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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.



FIRST
 SUNDAY OF
 ADVENT

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year C: Vol.44 No.01 01st / 02nd December, 2018

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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
 Holy Hour & Mass: 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:

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Principal: Mr M. Tonnet
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ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE

College Principal: Mr N. Vidot
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Campus -

JUNIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 7-10)

Address: 116 Quakers Road
 Marayong 2148

SENIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 11-12)

Address: 50 Breakfast Road
 Marayong 2148

Mass Timetable for Christmas

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

will be celebrated on **Monday**, 24th December at:

- ◊ 6:00pm Family Mass ,
- ◊ 8:00pm Vigil Mass
- ◊ Midnight Mass - carols from 11:15pm.

CHRISTMAS MORNING MASSES

Tuesday, 25th December at:
 7:30am, 8:45am & 10:30am.

MASSES FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE / DAY

New year's eve Vigil Mass at 6:00pm followed
 by a Holy Hour from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.
 New year's day Mass will be at 9:00am.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

One of the most important ways of preparing ourselves to celebrate Christmas and to receive all the God given gifts that are available to us is to participate in celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Second Rite of Reconciliation which involves a communal preparation before we have the opportunity to individually go and confess our sins will be celebrated on Saturday mornings December 08th & 22nd at 9:30am.



From Monsignor Ron ...

The word Advent is from the Latin "adventus" which means "coming." For us, it is a celebration of Christ's first coming, his presence in the midst of his Church today, and a looking forward to his full and final coming when he will complete his work of redemption. So this season is a celebration of past, present, and future. During this time we are preparing ourselves for the best news ever proclaimed, the coming of our Saviour, Christ the Lord. To me this is a time where we look at how we are going in our Christian living. It is a time to reflect on how conscious we are of the presence of our God with us in every moment. It is a time to reflect on how we are growing as loving people and this means to every person in our lives. It is a time to reflect on how open we are to discovering the will of God for us in the events of each and every day. So, I see Advent as a time to centre our lives more fully on Jesus Christ. In fact, I see this reinforced in our gospel reading of this weekend where we are told to be on our guard. Jesus was very much aware of how easy it is for us to turn away from our relationship with God and give our allegiance to the lesser gods that the world promotes. By this I mean we become so concerned with the things of this world that there is suddenly no place for our relationship with God in our lives.

The key to all this is first of all to pray constantly. This to me seems fairly obvious as there is no better sign of our relationship with our God than an active prayer life. St Paul adds to this by reminding us that all our abilities are gifts from God and it is his wish that we use them and share them with others. In other words, do we think God would be pleased in our use of our talents and abilities which make us the unique people we are, and are we using them to grow to our potential as well as to reach out to all our brothers and sisters in love and care.

Finally, I would like to state that this Season of Advent is the story of God's total love for us. The challenge for us is to continue to believe in and hope in that love. If this is a reflective season, is also a time for new beginnings which demands a daily effort and commitment on our part.

Appreciation for the Ministry of Fr. Joby

As we are all aware Fr. Joby has been appointed Administrator of St Anthony of Padua Parish which takes effect when he returns from his annual holidays. It is appropriate that we do show our appreciation for his ministry in our parish community. We would like to make a presentation to him on Sunday, December 23. In order to do this there will be a leaving collection after all Masses next Sunday.

Christ the King Celebration

On behalf of the parish community we express our gratitude to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary for coordinating and conducting this evening of praise and worship. We also thank the various groups in the parish for their involvement in what was a wonderful prayerful celebration. A special word of thanks goes to those who provided such down-to-earth and wonderful testimonies. The general opinion was that we should have such evenings more often and that is something we will need to look into for the future.



LITURGY ROSTER FOR CHRISTMAS

We are currently preparing the liturgy roster for our Masses at Christmas. It would be very helpful to know who is available and if there are any preferences you might wish us to take into account. We ask all our readers, acolytes, ministers of communion, and altar servers to assist us with the roster by filling out the form at the church doors. We thank you all in advance for this assistance.

It would also be helpful if you were able to inform us of your availability, or non-availability, for January 2019.

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



MASS READINGS -YEAR C

THIS SUNDAY:

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm: Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
Second Reading: 1 Thess 3:12 - 4:2
Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

NEXT SUNDAY:

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9
Psalm: Ps 125
Second Reading: Phil 1:3-6, 8-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 1st / 2nd December 2018

[1st Sunday of the Month-Even Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Ruben Bables Joe Doyle	Edsel Paltoo Fred Inglis	Thong Nguyen Mario Spiteri	Ike Enriquez Bobby Bautista
COMMENTATOR	Joyce Vincent	Mary Anne Xuereb	Maria Hyson	YouthWorks!
FIRST READER	Jennifer Tagat	Anthony Culbert	Nerissa Toong	YouthWorks!
SECOND READER	Martin Zammit	Julie Nunez	Zoe Victoria	YouthWorks!
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Delia Fernandes		Vesna Kenny	Shekha Raviraj
WELCOMER	<i>Volunteer Required</i>	Annette Hudson Rita Vaughn	Dot Kaster, Des Zammit	YouthWorks!
MUSICIANS	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	CD Music Mass	YouthWorks!
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - First Sunday of the Month				

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 8th / 9th December 2018

[2nd Sunday of the Month - Even 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 Ferdie Chin
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Claire Blunt	Lita Picart	Peter Maw
FIRST READER	Melville Fernandez	Antonette Elogious	Roseanne Victoria	Socorro Amos
SECOND READER	Teresita Cacdac	Belinda Elogious	Rose Rotik	Eduardo Gatchalian
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Sarah Debrincat	Derica Elogious	Jaden Victoria	Abigail Chin
WELCOMER	Annette Hudson	Claire Blunt Agnes iligan	<i>Volunteer Required</i>	Jerome Chin
MUSICIANS	Hearts	NO Music Mass	Couples for Christ	St Andrew's Children's Choir
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Second Sunday of the Month				

Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Homeless Young Mothers in our Diocese CatholicCare's Houses to Homes is one of the vital services supported by our Diocese through Parramatta Catholic Foundation. Houses to Homes gives hope, help, compassion, care and shelter to disadvantaged, homeless young mums who have nowhere and nobody else to turn to. Every year, 30 to 50 mothers and mothers-to-be, rely on Houses to Homes for safe shelter, food and the skills to build a better life.

This Christmas, we're counting on your faith, hope and charity to support homeless mothers and children in crisis. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will support the shelter, independent living and parenting skills programs that homeless mums desperately need.

Please give with a generous heart via the envelopes on the pews or donate online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

Thank you for sharing God's unconditional love this Christmas.

ADVENT WREATH

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Vigil Mass Friday December 07 at 7.00pm

Morning Mass December 08 at 9.00am

Readings at Mass:

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12;
Luke 1:26-38.

Reflection: Lord, may we be inspired by Mary to join her in bringing God to birth in our own world, in this time and in this place. Help us to serve with joy and not with a grudging or complaining attitude. Help us to be servants of whom you can be proud. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and
guides us,
he is the Saviour of every nation.
Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Celebrant: "Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning.

This first candle is **HOPE.**" (*The candle is lit.*)

Scripture: "Psalm 33:20 - We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield."

Prayer: "Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world.

Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen."

EVER THOUGHT OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

We hope you don't mind us asking this question, but experience has shown us that time and again many people feel drawn to the Catholic community. Often they would like to ask some questions but don't know where to start. Well, there is one place to begin, and that is through this parish community.

At St Andrews Parish, Marayong, we offer opportunities for people to come together, with members of the Parish community, to find out what makes the Catholic Church or, rather, what makes Catholics tick.

There is no "hard sell" and no strings attached. We provide a friendly series of informative evenings among friends. We would be delighted to share with you some of our own experiences of what it means to be Catholic. We would like you to learn about the community we belong to and the values that are important to us.

To find out when and where the next program is being held,
please contact the parish office on 9622 0817.

We encourage members of our Parish family to offer this invitation to people they know who might be interested in having a look at the Catholic Church.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 1st Sunday of Advent Catholic Foundation Appeal Counters: Group 5 09:30 Sunday School 10:30 Youth Mass 11:45 Baptism	3 Saint Francis Xavier, Priest 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary	4 Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor 09:00 Mass SAP yr1 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary	5 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:45 Marian Faith Journey	6 Saint Nicholas, Bishop 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary	7 Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor First Friday 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 19:00 Holy Hour & Mass 20:10 Choir Practice HJM	8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass 09:30 Reconciliation 2nd Rite 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Rosary 10:00 Church Cleaning CFC 16:00 MusicPracticeWorship Hymn 16:15 Legion of Mary 19:30 Prayer Meeting HJM
9 2nd Sunday of Advent Counters: Group 6 09:30 Sunday School	10 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 SVdP Meeting	11 Saint Damasus I, Pope 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Mass Graduation SAP Yr6 19:30 Baptism Preparation	13 Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 10:00 Life Ascending Australia Group Meeting - FBC 20:00 Combined Christmas Choir & Music Practice	14 Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary	15 Saturday of the 2nd week of Advent SVdP Hamper delivery 09:00 Mass for the Sick 09:30 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning LoM 16:15 Legion of Mary
16 3rd Sunday of Advent Counters: Group 7 08:45 Marriage Blessing 09:30 Sunday School 11:45 Baptism	17 Fr Byrne- Anniversary of Death 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary	18 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary	19 <i>Last day for students</i> SAC & SAP 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 20:00 Combined Christmas Choir & Music Practice	20 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 20:00 Music Practice	21 Commemoration of Saint Peter Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor <i>Last day of term</i> 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary	22 09:00 Mass 09:30 Reconciliation 2nd Rite 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Rosary 16:00 MusicPracticeWorship Hymn 16:15 Legion of Mary
23 4th Sunday of Advent Counters: Group 8 09:30 Sunday School	24 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 18:00 Family Mass 20:00 Vigil Mass 23:15 Carols - Midnight Mass	25 Christmas Day Public Holiday 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass	26 Saint Stephen, the first Martyr Boxing Day 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary	27 Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 14:00 Church Cleaning Group 4 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:30 Music Practice CFC	28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary	29 Commemoration of Saint Thomas Becket Bishop, Martyr) 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 16:15 Legion of Mary
30 The Holy Family Counters: Group 9	31-Dec Commemoration of Saint Silvester I, Pope 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 18:00 Vigil Mass 19:00 Holy Hour	1-Jan Mary, Mother of God 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary	2-Jan Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary	3-Jan The Most Holy Name of Jesus 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary	4-Jan First Friday 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary	5-Jan 09:00 Mass 09:30 Reconciliation 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning HJM 10:00 Rosary 16:15 Legion of Mary

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