



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.



**FIFTH**  
**SUNDAY OF**  
**LENT**

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year C: Vol.44 No.18

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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  
*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.

**FR. 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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 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

**Air-Conditioning for the Church**

We are planning to do this in stages and it is estimated that the 1st stage will be between \$25,000 and \$30,000. We are currently exploring a number of options but hope to move on this in the very near future. Over the years, many people have stated that they would be prepared to contribute to the cost of this. Now is the chance to do so. If you are interested in helping in this regard, please contact the parish office.

This weekend, we will have a leaving collection to raise some funds towards the cost of putting in reverse cycle air-conditioning in the Church. We would appreciate the generosity of parishioners who will benefit from this as currently there are a number of projects being undertaken in the parish.

**Maintenance Projects in the Parish:**

- We are looking at the possibility of carpet tiles for the aisles of the Church.
- Maintenance work in the altar servers' sacristy: replacing the doors in the cupboards.
- Replacing the old lawnmowers and having some repaired.
- Music Ministry: new microphones and new keyboard. Microphones are approved and we are awaiting submissions on the keyboard.
- Music Ministry: purchase of music books (cost approximately \$400)

**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 ...**

- ♦ ROSTER FOR HOLY WEEK
- ♦ EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES
- ♦ CONGRATULATIONS TO  
 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

## From Monsignor Ron ...

We are rapidly approaching the feast of Easter where we will be invited to renew our commitment to Jesus Christ. With this in mind, the teaching from St Paul this weekend is I believe of great importance.

St Paul explains with the example of his own life what type of life each one of us is called to lead. As he explains, there are two concepts of human destiny. According to one, we claim we can attain everything by our own unaided efforts. According to the other, we recognise that our God, who reveals himself in Jesus Christ, holds all the answers to truth, goodness and happiness. The temptation all of us face is to try and create our heaven here on earth -- it is, of course, impossible to do so, but that doesn't make the idea any less attractive.

Today St Paul says to us: "I believe nothing can happen that can outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus." To Paul, his relationship with Jesus is the most important thing in life. To all of us Jesus offers friendship and love, but do we accept his gifts and really appreciate that this relationship is the most important treasure in life?

Paul informs us that he has accepted the loss of everything for Jesus. This of course raises the question of what we would give up rather than lose our faith. In reality, what priority do we give to our friendship with Jesus? What do we do in practice to deepen and develop and protect our Christian lives?

Paul further states: "I look on everything as so much rubbish, if only I have Christ and be given a place in him." Like Paul, we need to be prepared to regard position and possessions as mere rubbish in comparison to our friendship with Jesus. We must learn to die with Jesus to all selfishness and sinfulness in our lives, for these can only endanger our friendship with Jesus and our Christian lives. To be a friend of Jesus involves becoming like Jesus.

The challenge before all of us is to accept Jesus as Lord, in fact as well as in word -- we need to give ourselves unconditionally and unreservedly to him. He has to be Lord of our thoughts, Lord of our words, Lord of all our activities. There should be no area of our lives which does not belong to Jesus. Each day should be seen as an opportunity to deepen our relationship with Jesus and to become more like him.

## Acolytes, Ministers of Communion & Altar Servers

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening April 18, we celebrate one of the most beautiful liturgies of the church's year. During this Mass, our Acolytes, Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, will renew their commitment to their Ministry. We encourage all those involved in these ministries to be in attendance at this Mass.

### Easter offering envelopes

The Easter offering envelopes go to the support of priests throughout the diocese. This includes priests who are active in ministry and those who have retired. Your generosity is appreciated. If you have not got parish envelopes, there are envelopes at the doors of the church.

### Reflection for the Week

The season of Lent is a time for returning and is explained well in the following passage.

"I have been meditating on the story of the prodigal son. It is a story about returning. For the son, returning to his father was a necessity for staying alive. He realized that he had sinned, but this realization came about because sin had brought him close to death. The father didn't require any higher motivation. His love was so total and unconditional he simply welcomed his son home. This is a very encouraging thought. God does not require a pure heart before embracing us. Even if we return only because following our desires failed to bring happiness, God will take us back. Even if we return because being a Christian brings us more peace than being a pagan, God will receive us. Even if we return because our sins did not offer as much satisfaction as we had hoped, God will take us back. Even if we returned because we could not make it on our own, God will receive us. God's love does not require any explanations about why we are returning for God is glad to see us home and wants to give us all we desire, just for being home. So why delay? God is standing there with open arms, waiting to embrace me. He won't ask any questions about my past. Just having me back is all he desires."

*from the "Road to Daybreak" by Henri Nouwen*

<b>MASS READINGS - YEAR C</b>
<b><u>THIS SUNDAY:</u></b>
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalms: Ps 125
Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14
Gospel: John 8:1-11
<b><u>NEXT SUNDAY:</u></b>
<b>PALM SUNDAY (Ent) Luke 19:28-40</b>
First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalms: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Luke 22:14 - 23:56

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 6th / 7th April 2019		[1st Sunday of the Month-Even Month]		
MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Ruben Bables Joe Doyle	Ged Oblea Rufino Oblea	Gus Kaster Mario Spiteri	Ike Enriquez Thong Nguyen
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Joyce Vincent	Mary Anne Xuereb	Maria Hyson	Maryanne Bautista
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Mariam Wijeyaratnam	Anthony Culbert	Nerissa Toong	Peter Maw
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Martin Zammit	Julie Nunez	Zoe Victoria	Socorro Amos
<b>PROJECTOR OPERATORS</b>	Delia Fernandes	<i>Volunteer Required</i>	<i>Volunteer Required</i>	Shekha Raviraj
<b>WELCOMER</b>	<i>Volunteer Required</i>	Annette Hudson Rita Vaughn	Dot Kaster, Des Zammit	YouthWorks!
<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	CD Music Mass	YouthWorks!
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - First Sunday of the Month</b>				

## *Examination of Conscience in preparation for Easter*

*I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.*

Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

*You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.* Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

*Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.* Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

*Honor your father and your mother.* Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

*You shall not kill.* Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

*You shall not commit adultery.* Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

*You shall not steal.* Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

*You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.* Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

*You shall not covet your neighbour's spouse.* Have I honoured my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

*You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.* Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

### 2019 HOLY WEEK ROSTER

[Version 2: 03/04/2019]

#### PASSION SUNDAY (Palm Sunday) 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019

(2nd Sunday of the Month - Even Month)

	6:00pm	7:30am	8:45am	10:30am
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Romy Gapud Emmanuel Tabone	Gus Kaster Edsel Paltoo	Noe Adan Mario Picart	Robert Bautista Ferdie Chin
<b>COMMENTATOR:</b>	Nenette Gapud	Claire Blunt	Lita Picart	Peter Maw
<b>FIRST READER:</b>	Ralph Vaz	Antonette Elogious	Roseanne Victoria	Socorro Amos
<b>SECOND READER:</b>	Teresita Cacdac	Belinda Elogious	Rose Rotik	Eduardo Gatchalian
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Jesus: Priest</b>			
Narrator:	Nenette Gapud	Claire Blunt	Lita Picart	Peter Maw
Other Parts:	Teresita Cacdac	Antonette Elogious	Roseanne Victoria	Socorro Amos
<b>PROJECTIONISTS:</b>	Sarah Debrincat	Derica Elogious	Jaden Victoria	Abigail Chin
<b>WELCOMER</b>	Annette Hudson	Claire Blunt Agnes iligan	<i>Volunteer Required</i>	Jerome Chin
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Hearts	NO Music Mass	Couples for Christ	Dingalings

18<sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### 7:00pm - Mass of "The Lord's Supper" HOLY (Maundy) THURSDAY

*All Acolytes, altar servers and extra ordinary Ministers of Communion are requested to attend this Mass*


<b>ACOLYTES:</b> Robert Bautista, Ferdie Chin		<b>DEACON:</b> Thong Nguyen		<b>COMMENTATOR:</b> Lita Picart	
<b>FIRST READER:</b> Peter Maw	<b>SECOND READER:</b> Socorro Amos	<b>GOSPEL: PETER:</b>	<b>PROJECTIONIST:</b> Abigail Chin	<b>MUSIC:</b> Combined Choir	

#### GOOD FRIDAY

19<sup>th</sup> April 2019

10:00am STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Sunday School)

3:00pm COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

<b>ACOLYTES:</b> Mario Picart, Charles Hyson & Joe Doyle		<b>DEACON:</b> Thong Nguyen		
<b>COMMENTATOR:</b> Maria Hyson		<b>MUSIC:</b> Hearts & Volunteers		
<b>FIRST READER:</b> Therrie Chin		<b>PROJECTIONISTS:</b> <i>Volunteer Required</i>		
<b>SECOND READER:</b> Belinda Elogious				
<b>GOSPEL: THE PASSION:</b> According to St John			<b>NARRATOR:</b> Maria Hyson	
<b>JESUS:</b> Priest			<b>CROWD / JEWS:</b> Choir	
<b>PETER:</b> Music Ministry			<b>MAID:</b> Choir Women	
<b>PILATE:</b> HJM			<b>GUARD:</b> Choir Men	

20<sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### 6:00pm EASTER VIGIL MASS

<b>Candle Procession:</b> Nenette Gapud		<b>MUSIC:</b> Combined Choir	
<b>ACOLYTE:</b> Stephen Debrincat, Bernardo Rivera & Robert Bautista		<b>DEACON:</b> Thong Nguyen	
<b>COMMENTATOR:</b> Erna Ferrer		<b>PROJECTIONISTS:</b>	
<b>FIRST READER:</b> Marian Fernandez		<b>SECOND READER:</b> Melville Fernandez	
<b>THIRD READER:</b> Edward Yin		<b>FOURTH READER:</b> Ralph Vaz	

21<sup>st</sup> April 2019

#### EASTER SUNDAY

(3rd Sunday of the Month—Even Month)

	7:30am	8:45am	10:30am
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Charles Hyson John Fernandes	Morie Balisbisan Thong Nguyen	Robert Bautista Ferdie Chin
<b>COMMENTATOR:</b>	Mary Anne Xuereb	<i>Volunteer Required</i>	Carmelita Liceralde
<b>FIRST READER:</b>	Fely Perez	<i>Volunteer Required</i>	Therrie Chin
<b>SECOND READER:</b>	Laurinda Atienza	Alicia Cianfone	Donnie Velasco
<b>PROJECTIONISTS:</b>	<i>Volunteer Required</i>	Leah Mitchell	Abigail Chin
<b>MUSIC:</b>	NO Music Mass	St Andrew's Family Choir	Living Word Choir

PLEASE LET THE  
PARISH OFFICE  
KNOW IF YOU ARE  
ABLE OR UNABLE  
TO ATTEND YOUR  
ROSTERED  
CEREMONY  
ASAP ON  
9622-0817



## MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the music committee on Tuesday evening April 9 at 8:00pm. We do encourage all participants of this committee to attend.

## COMBINED MUSIC PRACTICE

In preparation for Holy Week and Easter there will be a practice of all our musicians. Please make this a priority. This practice will take place at **8:00pm on Wednesday, April 10.**

### Notices from the Diocese of Parramatta

#### The Chrism Mass: Wednesday, April 17, at 7:30pm

This Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta; at this Mass there will be the Blessing of the Oils which are used in the Sacraments. As well, at this Mass all the priests of our Diocese will renew their commitment to their priesthood, to the Bishop and to the Diocese. Parishioners are invited to attend. The representatives of our parish to collect the Holy Oils this year will be Maryanne and Robert Bautista.



## First Holy Communion 2019

Our thanks go out to the families who presented their children for the Sacrament and supporter them on their journey. Thanks also go to Maria Hyson, our sacramental coordinator, and to those parishioners who so generously gave of their time as facilitators in the program. Parishioners are asked to remember these young people who have made the First Holy Communion this year and to pray for them. .

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES:

Adam AMABILE	Madison Rhys DIVINA	Mikayla Mae MARTIN	Emilee Eve PYDA
Chloe Isabelle ANGELES	Aidan D'SILVA	Chanelle Connie MATTHEWS	Jaxson Sylvek PYDA
Benjamin James ARIDAH	Sabrina Therese Monasterio DUTONG	Isabella Sesilia Myra MA'U	Airabelle QUIAZON
Ann Kristen ATIENZA	Alonzo Cristian FERNANDEZ	Micah Sophia MAURICIO	Kasandra RAZON
Brayden Patrick BAILEY	Zachary Samuel FORMOSA	Riley Luke McGUIRK	Nellie-Ann Phyllis REID
Kiara Lee-Rhys BARTLEY	Isabella M GODINEZ	Sophie Cherie MCHUGH	Aenya Naomi M ROLLON
Alyssa Vanessa BETTIOL	Hayley Paige GRAHAM	Timothy James MORENO	Chloe Lawren ROLLORATA
Dylan Christopher BORG	Rachael Jane GRIFFITHS	Hudson Terry MULRONEY	Ellie Ann SIBIR
Jack Mathew BREWER	Brandon Justice GUTIERREZ	Kerolos NAKHLA	Charlotte Rose SMITH
Max Christopher BREWER	Cohen James William HENRY	Toby David NELSON	Martin Vincent SOTTO
Jasper BRIGNELL	Shae Marie HENRY	Natasha Morgan NOCHE	Arabella Allison STEEL
Ruby CARABOTT	Keana Jayde HICKEY	Taylor Chase NOCHE	Charlie Vaughan Paul TABONE
Alexis Ava CARAIG	Emma Jane HOSKINS	Keeley Iris O'NEILL	Liam Sam TABONE
Tahlia Paige CLINCH	Kirsten Sienna ICARO	William Thomas O'NEILL	Jayden Matthew TARRA
Isaac Leonardo CONSOLINI	Larissa Jade INGRAM	Jack Jarryd PALMER	Chelsea Alessandra TORRES
Meriel Jae CRUZ	Aniela KOZINSKI	Miles Thomas PARNIS	Gian Nickolas VENDENCIA
Nathan Gabriel DACANAY	Jack Thomas LAMBERT	Jarryd Jaymes PASINOS	Shaina Alexise WADE
Caleb Sebastian S DACAYO	Margaux Samodio LIM	Lyrell Miles PAZ	Justine Marie WEBB
Jesse Capili de la CRUZ	Janelle Nicole LOBO KAKODKAR	Cali J PIELAGO	Samantha XAVIER
Marcus Ignatius DEQUINA	Jacob Edward MAGSALIN	Lucas Kevin POILLY	Cayden Jericho ZABAT-GO
Amelia DIANA	Chris MANU	Ryan Alexander POLLOCK	Giannah Althea Deyto ZANO
Antonio Raymond DIANA	Haylee Elizabeth MARKS	Majella Mary MacKillop Kieu Anh NGUYEN	



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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