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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.



31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.42 No.50 4th / 5th November, 2017

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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
Marayong 2148

Expressions of Thanks:

1. Since we have now finished our 2017 sacramental programs for young people in the parish, it is appropriate that we acknowledge the great work carried out by Maria Hyson in coordinating the sacramental programs. As well, we should acknowledge the support work carried out by facilitators who give freely of their time and talents to help with this very significant work of evangelisation and faith formation.
2. We should also acknowledge the commitment of the members of the Legion of Mary in the parish for making themselves available to lead the Rosary before each of our weekend Masses during October. They continue to model for us the importance of devotion to Mary and also through their ministry, the importance of outreach to people who live in the parish.

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 ...

- ♦ AREAS OF CONCERN — ROSTERS
- ♦ FINANCIAL UPDATE
- ♦ PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
- ♦ NOVEMBER MASSES
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

From Monsignor Ron ...

This weekend St Paul gives us some practical advice for living the Christian way of life and on being apostles of Jesus in our daily living. The message we have to offer is all about God's overwhelming love for each person. We need to accept this reality within our own hearts and reinforce it by regular prayerful reflections on God's kindness and concern reaching out again and again throughout Israel's history and finally expressed in its fullness in the life of Jesus. This is a concern that continues to this day by the desire of Jesus to be part of our lives and again by the gift of the Holy Spirit, given to us in Baptism and developed to its potential in Confirmation. This involves not just speaking about God's love. Our lives must also reflect and communicate that love.

We are called to a very special way of life. We are the apostles of Jesus in today's world and in fact wherever we find ourselves in each moment. To be an apostle is not like a job that occupies us for a certain amount of time. It is a way of life which we strive to live constantly. Hopefully, in this we get the support of each other as members of this Christian family here in our own parish.

The challenge before us this weekend is to put into practice in our lives what we profess to believe. We acknowledge that God is of supreme importance in our lives and that each person is very important, but are these obvious in the way that we live our lives? If we are going to do this, there is one thing that can help and that is to ask ourselves if we are acting as Jesus would in this present situation.

The final point I'd like to make is to see our gospel teaching this weekend in terms of Jesus stressing

the importance of getting things the right way around. I think it comes down to: "seek first the kingdom of God, and its justice, and the rest will be given to you." What does this mean in practice? It means that only God is absolutely our Father. Only Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is absolutely our Teacher. I like the way that St Paul puts it when he writes: "for this reason, I bow my knees before the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named." In other words, everything comes from and returns to God, and God sent his only Son into the world to give us the way, the truth and the life.

A COURSE IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH:

We have commenced our program for this year, a program open to people who are not Catholic and people who want to update their understanding of the Faith. If you know of anybody who might be interested, please contact them and give them this information. The program runs on Monday evenings from 7:15pm – 8:45pm. For more information please contact the parish office.

AREAS OF CONCERN

One of the areas of concern has been in regard to weekend liturgies. While we have a very large number of Acolytes, Commentators and Readers, we always seem to be faced with the fact that people are simply not turning up and not letting anybody know about this. I guess a simple solution is that if people regularly do not turn up to their allocated ministry, we will have to consider taking them off the roster.

We are still looking for a choir group for one Sunday Mass each month.

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



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS SUNDAY:

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Malachi 1:14 - 2:2. 8-10

Psalm: Ps 130

Second Reading: 1 Thess 2:7-9. 13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

NEXT 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

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 4th / 5th November 2017

[1st Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Ruben Bables Joe Doyle	Ged Oblea Rufino Oblea	Thong Nguyen Mario Spiteri	Robert Bautista Luis Ortiz
COMMENTATOR	Joyce Vincent	Mary Anne Xuereb	Charmaine Mathias	YouthWorks!
FIRST READER	Roshan Thomas	Anthony Culbert	Nerissa Toong	YouthWorks!
SECOND READER	Martin Zammit	Julie Nunez	Zoe Victoria	YouthWorks!
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Delia Fernandes	Volunteer Required	Nicholas Mathias	Shekha Raviraj
WELCOMER	Henryka Ogrodniczek	Annette Hudson Rita Vaughn	Dot Kaster, Des Zammit	YouthWorks!
MUSICIANS	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	YouthWorks!
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - First Sunday of the Month				

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 11th / 12th November 2017

[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	Noe Adan Mario Picart	Robert Bautista Ferdin Chin
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Claire Blunt	Lita Picart	Peter Maw
FIRST READER	Ralph Vaz	Antonette Elogious	Roseanne Victoria	Allen Brady
SECOND READER	Myra Estrera	Belinda Elogious	Rose Rotik	Maryanne Bautista
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Nicholas King	Derica Elogious	Nicholas Mathias	Abigail Chin
WELCOMER	Annette Hudson	Claire Blunt Agnes iligan	Mathias Family	
MUSICIANS	Hearts	NO Music Mass	Couples For Christ	Dingalings
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Second Sunday of the Month				

Reflective Thoughts for the Week

We need to remember that all of us are called to be witnesses and commissioners of the message of Jesus.

The old proverb about “what a person shouts so loud another cannot hear what he or she is saying” applies here. A mission cannot say one thing and do something else. There must be a unity of witness between words and deeds and modelled on Jesus. For example, one who is pro-life cannot also support the death penalty. In other words, for the missionary the person like St Stephen models a unity between words and deeds, and that is why he is a living message.

Father, you filled St Stephen with the Holy Spirit so that he might announce the gospel of your son through his words and deeds. Fill me with the same Holy Spirit so that I may be a living message in the hope of one day seeing your glory and Jesus Christ standing at your right hand. You are one God for ever and ever. Amen.”
(A Spirituality of Mission by Mark Boyer)

Financial Update:

It is important that parishioners are aware of just how significant their weekly contributions are to the life of the parish. This has been a very expensive year at St Andrews Parish. We of course had the construction of the residence for priests and need to pay off this debt. It is our hope to be able to continue paying \$3000 a week which means it will take about four years. As well, there has been some major maintenance work in the church as over the years the piers on which the church is built have deteriorated. This work was done at a cost of about \$30,000. We could add to this that the parish is experiencing the same increase in household costs as the rest of us are. For example, the cost of electricity covers the Church, the Parish Offices, the Fr. Byrne Centre and the Residence for Priests. I suspect this is going to be very expensive.

The immediate plans for 2018 are to update the speakers connected to the sound system in the church as these have been there for a number of years and are due for replacement. As well, we are currently getting quotes for security which unfortunately has become necessary in the world in which we live.

I believe it is important that parishioners know about these things because we are totally dependent on the income that comes from your generosity each week. Therefore, I do encourage you to keep up with your weekly contribution. As well, once again we encourage those who are not regular contributors to the planned giving in the parish to seriously consider taking out envelopes or making a regular credit card contribution.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

7:45pm on Wednesday, November 15
- after the Mass and Novena.



The last meeting was somewhat disappointing in regard to attendance which made it very difficult to plan for closing events this year and to begin looking at 2018. It is hoped that at least two people from each ministry and organisation in the parish will attend the next meeting. As well, parishioners who have something to contribute are invited to attend.

AGENDA

Opening Prayer and Welcome	Finance Report
Apologies	Report from Parish Priest
Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Reports from Parish Ministries
Matters arising out of the Minutes	Planning for the remainder of 2017
Correspondence	Looking towards 2018
	General Business

Sunday

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Counters: Group 1

09:30 Sunday School

10:30 Youth Mass

11:45 Baptism

Monday

6

09:00 Mass

09:30 Rosary

19:00 Legion of Mary

19:15 RCIA

Tuesday

7

Melbourne Cup Day

09:00 Mass

09:30 Rosary

Wednesday

8

09:00 Mass

09:30 Rosary

19:00 Novena & Mass

19:30 Baptism Preparation

Thursday

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Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

08:00 Mass

08:30 Rosary

10:00 Life Ascending Australia
Group Meeting - FBC

Friday

10

Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor

09:00 Mass

09:30 Rosary

16:00 Junior Legion of Mary

20:00 Choir Practice HJM

Saturday

11

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
Armistice Day

09:00 Mass

09:30 Rosary

09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary

10:00 Church Cleaning CFC

16:15 Legion of Mary

19:30 Prayer Meeting HJM

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 can be easily read.



(St. Andrews Youth Word And Teaching)

Our next SAYWAT will be held on:

Friday, 17th November, 2017 at 7.00pm.

SAYWAT'S GOT TALENT 2017

Come watch our talented young people share their gifts!

When: Friday 17 November 2017,
after 7:00pm Mass

Where: St Andrew's Primary School Hall

Cost: \$2 anyone below 18 and \$5 for adults



SEMINAR FOR COUPLES HOPING TO CONCEIVE –

The Life, Marriage and Family Office will be hosting a seminar on Sunday, November 12, entitled "Waiting for Gabriel – a seminar for Couples Hoping to Conceive. This event will take place between 1:30pm – 4:00pm at the Institute for Mission, 1 – 5 Marion Street, Blacktown, New South Wales. To reserve your place, please RSVP to nfs@parra.catholic.org.au or phone 8838 3460.

INSTALLATION INTO LITURGICAL MINISTRY

The following people have completed courses at the Institute for Mission during 2017 and were commissioned at the 8:45am Mass last Sunday. They are now ready to become involved in ministry in our parish family.

We congratulate.....

Vinetta LOBO E KAKODKAR

Geraldine PEREIRA

Josefina DURANTE

Tessie CAYANAN

Marla WEBB

Charmaine D'SILVA

Glen D'SILVA

Van NGUYEN

Therese NGUYEN

Maurice PERERA

Anniversary of Marriage Blessings

On behalf of the parish community we would like to congratulate those who have celebrated their Wedding anniversaries during the month of October 2017.

Leon & Veronica Webster 49 yrs

Joe & Cora O Coner 44 yrs

Jothy & Anetto Thuraiarah 40 yrs

Honorio & Merlie Domingo 30 yrs

Norman & Rachel Menezes 30 yrs

Joseph & Regina Callaja 20 yrs



Marriage blessings for the month of November will be held on Sunday 27th November at the 8:45am Mass.

If you are celebrating an anniversary in the month of November and would like to be involved in this, please contact the parish office.



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Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic>

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