



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.



FIRST
SUNDAY OF
LENT

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year C: Vol.44 No.14 09th / 10th March, 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
 SAC yr11 retreat: 9.00am
 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
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 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

THE SEASON OF LENT: POINTS TO REMEMBER

1. Each Wednesday evening we have Mass, Novena and Lenten discussion/reflection evenings. This commences at 7:00pm and concludes by 9:00pm.
2. Each Friday evening in Lent we have 7:00pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross. We do encourage parishioners to make the most of this opportunity to walk with Jesus through his final journey before the crucifixion.
3. Each Monday evening there is a faith formation evening commencing at 7:15pm.
4. What are we doing this Lenten season in developing our spiritual potential and overcoming our faults and frailties? We do need to remember the 3 tools we have available to us: make more time for prayer, practice self-denial, and work at being more loving and caring towards the people with whom we have contact.
5. Do not forget the importance of Project Compassion as a means of outreach and a way of helping and supporting people throughout the world.
6. Try to ensure that you receive the Sacrament of Penance during this season. On Ash Wednesday we were encouraged to turn away from sin and believe the good news. There is no better way to start this than by seeking the forgiveness, healing, and strength offered through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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 ...

- ♦ CALENDAR FOR MARCH / APRIL
- ♦ LENTEN PRAYER - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- ♦ PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
- ♦ PARISH FINANCES
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

From Monsignor Ron ...

We have entered into the season of Lent and we are invited to follow Jesus so that our faith may be examined and then strengthened through this time by God's grace and our efforts. Hopefully, we were able to avail of the opportunity to begin this season of Lent by receiving the Ashes on our foreheads last Wednesday. Even if we were not able to do so, we should also be aware that the beginning of this season of Lent is the beginning of the journey for each one of us where we commit ourselves to turn away from sin and strive to be more faithful and following Jesus and his teaching.

At this time, we should ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten and guide us through these days until Easter. The reason I say this is that the Holy Spirit knows all about us. He knows our failings, our disappointments, our weaknesses. Of course, he also knows our successes and our strengths. This is the time with the help of the Holy Spirit to express our sorrow for everything wrong that we have done and be resolved to turn to a new way of living. When we think about it, the life of the Christian is the path of daily conversion, a time when we strive to put on the heart and mind of Jesus and grow to our full God-given potential. This time of Lent is a time a special effort and a time where we receive special graces to do precisely this. This is a God-given opportunity for all of us to make a new beginning so that when we reach the feast of Easter and we renew our Baptismal Promises, it will be something very real and meaningful for our faith lives.

This time offers us a special opportunity to listen to God speaking to us in our prayer time. I would

suggest that we can make a greater effort to read the Sacred Scriptures to be fed by God's life-giving word. As well, we are encouraged to become more loving people during this time by making a commitment to Project Compassion which offers special aid to people in need in various parts of the world. This is a wonderful recognition that we are all brothers and sisters belonging to the one family.

The final point I would like to make is that we focus on the purpose of Lent which is to enable us to live out our baptismal commitment better and so be able to proclaim with St Paul that Jesus is Lord.

PARISH FINANCES

I would like to use this opportunity to remind parishioners of the importance of their weekly contribution to the life of the parish community by way of finances. This year, our response has been very much up-and-down which makes it very difficult to plan for the present level and for the future. This is particularly apparent when we have special appeal such as the Catholic Foundation. Consequently, I would like to encourage parishioners to be consistent in their contributions. As well, I would like to encourage those who are not contributing on a regular basis to give serious consideration to doing so as this helps our parish. As we are all aware, our daily costs are continually increasing and this is particularly true in a complex as large as this parish community. Finally, I would like to invite people to consider making a credit card or direct debit contribution each week or month as that will help us to have more stability in our giving but also in our planning.

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



MASS READINGS -YEAR C

THIS SUNDAY:

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Deut 26:4-10

Psalm: Ps 90:1-2, 10-15

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

NEXT SUNDAY:

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Gen15:5-12, 17-18

Psalm: Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14

Second Reading: Phil 3:17 - 4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 9th / 10th March 2019

[2nd Sunday of the Month - Odd 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 Ike Enriquez
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Claire Blunt	Lita Picart	Therrie Chin
FIRST READER	Ralph Vaz	Agnes Ilagan	Roseanne Victoria	Allen Brady
SECOND READER	Myra Estrera	Pauline Sultana	Rose Rotik	Maryanne Bautista
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Sarah Debrincat	Derica Elogious	Vesna Kenny	Abigail Chin
WELCOMER	Annette Hudson	Claire Blunt Agnes iligan	<i>Volunteer Required</i>	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 March 2019

[3rd Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Stephen Debrincat Bernardo Rivera	Charles Hyson <i>Volunteer Required</i>	Morie Balisbisan Thong Nguyen	<i>Volunteer Required</i> <i>Volunteer Required</i>
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Mary Anne Xuereb	Joan Leong	Carmelita Licalalde
FIRST READER	Marian Fernandez	Fely Perez	Roseanne Victoria	Therrie Chin
SECOND READER	Edward Yin	Laurinda Atienza	Bernardo Rivera	Maury Villanueava
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	<i>Volunteer Required</i>	<i>Volunteer Required</i>	Jaden Victoria	<i>Volunteer Required</i>
WELCOMER	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				

AGENDA Parish Pastoral Council Meeting



7:15pm on Tuesday, March 12

1. Opening Prayer and Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the previous meeting for approval
4. Matters in the minutes not covered elsewhere
5. Financial Matters
6. Parish Priest Report
7. Reports from Ministries
8. Calendar Update Parish Council
9. Matters for Discussion
10. General Business
11. Closing Prayer

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

This year the Sunday School children/youths are invited to take part in the Way of the Cross which is to take place on Good Friday at 10:00am.

Rehearsals will commence on March 17 in the church and will continue every Sunday up until Palm Sunday.

For any further enquiries please contact Antonia Formosa on 0425 240 046.

Youth Mass & 

The next gathering of young people from year 4 to year 12 will take place on Friday 15th of March commencing with Mass at 7:00pm.



Life Ascending Australia

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 14

Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit.

Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer.

Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.

Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom. I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

(Catholic Online)

Forthcoming EVENTS

◆ Marriage Anniversary Blessings: We will celebrate Anniversaries of

Marriage that took place in March at the 8:45am Mass on Sunday, March 17. If you'd like to be involved in this please give your details to the parish office.

◆ Finance Committee: The next meeting of the parish finance committee will take place on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:15pm.

◆ Mass for the Sick: Our next celebration of Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday, March 23 at 9:00am.

◆ There will be Combined Music Practice at 8:00pm on Wednesday, March 20. This will be part of our preparation for First Holy Communion & Holy Week.

Sunday	
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1st Sunday of Lent	
Counters: Group 2	
08:30 FHC class 2	
09:30 Sunday School	
Monday	
	11
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
19:00 SVdP Meeting	
19:15 RCIA Faith Education	
Tuesday	
	12
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
19:00 Legion of Mary	
19:15 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	
Wednesday	
	13
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
19:00 Novena & Mass	
19:30 Baptism Preparation	
19:45 Lenten Reflection group	
Thursday	
	14
08:00 Mass	
08:30 Rosary	
09:00 Mass SAC Yr11 retreat	
10:00 Life Ascending Australia Group Meeting - FBC	
Friday	
	15
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
16:00 Junior Legion of Mary	
19:00 Youth Mass & SAYWAT	
19:30 Stations of the Cross	
20:00 Core Meeting HJM	
Saturday	
	16
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary	
10:00 Church Cleaning - LoM	
16:15 Legion of Mary	
16:30 Penance	
19:00 Prayer Meeting HJM	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17-Mar 2nd Sunday of Lent Counters: Group 3 08:45 Marriage Blessing 09:30 Sunday School 11:45 Baptism	18-Mar Saint Patrick, Bishop, Missionary 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:15 RCIA Faith Education	19-Mar Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:45 Lenten Reflection group 20:00 Combined Music Practice for FHC	20-Mar 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:45 Lenten Reflection group 20:00 Combined Music Practice for FHC	21-Mar Harmony Day 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 20:00 Music Practice	22-Mar 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass & Stations of the Cross 20:00 Choir Practice HJM	23-Mar 09:00 Mass for the Sick 09:30 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 16:00 MusicPracticeWorship Hymn 16:15 Legion of Mary 16:30 Penance 18:00 FHC Mass 19:00 Prayer Meeting HJM
24-Mar 3rd Sunday of Lent Counters: Group 4 08:45 FHC Mass 09:30 Sunday School 12:15 FHC Mass	25-Mar The Annunciation of the Lord 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 SVQP Meeting 19:15 RCIA Faith Education	26-Mar 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary	27-Mar 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:45 Lenten Reflection group	28-Mar 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 14:00 Church Cleaning - Group 4 20:00 Music Practice	29-Mar 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass & Stations of the Cross	30-Mar 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 16:15 Legion of Mary 16:30 Penance
31-Mar 4th Sunday of Lent Counters: Group 5 09:30 Sunday School	1-Apr 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:15 RCIA Faith Education	2-Apr Commemoration of Saint Francis of Paola, hermit 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary	3-Apr 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:45 Lenten Reflection group 20:00 MUSIC Practice for Holy Thursday & EASTER	4-Apr 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary	5-Apr First Friday Commemoration of Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass & Stations of the Cross	6-Apr 09:00 Mass 09:30 Parish Reconciliation 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning HJM 10:00 Rosary 16:15 Legion of Mary 16:30 Penance
7 5th Sunday of Lent Counters: Group 5 Daylight Saving ends 09:30 Sunday School 10:30 Youth Mass 11:45 Baptism	8 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 SVQP Meeting 19:15 RCIA Faith Education	9 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 18:00 Legion of Mary 20:00 Music Committee Meeting	10 Commemoration of Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation 19:45 Lenten Discussion Group 20:00 Combined Music Practice for Easter	11 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 10:00 Life Ascending Australia Group Meeting - FBC	12 Last day of Term 1 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass & Stations of the Cross 20:00 Choir Practice HJM	13 Saint Martin I, Pope, Martyr 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning CFC 16:15 Legion of Mary 16:30 Penance 19:00 Prayer Meeting HJM 19:30 Music Practice Worship Hymn
14 Palm Sunday Counters: Group 6 09:30 Sunday School	15 School Holidays Commence 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:15 RCIA Faith Education	16 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 18:00 Legion of Mary	17 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:30 <i>Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta</i>	18 Maundy Thursday 08:30 Rosary 10:00 Life Ascending Australia Group Meeting - FBC 19:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper	19 Good Friday 10:00 Stations of the Cross 11:00 Second Rite of Reconciliation 15:00 Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord 16:00 Divine Mercy Novena 16:30 Private Devotion	20 Holy Saturday 09:00 First Rite of Reconciliation 09:30 Rosary 10:00 Church Cleaning Legion of Mary 18:00 Mass Easter Vigil