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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.



## 25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year B: Vol.43 No.43 22nd / 23rd September, 2018

#### PARISH STAFF:

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#### PRESBYTERY:

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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  
*Graduation Mass: 7.30pm*  
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: 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



**Come and join the...**

## **PUBLIC ROSARY at ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH, MARAYONG**

**WHEN:** SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2018  
**WHERE:** GRASS AREA - ST ANDREW PRIMARY SCHOOL  
**TIME:** 9:40AM  
(Refreshments will be served after.)

**Focus of this year's Public Rosary is the active participation of children. We would like to invite families to come along and bring their children, nephews, nieces and friends to this public expression of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

#### 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 ...**

- ♦ **BECOMING A CATHOLIC**
- ♦ **GRADUATION MASS YEAR 12**
- ♦ **JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY**
- ♦ **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- ♦ **UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS**

## From Monsignor Ron ...

We are presented with some real treasures in our readings this weekend which are all helpful in regard to living as members of God's family.

In the first instance in our reading from the Book of Wisdom, we have members of the chosen people challenging others who share the same faith. The reason is that they were not happy that these people were living a faith filled way of life in a situation where so many people had drifted away from their commitment to God and living according to the teachings of their faith. We can have the same experience in our lives. Sometimes, people rationalise their non-attendance at Mass and other sacred events, by mocking those of us who do so. Then there are the times when we feel the need to encourage our brothers and sisters to change their behaviour and they react in such a negative way to this.

Of course, the other side of the coin is just as true. How often do we fall into the trap of criticising others because their behaviour makes us look fairly slack? How often do we criticise people so that we seem to look better?

To me, the Christian is the one who strives to live according to the teaching of Jesus in all situations and at all times. The Christian is the person who sees himself as a servant of all others. The Christian is the person who treats every person with respect recognising that each person is a gift from God. The Christian is the person who sees each person as a brother or sister because we do belong to the one family.

When we reflect on our reading from St James this weekend we are reminded that the need we all have

his for a change of heart. Too often, we regard converts as people who change from one faith to another or people who change from being non-believers to believers. Yet the reality is we are all converts, because we are people who are continually in need of conversion so that we may grow more fully to our potential in the image and likeness of Jesus Christ.

I would like to briefly go back to the Gospel of this weekend which looks at who is the greatest amongst the disciples of Jesus. It is the person who is prepared to be the servant of all others, the person who sees being a loving person as a way of life. This is the way that Jesus has given us and it is God's way. He wants us to be concerned about each other, to care for the poor and to witness to the love that God has for all people by the way we live our daily lives and approach each and every person.

### Reflection for the Week

An agent is one who acts for in place of another by authority of the other. The disciples were agents who proclaim the kingdom of God and effect God's reign by their ministry. The disciples, given authority by Jesus, continue his ministry. They do what he did and witness to the mighty deeds of God. We are the modern agents of God's kingdom in our homes, in our parishes, and wherever we find ourselves each day.

"Relying totally upon you, O God, I know you send people to proclaim your kingdom and to heal.

Through the Holy Spirit, make me an agent of your mighty deeds so that all may come to know your Son Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

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



#### MASS READINGS - YEAR B

##### THIS SUNDAY:

##### 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12. 17-20

Psalm: Ps 53:3-6. 8

Second Reading: James 3:16 - 4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

##### NEXT SUNDAY:

##### 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm: Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

#### THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 22nd / 23rd September 2018 [4th Sunday of the Month - Odd month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Joe Doyle Ike Enriquez	Candido Velasco John Blackford	Thong Nguyen Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan
COMMENTATOR	Stephen Debrincat	Claire Blunt	Derca Elogious	Peter Maw
FIRST READER	Felecia Silva	Pauline Sultana	Maricor Espinosa	Monique Ravenello
SECOND READER	Lisa D'Souza	Nila Mangona	Luz Tiqui	Vicky Ilagan
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Sian D'Souza	Volunteer Required	Belinda Elogious	Emily Webb Natalie Webb
WELCOMER	Marian Fernandez Melville Fernandez	Agnes Iligan	Volunteer Required	Editha Brady Carl Republica Jerome Chin
MUSICIANS	Hearts	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Couples For Christ
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Fourth Sunday of the Month</b>				

#### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 29th / 30th September 2018 [5th Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Edward Yuliardhyanto Joe Doyle	Fred Inglis Edsel Paltoo	Joy Kakodkar Mario Spiteri	Ferdi Chin Robert Bautista
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Julie Nunez	Jane Cauchi	Maryanne Bautista
FIRST READER	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Agnes Iligan	Felix Villamarin	Vicky Ilagan
SECOND READER	Maria Valentine	Pauline Sultana	Doris Barrios	Donnie Velasco
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Delia Fernandes		Samara Brenna	Jerrick Morales
WELCOMER	Volunteer Required		Dot Kaster	Peter Maw
MUSICIANS	Dingalings	NO Music Mass	Pimig Pinoy Choir	St Andrew's Children's Choir
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Fifth Sunday of the Month</b>				



## Sunday School

Parents are reminded that the parish conducts a Sunday school each Sunday morning after the 8:45am Mass and before the 10:30am Mass. Parents might give consideration to their young children participating in this faith development opportunity.

## JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY

Each Friday afternoon and each Saturday morning, there are groups for young people to become involved in the Legion of Mary. This is a wonderful opportunity for these young people to deepen their understanding of what it means to be a catholic, to appreciate more fully the importance of prayer and to learn how to reach out to help others. We do encourage families to consider whether or not this is for their children. For further information please contact the parish office.



## GRADUATION MASS YEAR 12

This will take place in our parish church on Monday, September 24 at 7:30pm. Parishioners are invited to attend this Mass as our year 12 students come together in thanksgiving for the benefits of their education in our secondary college and also come together to pray for the forthcoming exams.

## A WORD OF THANKS

We have now reached the conclusion of our Sacramental Programs for 2018. As a parish community, we congratulate all the families that have been involved for their commitment to their children. We also congratulate the candidates themselves for the advances they have made in their faith journey through each of the sacraments. For some this has been the Sacrament of Reconciliation; for others, it has been First Holy Communion; for others it has been the Sacrament of Confirmation. We also use this opportunity to express our thanks to Maria Hyson, our Sacramental Coordinator, who has coordinated and overseen every element of the various programs. We also thank those who offered their service as facilitators to help the families in these times of preparation. Without their help, it would be impossible to adequately prepare our young people for these important steps in their faith journey.

## ST ANDREWS MARAYONG YOUTH LEADER TO ADVISE POPE FRANCIS ON YOUTH

St Andrews Marayong Youth Leader will have the eyes of the world on him from October 3, when he speaks to Pope Francis and the 15th **General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome on 'Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment'**.

Sebastian Duhau, 22, will be one of only 20 lay people from around the world speaking at the important event. Previous synod meetings produced influential papal documents *Evangelii Gaudium* and *Amoris Laetitia*.

He will have the opportunity to speak to the hierarchy of the Church for four minutes, condensing experiences from his youth ministry work around Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific.

*(from Catholic Outlook)*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Counters: Group 4 <b>09:30</b> Sunday School	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>09:00</b> Mass <b>09:30</b> Rosary <b>19:30</b> Mass SAC Graduation yr12	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>09:00</b> Mass SAP yr6 <b>09:30</b> Rosary <b>19:00</b> Legion of Mary	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26</b>
Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs	
<b>09:00</b> Mass <b>09:30</b> Rosary <b>19:00</b> Novena & Mass <b>19:45</b> Discussion Group for Plenary Council	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27</b>
Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest	
<b>08:00</b> Mass <b>08:30</b> Rosary <b>14:00</b> Church Cleaning Group 4 <b>19:30</b> Music Practice CFC	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>28</b>
Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr Saints Lawrence Ruiz and his Companions, Martyrs	
<b>09:00</b> Mass <b>09:30</b> Rosary <b>16:00</b> Junior Legion of Mary	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>29</b>
Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels	
<b>09:00</b> Mass <b>09:30</b> Rosary <b>09:40</b> Jnr Legion of Mary <b>16:15</b> Legion of Mary	



## Music Practice for the Children's Choir

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 4:30pm in the Fr Byrne Centre.**

The Children's Choir will be singing on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> of September at the 10:30am Mass.

# ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Are you called to be Catholic?

There are lots of reasons why people choose to become Catholic as teens or adults. Maybe you are married to someone who is Catholic and are ready to explore this faith further. Maybe you have friends or relatives who were married in the Catholic Church or you attended a funeral and were moved by that experience and now want to learn more. Maybe you know or admire someone who is Catholic and you want to explore the faith more deeply.

How do I learn if the Catholic Church is right for me?

If you are curious about the Catholic faith, we have a special process designed to help you do that. It's called RCIA. RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Joining the RCIA process at a parish does not commit you to joining the Catholic Church. It is a process to help you explore what the Catholic Church has to offer. If you choose to complete the entire RCIA process, you will become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church.

How do I know if the RCIA process is for me?

The RCIA process is designed for three groups of people:

those who were never baptized

those who were baptized in another Christian tradition who now wish to be Catholic by entering into full communion with the Catholic Church those who were baptized Catholic but never received any education or any of the other initiation sacraments such as first communion and confirmation.

How long does it take?

It's hard to say. If you haven't been baptized, or ever received any kind of religious education, it will run from October until Easter 2018

How do I get started?

The best way to start is to contact the parish office and express your interest.

**Notices  
from the  
Diocese of  
Parramatta**

## **Liturgy Conference 2018**

Date: 10 November 2018. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Tickets are now on sale. For tickets and a full list of workshops go to [parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018](http://parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018).

Cost \$30 - includes lunch.

## **LAWN AND GARDEN SERVICES: Help CatholicCare to Help Disabled Workers**

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains (CatholicCare) is the diocesan social services organisation. Our Mamre Garden Services employed disabled people in a lawn and garden service lawns for both residential and commercial clients. The team of workers is supervised by our Garden Crew Supervisor. Each job is quoted separately and you will not be disappointed with the quality of the work. If you're interested in having your lawns and/or gardens serviced by CatholicCare or would like more information, please contact 02 8843 2500 or visit our website [www.ccss.org.au](http://www.ccss.org.au)



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### **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**