



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.



## 6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year C: Vol.44 No.11 16th / 17th February, 2019

### PARISH STAFF:

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### PRESBYTERY:

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.

### FFR. 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

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

## 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 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.



### 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 ...**

- ♦ CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL
- ♦ SEASON OF LENT
- ♦ MASS FOR THE SICK
- ♦ ST ANDREWS COLLEGE OPEN DAY
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

## From Monsignor Ron ...

Our God wishes us to be happy. What we are taught is that we will be happy with God's strength and vitality if we follow the way that God points out to us. Jeremiah, this weekend, helps us to understand this by telling us the path to happiness is trusting in the Lord. He put it very poetically by saying that such a person is like a tree planted beside running water. In other words, we will have all the nourishment and strength we need to grow to our potential if we do place our trust fully in the Lord.

We can carry this idea even further because we know water is necessary for all living things. In the same way, God and God's grace is necessary for our survival and growth to our potential. We see in this an image of our Baptism which uses a symbol of water to signify our reception of the new life given to us, making us members of God's family and giving us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity. We should also recognise the importance in this context of our celebration of Mass. Each time we come to Mass we have nourishment for the life of God within us through the Word of Scripture and through our union with Jesus in Holy Communion.

This weekend we also have St Luke's presentation of the Beatitudes. There is an important message for all of us and guidelines on trusting Jesus for his values. We do tend to be materialistic people who attach great importance to the good things in life so much so that wealth can become like a "God" or idol that we worship and build our lives around. What Jesus says to us is that this is making the wrong choice simply because placing worldly prosperity before our relationship with God will never lead to lasting happiness. Certainly, we do have a right to

good living conditions and good material security. The problem comes when these are the most important things in our daily lives. If we are only focused on ourselves and our own comfort it is difficult to see how we can be receptive to the needs of others and how we can grow as loving people. I say this because to be a loving person means to be other centred rather than self-centred.

What is important for all of us to realise is the absolute priority of our relationship with God which needs to find expression each and every day in our philosophy of life and in our way of living. We are to love God and express this all the time and part of this needs to be appreciation of the gift of ourselves to the world in which we live and that appreciation of the dignity and value of each and every person.

### Reflection for the Week

Beatitudes of the Heart:

Blessed are the clean of heart; they will see God.

Blessed are the humble of heart; they will find rest for their souls.

Blessed are the warm hearted; they will radiate goodness.

Blessed are those who work with the heart; they will find joy in their work.

Blessed are those who do not lose heart; they will find the strength to persevere.

And blessed are those who set their hearts on the Kingdom of God; everything else will be given to them.

(Father Flor McCarthy)

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



#### MASS READINGS -YEAR C

##### THIS 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

##### NEXT SUNDAY:

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Sam 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Psalm: Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

#### THIS 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 Edsel Paltoo
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 Ogronniczek 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

#### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 23rd / 24th February 2019

#### [4th Sunday of the Month - Even Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Joe Doyle Ike Enriquez	Candido Velasco John Blackford	Volunteer Required Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan Robert Bautista
COMMENTATOR	Stephen Debrincat	Claire Blunt	Derica Elogious	Maryanne Bautista
FIRST READER	Marilyn Villa	Pauline Sultana	Volunteer Required	Monique Ravenello
SECOND READER	Doris Barrios	Nila Mangona	Lydia Villamarin	Jay Ilagan
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Sian D'Souza	Volunteer Required	Belinda Elogious	Emily Webb Natalie Webb
WELCOMER	Marian Fernandez Melville Fernandez	Agnes iligan	Volunteer Required	Editha Brady Carl Republica Jerome Chin
MUSICIANS	Hearts	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Couples For Christ

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Fourth Sunday of the Month

## CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL

The first of our Catholic charities appeals will take place next weekend. This is our way of being involved in outreach to people with particular needs in our community. We do ask for the generosity of all parishioners in helping to raise \$15,500 on this weekend, our support helping to ensure that these outreach programs are able to continue and develop as needed.

Parramatta Catholic Foundation proudly supports the **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine**, and **Holy Spirit Seminary**, which work to spread the faith. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine provides faith formation and Christian learning to students in State schools. The main areas taught are the teachings of Jesus, Gospel values and the Catholic Church. The great fruit of this ministry is assisting students to encounter Christ.

Parramatta Catholic Foundation proudly supports the **Ephpheta Centre**, which offers access and support to those who are hard of hearing and deaf. Many rely on the Ephpheta Centre for its sacramental programs, pastoral care and social support. The Ephpheta Centre is also considered another family and home. It is a place of welcome, hope and acceptance.

Parramatta Catholic Foundation proudly supports **CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains**, which is the official social services charity of the Diocese of Parramatta. CatholicCare provides disability services, including job training, it also offers migrant and refugee services including childcare programs for parents learning English and computer studies.



### PREPARATION FOR THE JOURNEY FROM ASH WEDNESDAY UNTIL EASTER

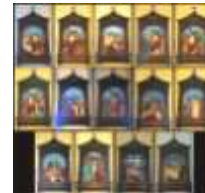
We should never underrate the importance of this season as it is a time for renewal and new beginnings in our faith journey. I believe this is something we all need. I also believe that if it is going to be a faith filled journey we need to plan. The three traditional areas are of course Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. I would recommend that we plan what special efforts we are going to make with each of these three tools. How are we going to make prayer more important in our lives? How are we going to show our love for others? How important will Project Compassion be to us? What form of self-denial are we going to exercise to grow more to our potential?

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

As mentioned last week we are looking for volunteers to lead our fellow parishioners in the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening during the season of lent.

### PIETY STORE

This year we have chosen as our reflection booklet for Lent the one prepared by Wollongong diocese which is entitled "Trust." These are available for purchase in the Piety Store and may be used in the group discussions on a Wednesday evening or used privately. These are available for \$9 each.



### MASS FOR THE SICK

Our monthly celebration of praying for people experiencing illness will take place on Saturday, February 23, at the 9:00am Mass. We do encourage parishioners to come along and pray for people they know and all those who are experiencing illness at this time — that our loving God will be there to strengthen such people.

As well, the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be administered during this Mass for those preparing for an operation, those experiencing serious illness, and those experiencing the infirmity of old age.



There will be a morning tea after this Mass and we encourage people to join us for this. They may also see this as an opportunity to bring along a plate with some finger food on it. Our parish seniors group organise the morning tea and we very much appreciate their commitment in this regard.

Sunday
17
<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Counters: Group 7 <b>08:45</b> Marriage Blessing <b>09:30</b> Sunday School <b>11:45</b> Baptism
Monday
18
<b>09:00</b> Mass <b>09:30</b> Rosary <b>19:15</b> RCIA Faith Education
Tuesday
19
<b>09:00</b> Mass <b>09:30</b> Rosary <b>19:00</b> Legion of Mary <b>19:00</b> Registration Evening First Holy Communion
Wednesday
20
<b>09:00</b> Mass <b>09:30</b> Rosary <b>19:00</b> Novena & Mass
Thursday
21
Commemoration of Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor <b>08:00</b> Mass <b>08:30</b> Rosary <b>14:00</b> Church Cleaning - Group 4 <b>19:30</b> Music Practice CFC
Friday
22
Saint Peter's Chair <b>09:00</b> Mass <b>09:30</b> Rosary <b>16:00</b> Junior Legion of Mary <b>20:00</b> Choir Practice HJM
Saturday
23
Commemoration of Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr <b>09:00</b> Mass for the Sick <b>09:30</b> Rosary <b>09:40</b> Jnr Legion of Mary <b>16:00</b> Music Practice Worship Hymn <b>16:15</b> Legion of Mary <b>19:00</b> Prayer Meeting HJM Catholic Foundation Appeal





## St Andrews College **OPEN DAY – TUESDAY MARCH 5**

*is about doing more and going beyond*

St Andrews College is offering parents and students the opportunity to tour the Junior Campus.

Visit the College website to book a tour time.

For further details phone 9626 4000

[www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au)

### Junior Campus Tour Times:

9.00am, 9.45am, 11.00am, 1.15pm and 2.00pm

Junior Campus Years 7 to 10  
116 Quakers Road Marayong

Senior Campus Years 11 and 12  
50 Breakfast Road Marayong



**>>> IMPORTANT <<<**

**For many of our volunteers their working with children documents will need to be renewed. For further information contact the parish office.**

**NEW CHOIR:** While our parish is blessed with and are very grateful for the choirs that sing at Mass there is a need for one more. If you would like to volunteer in this regard please contact the parish office.

**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

### 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/](http://parracatholic.org/haveyoursayplenary2020/)

### STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services "Stepping Beyond" Support Group, is held on the last Tuesday of each month for men and women who would like support following a separation or divorce.

First Gathering for the Year: 26th February, 2019 Venue: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta . Time: 7pm – 9pm.

Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Call Rita Ph. 8843 2575 or email [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

Flyer on Parish Notice Board.

### 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.



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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**