



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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday (Vigil) 6.00pm

Sunday: 7.30am, 8.45am,
10.30am & 12.15pm.

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

Mass: 7.00pm

Stations of the Cross: 7.30pm

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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ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE

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Phone: 9626 4000

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JUNIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 7-10)

Address: 116 Quakers Road
Marayong 2148

SENIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 11-12)

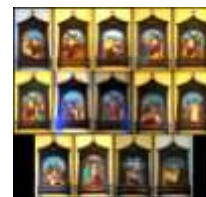
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SPECIAL LENTEN DEVOTIONS

1. We remind you of the Mass and Stations of the Cross that take place each Friday evening during this season of lent. Joining in this prayer is a vivid reminder of the personal love of our God for each one of us.
2. We should not forget the importance of expressing love and care for each other in this season. One of the practical ways of doing this is through project compassion.
3. While we might have an overarching plan for this season of lent, it is important that each day we plan our prayer life, our self-denial, and something we can do in a special way to express our love and care for others.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

There will be Mass
and Stations of the
Cross each Friday
evening during the
Season of Lent
commencing at 7:00pm.



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 ...

- ♦ LENTEN PRAYER - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- ♦ FEASTS THIS WEEK ♦ REFLECTION ON THE MASS
- ♦ PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS
- ♦ SUNDAY SCHOOL INVITE - THE WAY OF THE CROSS
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

From Monsignor Ron ...

We are all on a journey we began on Ash Wednesday. This is a journey of conversion and renewal. Too often, we make the mistake of seeing conversion as a person making a journey from one fief to another. While this is true, it does not tap into the fullness of what conversion is about. Every one of us is on a journey in the process of conversion each and every day of our lives. The Lenten season is a time of particular commitment to this process of conversion, making a new start, and ensuring that our lives are balanced and in perspective.

For this to truly happen it demands a daily commitment from each one of us. In this season of Lent this means a commitment to more prayer, the practice of self-denial, and the exercise of love and concern for other people. However, our own efforts are not sufficient to make this a successful journey where at Easter, when we renew our Baptismal Promises, it will be something meaningful, wonderful and life changing. What will make this a successful journey is to follow the advice given by the Father in today's gospel when he tells us we must listen to Jesus.

I suspect that in many cases we just assume we are doing this and continue to drift along rather complacently. Secondly, as St Paul reminds us we also fall into the trap of thinking that the really important things in life are the things of this world. This can be very dangerous. On the one hand we are claiming to believe that God is the meaning of our lives, but our daily living does not reflect this. If God is truly the meaning of our lives, this will be reflected in our attitudes, our values, our actions and our way of life.

For example, through his Church we are being told that this Season of Lent is a time for a special effort. I would suggest we look back over the past 12 days since we began this journey and see if it has truly been for us a special time in our relationship with God and with each other.

On this Sunday we are asked to reflect on the importance of the Transfiguration. The Transfiguration teaches us the meaning of the mystery of death and resurrection. We learn that the glorification of Jesus was to be achieved in his case through suffering and death. But as well, it is also a glimpse for us of the wonderful gift of eternal life that our loving God wishes to give to us. We are preparing for a transformed, glorified life with our God. This is the focus we need to keep as we continue this journey to Easter.

Monday, March 18: This year we celebrate the **Feast of St Patrick** the day after the actual feast day. St Patrick is one of the patron saints of our country and a tremendous reminder unselect us of what person can accomplish in their lives. We need to remember that we have been empowered by Jesus Christ to be his missionaries to every person we meet.

Tuesday, March 19: We celebrate the **Feast of St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This is a wonderful occasion to pray for family life and in particular for our own families. We should use this occasion to seek the help of Mary and St Joseph in guiding us on how to live in a family situation with each other and with the children in the family. We should also pray on this occasion for a parish community which is also our larger family to which we belong that we may always be gentle with each other and caring towards each other.

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



MASS READINGS -YEAR C

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY:

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus: 3:1-8, 13-15

Psalm: Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11

Second Reading: 1Cor 10:1-6,10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

THIS 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 Edsel Paltoo	Morie Balisbisan Thong Nguyen	John Blackford Ike Enriquez
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	Maurly Villanueva
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required	Jaden Victoria	Volunteer Required
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				

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

[4th Sunday of the Month - Odd month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Joe Doyle Ike Enriquez	Candido Velasco John Blackford	Mario Picart Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan Robert Bautista
COMMENTATOR	Stephen Debrincat	Claire Blunt	Derca Elogious	Maryanne Bautista
FIRST READER	Felecia Silva	Pauline Sultana	Maricor Espinosa	Monique Ravenello
SECOND READER	Lisa D'Souza	Nila Mangona	Luz Tiqui	Vicky Ilagan
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Volunteer Required	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	Lorraine's Group	Couples For Christ
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Fourth Sunday of the Month				

Pope Francis

This Wednesday, March 13, marks the anniversary of the election of Pope Francis in 2013. We encourage people to pray for his intentions during this time and particularly on this day.

Almighty God,
look kindly on your servant Pope Francis;
You invited him to shepherd Your flock.
Guide and protect him in his daily work;
inspire him in Your ways to embrace Church unity.

Loving God,
assist Pope Francis in his constant effort,
to enlighten and strengthen Your Church and its people.
Open the eyes of non-believers so that together,
peace and harmony will prevail throughout our world.

Merciful God,
may the splendour of your Son's resurrection,
continue to illuminate all our lives.
May our thoughts, words and actions,
bear daily witness to the new life You gave us.

Eternal God,
hear our prayer and the prayers of Pope Francis.
May they be a worthy addition to the chorus of song
among the angels and saints as we seek your help and grace.
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ,
the true and everlasting Light.

Reflection on the Mass

Every time we come to Mass, we come to pray with Jesus; we come to pray the prayer he prayed at the Last Supper, which was the First Mass. This is the first thing we need to remember about the Mass -- we are praying with Jesus. Today something wonderful is going to happen for you and it will happen each time you come to Mass in the future. Jesus gives himself to us in Holy Communion. Because he wants to be as close to us as possible, he took bread and wine and changed this into himself so he could always be with us in this very special way.

There is another point that Jesus wants us to be aware of -- we are not just on the receiving end, getting these wonderful gifts; we also have certain responsibilities. We need to remember that we are all members of one family. So, if I am united to Jesus when I receive Holy Communion and you are united to Jesus when you receive Holy Communion, then we are united to each other. This means you can show how much we love Jesus and God our Father by the way we treat each other. We also show our love by the efforts we make to be like Jesus.

Events this week

- ♦ 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.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ First Holy Communion: Next weekend, March 23/24, our first communion ceremonies will be taking place at the Saturday evening Vigil Mass, at the 8:45am Mass and at 12:15pm. Parishioners are encouraged to pray for our candidates and their families that this will be a special occasion in their lives and the beginning of a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.
- ♦ Finance Committee: The next meeting of the parish finance committee has been postponed and will now take place on Tuesday, March 26 at 7:15pm.

Sunday
17-Mar 2nd Sunday of Lent Counters: Group 3 08:45 Marriage Blessing 09:30 Sunday School 11:45 Baptism
Monday
18-Mar Saint Patrick, Bishop, Missionary 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:15 RCIA Faith Education
Tuesday
19-Mar Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary
Wednesday
20-Mar 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:45 Lenten Reflection group 20:00 Combined Music Practice for FHC
Thursday
21-Mar Harmony Day 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 20:00 Music Practice
Friday
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
Saturday
23-Mar 09:00 Mass for the Sick 09:30 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 16:00 Music Practice Worship Hymn 16:15 Legion of Mary 16:30 Penance 18:00 FHC Mass 19:00 Prayer Meeting HJM

SUNDAY SCHOOL - ST ANDREWS PARISH

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. I would like to encourage your children to participate.

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

We are also planning to hold two rehearsals in the church on Saturday the 30th of March and the 13th of April.

For further enquiries please contact

Antonia Formosa on 0425 240 046. God bless



INVITATION -

For interested parishioners:

Major MUSICAL production, *NOLI ME TANGERE*, Parramatta Riverside Theatre.

Based on the Philippines national novel

- by Jose Rizal. Low prices from \$35 so

families can celebrate their culture together, March 29 -

April 6. Song clips on Riverside Theatres website. Nice

restaurants and parking nearby- a great night out! Stars

Marcus Rivera, Brian Lorenz, Pam Picart, & many others.

Bookings easy: 8839 3399 or riversideparramatta.com.au

Notices from the Diocese of Parramatta

Volunteers Urgently Needed for Visiting Residents of Aged Care Facility

Are you interested in visiting an elderly person in a nursing home who has no or very few visitors? This service is organised through CatholicCare. You would visit on average once every two weeks with CatholicCare providing training and other support. After talking with you about your interests, we will match you with a resident in a nursing home within approximately 10km of your home. The visit is entirely within the nursing home – you do not take the person on outings or shopping etc.

For more information, contact Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

Communion to the Sick at Blacktown Hospital

We urgently require people to take Holy Communion to patients in Blacktown Hospital on Sundays. Volunteers are currently rostered on every second month (6 times annually). Distribution of Communion takes about 2 to 3 hours. Security checks required and carpark access available. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who can help with this important ministry.

Please contact Deacon George Bryan at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown either via the parish office or via at George.Bryan@parracatholic.org

Fertility Awareness Evening: 19 March

Abnormalities in a woman's menstrual cycle can indicate underlying health issues. Hear about how irregularities to a normal cycle can be addressed and how an awareness of a regular cycle is a sign of good health. You're warmly welcomed to attend this free event. This topic is of interest to women of all ages. For further information please contact Catherine on 02 8838 3460 or 0400 427 605

Dr Austen Ivereigh: 20 March

You are warmly invited to a public conversation between papal biographer & UK Catholic journalist Dr Austen Ivereigh and Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv as they discuss Pope Francis and becoming a humble, listening and learning Church. Wednesday 20 March at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta.

RSVP by 13 March to Br Mark O'Connor on mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org.

Mt Schoenstatt: 29 - 30 March

24 hours of Adoration for the Lord, 2019 at Mt Schoenstatt. Where: Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Time: Begins with Holy Mass at 6pm on Friday 29 March, finishing with Holy Mass at 5pm on Saturday 30 March. Each hour will have reflection and music presented by different groups and individuals. Every half hour the Shrine will be silent for prayer and reflection. Come for 1 hour or 24, no obligation for a particular time period.

Enquires for groups or individuals: manager@schoenstatt.org.au or phone Ann-Maree: 02 4773 8338.



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Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic>

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