



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.



5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year C: Vol.44 No.10 9th / 10th 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: 9.00am
Youth Mass & SAYWAT 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.

FFR. BYRNE CENTRE:

(Parish Meeting Rooms)
38 Breakfast Rd, Marayong.

PARISH SCHOOLS:

ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY

Principal: Yvette Baird
Phone: 8869 6700
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ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE

College Principal:
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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

REGISTRATION EVENING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This will take place on Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00pm in our Parish Church. This is a parent evening and it is not necessary that the candidates attend. Parents are reminded to bring along with them the registration forms. On this evening there will be a presentation on the importance of the Mass and the program for the coming weeks will be outlined. If you have not yet collected the registration forms and pre-reading, you are asked to do so from the parish office before Tuesday, February 19.

FACILITATORS FOR THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

With the new sacramental program for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion 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.



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 ...

- ♦ PARISH INVOLVEMENT FORMS
- ♦ SEASON OF LENT
- ♦ PASTORAL COUNCIL ROLE
- ♦ FAITH EDUCATION PROGRAM
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

From Monsignor Ron ...

God made each one of us special and unique and he expects each and every one of us to use our talents to better this world we live in. If we would only accept God's opinion of us, we would believe that every part of our lives has a value and what has value can be shared. Each of us has something to share especially our faith journey, and this I believe is what Jesus meant when he called us the light of the world.

Getting involved is part of being a Christian. It might be we are so busy about so many things; but whatever the cause, we need to ask: "why did God make me now? What does he want me to do? What contribution in the spreading of his kingdom does he want me to make?"

What we learn from Isaiah is that God can cleanse us and as well, he empowers us to do his work. What we learn from St Paul is that it does not matter what our lives have been like up until now, we can start again. After all, Paul actually persecuted Christians. Then he started again as the greatest apostle of Christianity. What we learn from Peter is that it doesn't matter that we are sinful and weak, God still wishes us to be his friends and to work for him.

Unfortunately, sometimes we use our sins and weaknesses or any perceived lack of ability as a copout, as excuse for not trying. When we do this, we are saying we are not prepared to cooperate with God's grace. We are simply giving into our weakness, our laziness, our self-centredness, our cowardice. We are being asked today to cooperate with our God as did Isaiah, Peter and Paul.

There is a marvellous teaching here for all of us. Jesus never writes us off because we are sinners; he is broadminded when it comes to working with people, because he does not believe people should be summarised by their sin. Jesus has other plans because he believes that sinners have a future not just a past. He can see beyond the sin to the worth of the sinner. This is the key to what we see in our readings this weekend: God believes in Isaiah, Paul and Peter. He also believes in you and me. What that means is for each and every one of us, we are called to be his messengers and his apostles in today's world.

Reflection for the Week

"a little girl was playing hide and seek with some friends. When it came time for her to hide, she picked out a place and waited. Five minutes passed, and no one came. Ten minutes passed, and no one came. Then the girl learned her friends had decided to stop playing. She began to cry because they weren't playing the game fairly.

An old man heard her and said: "you have learned a great lesson. You have learned how God feels." We were created to seek and find God, but we aren't playing the game fairly. God wants to be found, we go off and do our own thing. On a scale of one to ten, how fairly am I playing the game of life with God?" (Fr Mark Link SJ)

➔ PARISH INVOLVEMENT FORMS ➔

If you have not yet returned the forms that were available last week during Mass seeking our own personal commitment in the parish. It would be helpful if you could return them sometime in the near future.

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



MASS READINGS -YEAR C

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY:

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Psalm: Ps 1:1-4

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

THIS 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 Joe Doyle	Gus Kaster Edsel Paltoo	Noe Adan Mario Picart	Joy Kakodkar Ferdi Chin
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Claire Blunt	Lita Picart	Therrie Chin
FIRST READER	Ralph Vaz	Antonette Elogious	Roseanne Victoria	Socorro Amos
SECOND READER	Teresita Caedac	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
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Second Sunday of the Month				

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 16th / 17th February 2019 [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 Licalde
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 Ogrodniczek 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				

SEASON OF LENT

We are getting close to the season of Lent, so it is time to think about how we are going to make this journey in 2019. Lent is one of those very special times where we have the special graces of God to help us to make a new beginning in our Christian journey and the possibility of launching out into a deeper commitment.

During Lent this year we will continue our faith journey on a Monday evening. There will be Lenten Reflection/discussion meetings on a Wednesday evening at 7:45pm until 9:00pm. The booklets for that will be available in the piety store from next weekend.

INVITATION TO PARISH MINISTRIES

As is our custom the Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday evening during the season of Lent and we do invite the various ministries in the Parish to make a commitment to lead the Stations of the Cross on at least one of these weekends. If you are able to let the parish office know of the best date for you, it would be appreciated.

FAITH EDUCATION PROGRAM

We are now preparing to enter week 2 of our program and we do encourage parishioners to join us as we strive to deepen our understanding of what it means to be a Christian in the 21st-century. There is a special invitation to those who are not yet Catholics but might be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith.

The topic this week is “The Father’s Promises” which explores how God wishes to relate to us, something that too often we take for granted. The meetings are at 7:15pm and conclude by 8:45am. Please consider joining us.

2019 Role of a Pastoral Council

A Pastoral Council consists of the Pastor together with a group of parishioners chosen by the parish community. The Pastoral Council’s role is to promote the Church’s mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in our world. The Pastoral Council shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of the faith community, working together with parishioners to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ.

Functions of a Pastoral Council



A Pastoral Council seeks to:

- ➊ enrich the quality of parish life — ➋ provide opportunities for parishioners
 - a) to grow in holiness
 - b) to discover and live out a personal and community call to mission to live as Catholics who effectively transform society.

In order to fulfill its role, the Pastoral Council will:

- Search out and respond to the hopes, ideas, needs and concerns of parishioners.
- Grow in knowledge and awareness of what is already happening in the parish.
- Encourage and support the good work of existing groups within the parish.
- Evaluate carefully information gathered in order to contribute towards the making of decisions that reflect the values of the gospel and the teachings of the Church.
- Set long-term and short-term pastoral goals for the parish.
- Provide opportunities for parishioners to grow in their relationship with God and with each other.
- Develop, implement & improve parish initiatives to assist parishioners’ continuing efforts to live as effective Christians in society.

By way of explanatory note, pastoral issues, the core concern of the Parish Pastoral Council, are those that impact on the life of parishioners in the areas of:

- *Integration of their faith* into everyday life – home, work & community.
- *Nourishment and support of their faith* as they strive to live as faithful disciples of Jesus.
- *Outward focus* for the development of an alive Christian community, actively engaged in Jesus’ mission of service and influence in the wider world.

PROFILE ON OUR PARISH: If you go online and open up Catholic Outlook and then in the search column put in “Marayong” you will come across two articles, one of which is a profile of our parish.

Sunday	10
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Counters: Group 6	
09:30 Sunday School	
Monday	11
Our Lady of Lourdes	
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
10:00 Catechist Meeting	
19:00 SVdP Meeting	
19:15 RCIA Faith Education	
Tuesday	12
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
19:00 Legion of Mary	
20:00 Music Committee Meeting	
Wednesday	13
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
19:00 Novena & Mass	
19:30 Baptism Preparation	
Thursday	14
Saints Cyril, monk, and Methodius, Bishop	
08:00 Mass	
08:30 Rosary	
10:00 Life Ascending Australia Group Meeting - FBC	
20:00 Music Practice	
Friday	15
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
10:00 Opening School Mass SAC	
16:00 Junior Legion of Mary	
19:00 Youth Mass & SAYWAT	
20:10 Core Meeting HJM	
Saturday	16
Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary	
10:00 Church Cleaning LoM	
16:15 Legion of Mary	

UPCOMING EVENTS



Parish Youth Ministry
(St. Andrews Youth Word And Teaching)
The first gathering of the year for our youth Ministry will take place on:
Friday, 15th February, 2019 at 7:00pm.

These evenings are for students from year 4 through to year 12. Evening starts at 7 PM and concludes at 10 PM. The first hour is taken up with the celebration of Mass. This is followed by a meal and then a number of social activities, concluding with a faith dimension.

- There are two things that are worth mentioning:
1. This has proven to be a very popular evening over the last few years, so we do encourage young people to come along.
 2. Parents are reminded that they need to pick up the young people at 10 PM.



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.

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

IFM Reflective Ministry Program

Are you serving in and through Catholic communities? The Reflective Ministry program offered by the Institute for Mission is a great opportunity to learn and explore ideas of pastoral theology to benefit you and those you serve - and it's now open for registration. Visit www.ifm.org.au/reflectiveministry for more information and to register online or call 9296 6369 to talk to our friendly team. .

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

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 Pirota on Friday 22 February at 7.30pm. The ordination will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Refreshments to follow.



Diocese of Parramatta on Social Media

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Twitter @parracatholic

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