



Jesus said 'Come and see'..... *John 1:39-41*  
**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.



4th SUNDAY in  
**ORDINARY**  
**TIME**

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year C: Vol.44 No.09 2nd / 3rd February, 2019

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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: 9.15am  
 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: Yvette Baird  
 Phone: 8869 6700  
 Address: 36 Breakfast Road  
 Marayong 2148

**ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE**

College Principal:  
 Stephen Kennaugh  
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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

**YOUR PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE PARISH**

You will find in each of the pews in the church a volunteer sheet inviting you to participate more actively in the life of the parish. We are going to allow 3 to 4 minutes at our Mass Celebrations this weekend to allow people the opportunity to fill out these forms. Please consider how you can best contribute to the life of this parish family.



I am sure we all realise that a parish is not so much about the buildings and facilities, but it is certainly about the people who make up this community. The parishioners are rightly called the parish because the most important aspect of any parish are the people. We would like your help in developing this parish community. We also like to know how you think we can help you even more than at present.

**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 ...**

- ♦ REFLECTION ON PARISH
- ♦ RCIA PLUS FAITH EDUCATION
- ♦ SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
- ♦ CATECHISTS MEETING
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

## From Monsignor Ron ...

This weekend it is worth reflecting on St Paul's 'Hymn to Love' which contains a very important message for each one of us.

We all have our particular gifts and talents; some of these are natural talents, some are spiritual gifts. Whatever they are they need love to make them worthwhile. We might be very talented, but if we are not loving people, our gift will not serve its purpose.

One thing we should note about St Paul's practical description of love is that we can substitute Christ for the word love. Christ is patient, Christ is kind, and Christ is not envious or jealous. But we need to go one step further -- if we are to be successful in life we need to be Christlike. This is the challenge before us -- so we now need to replace the name Christ with our own name -- I am patient, I am kind, I am not envious or jealous. The mission of each one of us depends on how well we put on the heart and mind of Jesus. People seeing us, need to see a disciple of Jesus. This requires daily effort and it requires change.

We are all called to continue the mission of Jesus, to witness to the values which he represents. At home, it may be the call to love more tenderly, showing patience when irritated by the shortcomings among friends; it might be a readiness to overlook sharp words and so on. In the parish it will mean making a commitment to get involved in some form of ministry.

When Jesus left this world, he delegated others to carry on his work -- disciples who would speak the words of God in future generations, to children yet unborn, to generations yet unforeseen. To this very day, Jesus continues to choose others for this vital task -- we are the chosen ones of today. We are God's spokespersons, his 21st century apostles, the

ones delegated to continue his mission of bringing God's words to our world. This is a humbling, daunting task, undertaken only by humble hearts, wrapped in daily prayers, empowered by others in love.

Let us remember that what we do speaks more loudly than our words; if we have the love of God in our hearts, this is what we bring to every situation, even before we open our mouths. We supply the hands, feet, and voice, and our God supplies the power.

### Reflection on Parish

Recently I had the privilege to give a talk to a gathering of the Couples for Christ and I used an example we have used before. I offer it for your reflection once again this weekend as you consider your involvement in the parish. It is certainly not a description of this parish but a reminder that this parish could be so much better due to the involvement and commitment of the people here.

A story of a priest responding to the total indifference of his people in the parish and their comments that the Church was dead. He said that next Sunday we would have the funeral for the Church.

They even had a coffin -- the congregation were invited to walk past the coffin to view that remains. They were rather surprised, as each looked into the coffin and saw their own faces reflected in a mirror at the base of the coffin.

Point: We are the Church!

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



#### MASS READINGS -YEAR C

##### THIS SUNDAY:

##### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

Psalm: Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

##### NEXT SUNDAY:

##### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm: Ps 137:1-5. 7-8

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

#### THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 2nd / 3rd February 2019

#### [1st Sunday of the Month-Even 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	Joan Leong	Anthony Culbert	Nerissa Toong	YouthWorks!
SECOND READER	Martin Zammit	Julie Nunez	Zoe Victoria	YouthWorks!
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Delia Fernandes		Volunteer Required	Shekha Raviraj
WELCOMER	Volunteer Required	Annette Hudson Rita Vaughn	Dot Kaster, Des Zammit	YouthWorks!
MUSICIANS	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	CD Music Mass	YouthWorks!
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - First Sunday of the Month</b>				

#### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 9th / 10th February 2019

#### [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 Ferdinand Chin
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Claire Blunt	Lita Picart	Volunteer Required
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	Dingalings
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Second Sunday of the Month</b>				

## RCIA PLUS FAITH EDUCATION

Our first faith education journey will commence on Monday February 4th at 7:15pm. This program which will run up until Easter will provide for all of us a reintroduction to our faith. We do encourage parishioners to make the most of this opportunity.

We also encourage parishioners to bring this program to the attention of people we know who are not Catholics that may be interested in learning about the faith.

1. Where on earth is God? (Life to the full 1)
- 2. The Father's Promises (life to the full 2)**
3. Why we Believe (series Believe 1)
4. How we Believe (series believe 2)
5. Who needs the Catholic Church? (Series exploring the Catholic Church 1)
6. Baptism - gate way to life (series exploring the Catholic Church 2)
7. Confirmation - empowered to serve (exploring the Catholic Church 7)
8. Confession - do they still do that? (Series parents 3)
9. The Mass - do we need it? (Series parents 5)

*This program will move into part 2 after Easter for 5 meetings.*

### THANKYOU:

The members of the St Andrews St Vincent de Paul conference wish to extend their gratitude to our parishioners, St Andrews College and Primary School for the support we received in our 2018 Christmas appeal. These generous donations allowed us to supply 45 food hampers and bags of toys for the children to those in need in our community. They were received with a great deal of appreciation. We feel we are blessed to belong in a parish that gives so willingly, your donations throughout the year allow us to give relief to families having difficulty and for this we are truly thankful.

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If your child has been Baptised and has received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, he/she is eligible to be prepared for First Holy Communion at St Andrews parish so long as the family lives within the boundaries or has chosen this parish as their parish of worship.

**Registration Forms** can be collected from the parish office from **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]

## FACILITATORS FOR THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

With the new sacramental program for the Sacrament of Reconciliation commencing soon, we are in need of helpers who can act as facilitators to support the parents in preparation of their children for the sacrament. The classes will take place over two Sundays commencing on Sunday, March 03 with Mass at 8:45am. Each facilitator will have a partner and there will be two sessions each Sunday morning. We do need the help of present and past facilitators, but we also need new people to become involved in this program which is essential to what being a Christian is all about and that is sharing our faith.



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
Counters: Group 5	
09:30 Sunday School	
10:30 Youth Mass	
11:45 Baptism	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4</b>
<i>Registrations Open - First Holy Communion</i>	
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
19:15 RCIA Faith Education	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5</b>
Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr	
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
19:00 Legion of Mary	
19:15 Finance Committee Meeting	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6</b>
Saints Paul Miki and his Companions, Martyrs	
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
19:00 Novena & Mass	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7</b>
08:00 Mass	
08:30 Rosary	
19:30 Music Practice CFC	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8</b>
Saint Jerome Emilian, Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin	
09:15 Mass SAP Opening	
09:30 Rosary	
16:00 Junior Legion of Mary	
20:00 Choir Practice HJM	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9</b>
Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary	
10:00 Church Cleaning CFC	
16:00 Music Practice Worship Hymn	
16:15 Legion of Mary	
19:00 Prayer Meeting HJM	



## CATECHISTS MEETING

Our first catechists meeting for 2019 will take place on Monday morning February 11. We encourage all our catechists to make the effort to attend. As well, we would like to encourage and invite other parishioners to participate in this ministry which is so vital to the faith education of so many of our young people in our local schools. This is a good place to obtain more information and also to discover the support and help offered to you if you decide to participate as a catechist or catechist helper in our parish.

### OFFERTORY PROCESSION:

We would like to encourage families to be involved in the celebration of Mass by taking part in the offertory procession at each of our weekend Masses. There is a list at the door of the church and you are asked to fill this in a week or two in advance.

**Notices  
from the  
Diocese of  
Parramatta**

### St Patrick's Gift Shop

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta has opened an on-site gift shop stocking a wide range of religious gifts and cards to celebrate any special occasion.

For more information visit: <https://stpatscathedral.com.au/>

### OPENING TIMES

**Tue:** 10.00am – 2.00pm

**Wed:** 10.00am – 3.00pm

**Thur:** 10.00am – 3.00pm

**Fri:** 10.00am – 3.00pm

**Sun:** 9.00am – 2.00pm

### Holy Hour for Vocations: 7 February

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite youth (ages 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations. Thursday 7 February from 7:00pm. Join us also for a meal at 8:00pm. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP to Sr Paula via [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com) or 0449 656 406.

### Catholic Charismatic Renewal: 15-17 February

Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Parramatta is holding a "Restoring Reverence" event. From Friday 15 – Sunday 17 February at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 7 Grantham Road, Seven Hills. Further information can be obtained on 0404 093 118 or 0425 607 227. Entry by donation, Children's Ministry available, coffee and tea provided, BYO lunch.

### Bereavement Support Program: 21 February – 16 May

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is commencing a Bereavement Support Program for men or women whose spouse or partner have died. The program will be run at Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair (5 Todd Row, St Clair) on Thursdays fortnightly from 10am to 12 midday in the Pioneers Room of the Parish, commencing 21 February to 16 May. To secure a place on this program please ring the Parish on 02 9670 8222 or email to [stclair@parracatholic.org](mailto:stclair@parracatholic.org)

### Ordination to the Diaconate: 22 February

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Roque Dias, John Cinya, Thong Nguyen and Roderick Pirotta on Friday 22 February at 7.30pm. The ordination will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Refreshments to follow.

### Time is running out for Plenary Council 2020

Submissions to Plenary Council 2020 close on Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019. YOUR voice matters! Make a personal submission now or join a small group. Our question is for everyone: "What you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

To make a submission or to find out more visit: [parracatholic.org/haveyoursayplenary2020/](https://parracatholic.org/haveyoursayplenary2020/)



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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**