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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 EPIPHANY of the LORD

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year B: Vol.43 No.06 6th / 7th January, 2018

PARISH STAFF:

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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
Marayong 2148

Appreciation for 2017

The beginning of the year is a good time for reflection. The first thought that comes to mind is that there are many people to thank for all that has happened in our parish community over the past year.

*There are the members of the parish staff who have to carry much of the load of the day-to-day life of the parish. Their activities and presence makes possible so many of the activities of daily life in the parish.

*As well, there are those members of our community who each weekend make an active contribution to our liturgical celebrations. These include all those

involved in the music ministry; then there are our altar servers, our acolytes and Eucharistic ministers, our readers and our commentators. In recent months we have now added the digital projector operators and also those parishioners who are actively involved in putting together a database and preparing the slides for each celebration.

*Over the years one of the community building ministries that has developed has been the introduction of more and more opportunities for people to gather after Mass. We need to acknowledge the importance of these people to provide hospitality after Mass./continued on pg3

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 ...

- ♦ **CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2018**
- ♦ **APPRECIATION FOR 2017**
- ♦ **EDITORIAL**
- ♦ **UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS**
- ♦ **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES FOR 2018**

From Monsignor Ron ...

We too have been given the eyes of faith to keep us on course as we follow Christ along the path of life, through good times and bad times. To me these wise men represent all of us on a spiritual adventure which goes on as long as life lasts.

What we need to realize is that we are the "wise men and women" of our day, with the mission of making Jesus visible to the whole world as its Saviour and Redeemer. Our special role is to make Jesus known wherever our lives take us. He needs our commitment in furthering his work. The wise men of our gospel story did not come to Jesus empty-handed. We may not have gold, frankincense, or myrrh, but we can bring to our God a wonderful gift.

We have many gifts. Part of our response is deciding which gifts we are going to bring. "Bringing them" means developing these gifts and talents, allowing them to guide our lives and using them generously. Each day provides us with an opportunity to use the gifts that God has given to us and also the opportunity to develop these gifts towards their potential. We are gifted so that we may become the servants of God in our service of each other.

The most important gift that we can bring is the gift of ourselves as human beings who strive to put on the heart and mind of Christ. This gift of self is something more precious than anything else as it never wears out. The question of what is the appropriate gift to bring is not too difficult to work out. Jesus and God the Father so love us that Jesus gave himself and our God gave his Son. Surely then, the gift God wants from each one of us is ourselves -- he wants me; he wants you -- mind, heart, soul and strength. On this feast of the gift,

give the Lord some of your time to ponder and ask him directly in your heart how you can come to give him more, and in fact to give him all. Do not hold back. Do not make any excuses. Now is the time to give ourselves completely to our God. Not tomorrow, not next week, not next Sunday but now is the time.

This is so very important. The feast of Christmas only makes sense when it is seen in terms of how much God loves us -- God loving us so much, he becomes one of us. Jesus is the manifestation of God's love today, we are encouraged to make God manifest in ourselves. This is what being a Christian is about.



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 Ajkan Ati-Alihan group
Entertainment program, dinner sharing & raffle
Please bring food and drink to share

For more information call Mila Alforque 0478 707 516

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



MASS READINGS - YEAR B

THIS SUNDAY:

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm: Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

NEXT 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

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 6th / 7th January 2018

[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	Ike Enriquez Edsel Paltoo
COMMENTATOR	Joyce Vincent	Mary Anne Xuereb	Maria Hyson	YouthWorks!
FIRST READER	Roshan Thomas	Anthony Culbert	Nerissa Toong	YouthWorks!
SECOND READER		Julie Nunez	Zoe Victoria	YouthWorks!
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Delia Fernandes	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required	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: 13th / 14th January 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	Noe Adan <i>Volunteer Required</i>	Robert Bautista Ferdin Chin
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Claire Blunt	<i>Volunteer Required</i>	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	Nicholas Mathias	Abigail Chin
WELCOMER	Annette Hudson	Claire Blunt Agnes Iligan	Mathias Family	Jerome Chin
MUSICIANS	Hearts	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	Dingalings

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Second Sunday of the Month

Appreciation for 2017 (continued from page 1)

*Each year over 300 families are involved in sacramental preparation when we look at Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion. In this Maria Hyson is our Sacramental Coordinator and there is also a tremendous team of people who give of their time and expertise to help prepare those who will be receiving sacraments.

*One of the most vital areas of involvement in the life of our parish are those people involved in faith education directly to the young in our community. In this regard it is important to acknowledge the indispensable Ministry carried out by the Catechists and their helpers in the four state schools in our parish.

*We need also to acknowledge the special work carried out by our youth ministry under the guidance of Fr. Joby and Fr. Alphonse and the youth leaders who organise and implement the monthly activities, both social and religious, for the younger members of our community.

*As we are all aware, the church needs regular maintenance and cleaning; the same is true of the property. Each week there are volunteers who prepare the church; when necessary, there is a maintenance team that looks after the grounds.

*We need also to express our appreciation to those parishioners and families who prepare the Church for the many special occasions that occur each year. In this regard I would include the Nativity crib, the preparation of the Church for special sacramental occasions and other events; as well, I would include those who do the floral arrangements each week and those who have taken on the responsibility of taking care of the vessels used for our liturgical celebrations.

*There are many groups and ministries in the parish. These all contribute to the life of this community and continue to provide opportunities for parishioners to become involved in continuing the work of Jesus through his Church. I would suggest that a visit to our website to see the scope of these ministries would be very beneficial and might encourage others to become involved.

*I am very much aware of how impossible it is to acknowledge all those who help to make this community a parish of faith and life. I am also very much aware of the importance of the Parish Finance Committee, the Parish Pastoral Council and, what I call, the "needs committee" of this parish community which are basically the starting point and think tank that looks at possibilities for growth and development in the parish.

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

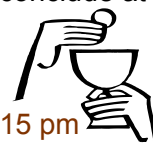
Classes: Sundays 11th March and 18th March 2018

[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



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This Program will commence in Term 2 for children in Years 5 & above who have made their First Holy Communion.

Registration Forms may be collected from the Parish Office **from Monday 30th April 2018**

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office on Sunday 6th May and Sunday 13th May between 9.30 and 11.30am]

Registration Evening:

Tuesday 15th May 2018 at 7.00pm in the Church.

Classes: Sundays 27th May & 3rd June 2018

[Classes begin with 8.45am Mass and conclude at approximately 11.30am]

Sacrament of Confirmation Ceremony:

19th and/or 20th June 2018 at 7 pm

(Dates to be confirmed)



SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

The Sacrament of First Penance Program will take place in Term 3 for children in Years 2 & above who have been baptised.

Registration Forms may be collected from the Parish Office **from Tuesday 24th July 2018**

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office on Sunday 29th July and Sunday 5th August between 9.30 and 11.30am]

Registration Evening:

Tuesday 7th August 2018 at 7.00pm in the Church

Classes:

Sundays 19th & 26th August & 2nd September 2018

[Classes begin with 8.45am Mass and conclude at approximately 11.30am]

Sacrament of First Penance will be celebrated on either:

[Choose one]

Saturday 8th or 15th September 2018 (9:30am)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31-Dec The Holy Family 18:00 Vigil Mass 19:00 Holy Hour	1-Jan Mary, Mother of God OFFICE CLOSED 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary	2 Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary	3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary	4 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary	5 First Friday 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary	6 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning HJM 16:15 Legion of Mary
7 The Epiphany of the Lord Counters: Group 1 10:30 Youth Mass 11:45 Baptism	8 The Baptism of the Lord 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary	9 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation	10 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation	11 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary	12 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 20:10 Choir Practice HJM	13 Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor, Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning CFC 16:15 Legion of Mary 19:10 Prayer Meeting HJM
14 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 2	15 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary	16 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary	17 Saint Anthony, Abbot 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass	18 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 19:00 SVDP Meeting 20:00 Music Practice	19 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 19:00 NO Youth Mass & SAYWAT 20:10 HJM Core Meeting	20 Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr, Saint Sebastian, Martyr Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning LofM 16:15 Legion of Mary
21 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 3 08:45 Marriage Blessing 09:30 Sunday School 11:45 Baptism	22 Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary	23 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary	24 Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass	25 The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 14:00 Church Cleaning Group 4 19:30 Music Practice CFC	26 Australia Day 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 20:10 Choir Practice HJM	27 Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops, Saint Angela Merici, Virgin, Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass for the Sick 09:30 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 16:15 Legion of Mary 16:30 Music Practice Worship Hymn 19:10 Prayer Meeting HJM
28 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 4 09:30 Sunday School	29 09:00 Mass for Teachers 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:15 RCIA	30 School Commences 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary	31-Jan Saint John Bosco, Priest 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass	1-Feb 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 19:00 SVDP Meeting	2-Feb The Presentation of the Lord First Friday 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 19:00 Holy Hour & Mass	3-Feb Saint Ansgar (Oscar), Bishop, Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr, Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass 09:30 Reconciliation 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning HJM 10:00 Workshop HJM - leaders 10:00 Rosary 16:15 Legion of Mary