNDAY:

#### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Psalm: Ps 46:2-3. 6-9

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

#### NEXT SUNDAY:

#### PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Psalm: Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34

Second Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

#### THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 12th / 13th May 2018

#### [2nd Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Romy Gapud Emmanuel Tabone	Gus Kaster Edsel Paltoo	Joy Kakodkar Mario Picart	Robert Bautista Ferdie Chin
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Claire Blunt	Lita Picart	Maryanne Bautista
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	Vesna Kenny	Abigail Chin
WELCOMER	Annette Hudson	Claire Blunt Agnes iligan	Volunteer Required	Jerome Chin
MUSICIANS	Hearts	NO Music Mass	Couples For Christ	Dingalings
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Second Sunday of the Month				

#### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 19th / 20th May 2018

#### [3rd Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]

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

On this day each year we remember in particular the opportunity for life that we received from our parents. Today we focus on our mothers. One of the unfortunate facts of life is that too often we take for granted the people who are closest to us and the people who are actually most important in our lives.

Today is a special day, but I hope it is a reminder that is not limited just to today of finding ways to say thank you and show our appreciation to our parents. Certainly, no parent is perfect, but then, neither are we. There are so many things that our parents have had to sacrifice for us and we, as their children, have certainly changed their lives greatly.

### *Our blessing prayer for this Mother's Day*

For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord. R.

For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord. R.

For mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom, we pray to the Lord. R.

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

And may Almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. R. Amen.



(St. Andrews Youth Word And Teaching)  
Our next SAYWAT will be held on:  
Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 at 7:00pm.

The evening commences with our Youth Mass at 7:00pm followed by supper and social & faith activities.

In May this is available for young people from year 4 to year 8 and Leaders in Training. Families are reminded of the importance of collecting the young people at 10:00pm when the evening concludes.

### Forthcoming Meetings

◆ Catechists: There will be a Catechist meeting on Monday, May 21 at 10:00am in the Fr Byrne Centre.

◆ Sacramental Program Facilitators: Meeting to be held Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00pm in the Fr Byrne Centre.  
◆ Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: To be held Tuesday, May 29 at 7:15pm in the Fr Byrne Centre.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>	
Counters: Group 2 Mother's Day	
09:30 Sunday School	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>14</b>
Saint Matthias, Apostle	
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
19:00 Legion of Mary	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>15</b>
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
19:00 Registration Evening Confirmation	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>16</b>
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
19:00 Novena & Mass	
19:00 Faith Formation & Discussion	
20:00 Combined Pentecost Music Practice	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>17</b>
08:00 Mass	
08:30 Rosary	
20:00 Music Practice	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>18</b>
Saint John I, Pope, Martyr	
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
16:00 Junior Legion of Mary	
19:00 Youth Mass & SAYWAT	
20:00 HJM Core Meeting	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>19</b>
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary	
10:00 Church Cleaning LoM	
16:15 Legion of Mary	
18:00 Mass & Pentecost Celebration	



# CELEBRATE PENTECOST



Saturday 19 May 2018 | 5:20pm Rosary | 6:00pm Mass |  
Followed by International Supper and Concert at the Primary School Hall.

*You are encouraged to wear your national costume or something red.*

Come and join us to make the Feast of Pentecost a joyful occasion to honour the Holy Spirit, **celebrate the birthday of our Church and to bring our St Andrew's Parish community together.**

Enjoy the night with lots of entertainment, door prizes, dancing, camaraderie, and yummy international food generously donated by our parishioners.

A huge event like this needs a lot of happy working bees.

Volunteers/donors are needed for the following:

- ★ Food/household item donations for the poor from parish groups and families who wish to donate a hamper and be part of the Offertory procession. Please bring your hamper wrapped in red or yellow at the back foyer of the church before the May 19 6pm Mass and collect and present it during the Offertory.
- ★ Door Prize donation; Please contact the Parish office if you wish to donate.
- ★ Volunteers for decorating the church and piazza on May 19 from 9:30am and setting up tables/chairs in the hall from 10am.
- ★ Donation of drinks and food from different nationalities; preferably finger food and easy-to-serve food as there will be no heating facility. The hall will be open from 4:30-5:15pm on May 19 to receive your donations
- ★ Volunteers for receiving of food/drink donations at 4:30pm and serving of food/drinks at 7pm.
- ★ Packing away tables/chairs and cleaning up the hall afterwards.

*Please indicate your involvement/food donation on the signup sheets at the back of the church or contact the office.*



**Music Practice for Pentecost** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 8:00pm at Fr Byrne Centre

*If you would like to join the choir for our parish Pentecost Celebration, please attend this rehearsal. The Combined Choir will be singing on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> of May at the 6:00pm Mass.*

## PROGRAM FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FACILITATORS:

We are in need of volunteers to help in the preparation of our candidates and their families for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please consider being involved in this very important ministry in the life of our parish community. This will involve two Sunday mornings. For more information, please come along to the meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00pm in the Fr Byrne Centre.

Catholic Bushwalking Club [www.cbcnsw.org.au](http://www.cbcnsw.org.au) DID WE MEET YOU AT THE ACYF?  
We are waiting to hear from you. Bushwalking, Camping, Canyon and Skiing trips.  
Please apply via website or contact Linda 0478 919 427

### SEMINAR - ANNULMENTS WITHIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 7pm – 9pm

Each year CatholicCare Solo Parent Services presents a Seminar to assist people understand the process of Marriage Annulments in the Catholic Church. The evening is open to anyone who is interested in this process.

Date: **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May Time: 7pm – 9pm.**

Venue: **St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall – 1 Marist Place Parramatta.**

Off-street parking on Victoria Rd.

Registration Essential: **Call Rita . PH: 8843 2575 or Email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)**

#### 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**