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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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year C: Vol.44 No.02 08th / 09th 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

Graduation 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

★★ SPECIAL NOTICE ★★ As mentioned last weekend, this weekend we have the opportunity to express our gratitude for the Ministry of Fr. Joby. There will be a leaving collection after all Masses this weekend so that we may make a presentation to Fr. Joby on Sunday, December 23.

Fr. Joby will celebrate the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, December 23 and we would like to have a morning tea after this Mass. This is going to be coordinated by the Couples for Christ. You are able to help by bringing along some food for this morning tea and we do encourage parishioners to express their gratitude by attending this Mass. If you're able to help please contact the parish office.

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.



From Monsignor Ron ...

On our journey to Christmas this year, this weekend we are invited to prepare a way for the Lord who comes to us. It is a call to make time to rejoice in God's love for us but also to make a daily effort to try and make our hearts worthy to meet him.

In our reading from St Paul this weekend, we have seen Paul praying that the Christians will grow into the wisdom of "recognising what is best." When you think about it this is a great gift and is very similar to the Gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation which we call "counsel" or right judgement. In ordinary life and particularly when we are struggling in life and are experiencing conflicts, it requires great wisdom to recognise what is best. I like to see this gift or power that we have received not just in the context of making decisions between right and wrong, but rather trying to discover the most loving thing to do or way to respond in every particular situation of daily life.

This message is reinforced by John the Baptist which is all about preparing a way for the Lord. To build a straight path does not mean avoiding what is in front of us, but it is as John the Baptist says undertaking "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." To repent and to undertake a journey of repentance means being totally honest with ourselves and acknowledging our sinfulness, facing up to our weaknesses and failures. Once we have done this, we need to acknowledge that we can be forgiven and that God's love is greater than our sins. This is great source of confidence and strength.

We know the good news of God's love for us. We know the message that Jesus has brought to us on how to live our lives. As the prophet Baruch teaches us it is now time to walk in freedom. Of course, we

need to walk the straight path ourselves, but strengthened by the life of Jesus and the grace of our God, we should be prepared to take the initiative in loving, and goodness and kindness to all we meet. Certainly, our feast of Christmas is all about the reality of our loving God's attitude to us and our response should be to be loving people in the way we approach each and every person who passes through our life. Surely there is no better way that we can prepare for this coming feast than growing in at least one way as loving people.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PEACE

"Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning.

The first candle is HOPE,
the second candle is PEACE."

The candles are lit.

Scripture: "Colossians 3:15 - Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace."

ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

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



MASS READINGS -YEAR C

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY:

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

THIS 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 Ferdin 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	Volunteer Required	Jerome Chin
MUSICIANS	Hearts	NO Music Mass	Couples for Christ	St Andrew's Children's Choir

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Second Sunday of the Month

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 15th / 16th December 2018

[3rd Sunday of the Month - Even Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Stephen Debrincat Bernardo Rivera	Charles Hyson John Fernandes	Morie Balisbisan Thong Nguyen	Robert Bautista Volunteer Required
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Mary Anne Xuereb	Jane Cauchi	Carmelita Liceralde
FIRST READER	Melville Fernandez	Fely Perez	Vinetta Lobo	Therrie Chin
SECOND READER	Edward Yin	Laurinda Atienza	Alicia Cianflone	Donnie Velasco
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required	Leah Mitchell	Volunteer Required
WELCOMER	Henryka Odrodniczek 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

Reflection on the Past Year ★ PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS ★

Lord God, I come to you with sorrow for my sins, asking for your help and strength. Help me to know myself and to accept my weakness. Strengthen me with your forgiving love, so that I may more courageously follow and obey your Son, whose birth we are soon to celebrate.

I pray, Lord, that I may hear the call of your Prophet John the Baptist and may truly repent and be converted. I pray you, Lord, that what is crooked in me may become straight, that what is rough in me may be made smooth, and that what is empty in me may be filled, through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Let us therefore throw off the deeds of darkness

Do I live in the darkness in any way? Am I honest with myself?

Am I honest, truthful and sincere with my family?... With my friends?... With those I work for and with?... In money matters?... In what I say about others and about myself?

How does my selfishness show itself? Do I live in a decent way -- in thought, speech and action? Do I eat or drink too much?

Do I spend money recklessly, or thoughtlessly, or extravagantly?

Am I generous to those in need? Am I anxious about keeping up with my neighbour?

Am I a friend to my neighbour? Am I jealous of other people's good fortune?

The Lord is near; have no anxiety...

Am I at peace? What am I anxious or worried about? Is there joy in my life?

Do I bring happiness and joy to others? Do I have time for people?

Do I try to help others? Do I trust in God's presence?

Do I ask him for my needs? Do I thank him for his blessings?

Do I pray, or try to pray, regularly?

Do I bring all my anxieties to him with faith and love?

Do I show I am a Christian by the way I live?

Am I proud to be a Christian, or am I afraid to be known as one?

Do I know my faith? Do I reflect on what I believe?

Do I try to grow in knowledge, love and service of God?

Do I listen when the Church speaks? Am I willing to be led by God?

Am I open to the Holy Spirit in my life, leading me to action?

(David Konstant)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

It is very important that we make our reception of this sacrament part of our preparation for the feast of Christmas so that we may make the most of our liturgical celebrations and receive all the benefits that were offered to those present at the First Christmas.

Our next Second Rite of Reconciliation will take place on December 22 at 9:30am. Of course, the sacrament is available after each weekday Mass and on Saturday afternoons from 4:30pm. I do believe there is a great benefit in coming together and offering the support of each other in our prayer.

VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

There are 2 matters in regard to this:

→ We do wish to finalise our Christmas Roster so if you would like your involvement to be considered please put your name on the list of the doors of the church. It would be extremely helpful if you could inform the parish office if you are not going to be available over Christmas or during January.

→ Secondly, during January we are going to create a new roster and with the increase in the number of our liturgical ministers, we do need to find out what people's preferences are for being involved. Unfortunately, too often people are not fulfilling their roster position. To help with this, I would ask you all to fill out the following information and send it to the office.

Name: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____

Ministry: ☐ Commentator ☐ Reader ☐ Minister of Communion ☐ Altar Server ☐ Communion to the Sick

Mass Times Availability: ☐ 6:00pm; ☐ 7:30am; ☐ 8:45am; ☐ 10:30am.

Sunday	
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2nd Sunday of Advent	
Counters: Group 6	
09:30 Sunday School	
Monday	
	10
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
19:00 SVdP Meeting	
Tuesday	
	11
Saint Damasus I, Pope	
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
19:00 Legion of Mary	
Wednesday	
	12
Our Lady of Guadalupe	
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
19:00 Mass Graduation SAP Yr6	
19:30 Baptism Preparation	
Thursday	
	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	
Friday	
	14
Saint John of the Cross,	
Priest, Doctor	
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
16:00 Junior Legion of Mary	
Saturday	
	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 Legion of	
Mary	
16:15 Legion of Mary	

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.*

Sacramental Program Dates for 2019 ...

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 04th February 2019

Registration Evening: Tuesday 19th February 2019 at 7.00pm in the Church

Classes: Sundays 03rd March & 10th March 2019

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

Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

Saturday 23rd March at 6pm and Sunday 24th March 2019 at 8.45am or 12:15 pm [choose one]



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 29th April 2019

Registration Evening: Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 7.00pm in the Church.

Classes: Sundays 26th May & 02nd June 2019

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

Sacrament of Confirmation Ceremony: 18th and/or 19th June 2019 at 7 pm



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 Monday 22nd July 2019

Registration Evening: Tuesday 06th August 2019 at 7.00pm in the Church

Classes:

Sundays 18th August, 25th August & 08th September 2019

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

Sacrament of First Penance will be celebrated on either:

[Choose one]

Saturday 14th or 21st September 2019 (9:30am)

