



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.



PALMSUNDAY
of the **PASSION**
of the **LORD**

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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
No 7.00pm Novena & Mass
Thursday: 7.00pm
Friday:
Stations of the Cross: 10.00am
Commemoration Passion: 3.00pm
Saturday no 9.00am Mass
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

- Good Friday 11.00am
- 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
Phone: 9626 4000

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JUNIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 7-10)
Address: 116 Quakers Road
Marayong 2148

SENIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 11-12)
Address: 50 Breakfast Road
Marayong 2148

Lent & Easter 2019 at St Andrew's Parish

THE INVITATIONS OF HOLY WEEK

All parishioners are invited by Jesus Christ to experience our God's love by our presence at the liturgies of the coming week.

All of us are encouraged to renew our commitment to Jesus Christ and his way of living by the renewal of our Baptismal Promises at our Easter Masses.

We extend an Invitation to our Altar Servers, our Ministers of the Eucharist and our Acolytes: It is a tradition in St. Andrew's parish for these ministers of the altar to renew their commitment at the Mass of the Lord's Supper. There is a commissioning service that takes place during this most wonderful Mass.

The Stations of the Cross: on Good Friday at 10 a.m. we come together as a parish family to walk the final journey of Jesus by prayerfully reflecting on the Stations of the Cross. We will be led by the Sunday School Students On Good Friday after the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion two events take place. There will be the first

ceremonies involved in the novena that leads up to the feast of Divine Mercy on April 17th. This will be followed by private prayer.

TIMETABLE FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – Mass 9:00am
- Wednesday evening: the Chrism Mass,
St Patrick's Cathedral 7:30pm
- Thursday, Friday, Saturday – no morning Mass
- Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00pm
- Good Friday,
 - 10:00am Stations of the Cross
 - 11:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation
 - 3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
 - 4:00pm Divine Mercy Novena
 - 4:30pm – 7:00pm Private Prayer
- Holy Saturday – 9:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Easter Sunday – The Easter Vigil – 6:00pm
Sunday Morning – 7:30am, 8:45am & 10:30am

From Monsignor Ron ...

This week we begin the most important time of the year as far as our faith journey is concerned. We have been preparing ourselves during this journey to Easter through this Season of Lent to recommit ourselves to Jesus Christ and to living to our full potential as God intended. This is a time for us to make a new beginning. We do know that our lives are not perfect and that we fall too easily into some of the traps that exist in our world, so it is important to reflect on just what happened on that first Palm Sunday.

On the first Palm Sunday the crowd worshipped Jesus; we also worship Jesus each time we come to Mass. On the first Palm Sunday the crowd acknowledged Jesus as King; we say that he is our Lord and God. A few days later many of the crowd from Palm Sunday probably cheered as Jesus suffered and died. We can be like this when we ignore our relationship with Jesus in our daily lives. I say this because sometimes it seems as though he does not exist to us except when we need his help. As I said before these are the most significant days of the year as far as our relationship with our God goes. Yet, how many of us won't even bother turning up to relive these events? How many of us forget Jesus in our daily living?

We say that Jesus is our God, that he is the most important person in our lives. This same Jesus invites us to relive the most incredible week in the history of mankind, to receive all the graces of the actual event, to discover the evil of sin, to see firsthand how much he loves us. We have a wonderful opportunity to renew our relationship with our God and reinvigorate our faith journey.

During this week we have the first Mass represented; we have the opportunity to spend time with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane; we are invited to walk with Him the Way of the Cross and to be present at his death. We are invited to the resurrection; we are invited to express our gratitude for the new life of Baptism and the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation; we are invited to make a new commitment of our lives to our God.

We need to remember that Jesus did all these things for each one of us personally. I believe this is a point we don't often face – what Jesus did was for each and every one of us not just as a community but also as individuals. And now, he is inviting us personally during this week to show him our love -- let us be generous in giving him this time and try to appreciate more fully his love for us and try to deepen our love for him.

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.

Reflection to Start Holy Week

This week we practice dying and rising, handing over our lives and loves and receiving wild hope and the spirit of God that will rescue us. Our attitude must be that of Christ who “did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at. Rather he emptied himself and took the form of a slave ... and it was thus that he humbled himself, obediently accepting death, even death on a cross.” Practice is over. This is is. We stand and fall together into the arms of our God, with Jesus, handing over our spirits.

This reflection is from Journey to Compassion, A Lenten Pilgrimage: Lenten Reflections

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Concerning Stations of the Cross

We do encourage people to join us for the Stations of the Cross which relive the painful walk of Jesus to Calvary. This is an important occasion for all of us to be involved remembering that Jesus did this for each one of us.

This year we thank the young people and their facilitators from the Sunday School for their efforts in preparing for this event and for leading us in this wonderful prayer.



**“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, though he dies, shall live. Whoever lives and believes in me will never die”
John 11:25-26**

Parishioners are invited to pray a very special
**NINE DAY NOVENA IN OBSERVANCE OF
THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY.**

Day 1 Good Friday, 19th April 2019
(Right after Commemoration of the Cross)

Day 2 Saturday 20th April 2019 at 9:30am

Day 3 Easter Sunday 21st April 2019 at 9:30am

Times for the remaining week will be at 9:30am
(except Thursday will be at 8:30am).

Bulletin Highlights ...

- ♦ THE INVITATIONS OF HOLY WEEK
- ♦ TIMETABLE FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER
- ♦ LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR HOLY WEEK
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CONFIRMATION

This year the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 18 and Wednesday June 19 in St Andrew the Apostle Parish.



To be eligible to receive this sacrament, candidates need to have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and made their First Holy Communion. As well, candidates need to be in at least year 5. Since this is a parish based program, the candidates should be registered as parishioners of this parish.

Registration forms will be able to be collected from the parish office from Monday, from April 29. The registration evening for parents will take place in our Parish Church on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00pm.

The classes will take place over two Sundays, May 26 & June 2.

Notices from the Diocese of Parramatta

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 available at the doors of the church.



MASS READINGS -YEAR C

THIS SUNDAY:

PALM SUNDAY

(Ent) Luke 19:28-40

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14 - 23:56

NEXT SUNDAY:

EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalm: Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: Luke John 20:1-9

Chrism Mass: 17 April

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will be the Principal Celebrant at this year's Chrism Mass at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. The Mass will be concelebrated by the priests of the Diocese of Parramatta, assisted by the deacons. During the Mass, the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick will be blessed and the Oil of Chrism consecrated. These holy oils will then be given to the parishes for use during the year. During the Mass, the priests renew their commitment to priestly service.

Holy Hour for Vocations: 2 May

Youth aged 18 to 35 are invited to join The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth for the Holy Hour for Vocations at the Holy Spirit Convent, Plumpton, on Thursday 2 May at 7pm. Dinner will be served afterwards. RSVP to Sr Paula – vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406.

Annual Seminar - 7 May

Marriage Annulments in the Catholic Church

Each year CatholicCare Solo Parent Services together with the Catholic Tribunal Office hosts an Information Seminar on Marriage Annulments in the Catholic Church.

The evening is open to anyone who is interested in gaining a greater understanding of the Annulment Process.

Date: Tuesday 7th May. Time: 7pm – 9pm.

Venue: St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta (onsite parking via Victoria Rd).

No charge: Donations welcome.

Registration Essential: PH: 8843 2575 or

Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Permanent Diaconate Information Session: 11 May

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at the IFM Blacktown on 11 May 2019 from 10am to 12pm.

For further information,

visit www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate or contact Deacon Willy Limjap 0428 332 619 or Deacon George Bryan 0408 440 769.

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| Sunday | 14 |
| Palm Sunday Counters: Group 6 09:30 Sunday School | |
| Monday | 15 |
| Monday of Holy Week School Holidays Commence 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:15 RCIA Faith Education | |
| Tuesday | 16 |
| 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary | |
| Wednesday | 17 |
| 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:30 Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta | |
| Thursday | 18 |
| Maundy Thursday 08:30 Rosary 19:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper | |
| Friday | 19 |
| Good Friday 10:00 Stations of The Cross (Parish) 11:00 Second Rite of Reconciliation 15:00 Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord 16:00 Divine Mercy Novena 16:30 Private Devotion | |
| Saturday | 20 |
| Holy Saturday 09:00 First Rite of Reconciliation 09:30 Divine Mercy Novena 10:00 Church Cleaning Legion of Mary 18:00 Mass Easter Vigil | |

2019 HOLY WEEK ROSTER

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PASSION SUNDAY (Palm Sunday) 13th / 14th April 2019


(2nd Sunday of the Month - *Even Month*)

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

18th 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

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


19th April 2019 GOOD FRIDAY
10:00am STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Sunday School)
3:00pm COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

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

20th April 2019 6:00pm EASTER VIGIL MASS

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

21st April 2019 EASTER SUNDAY (3rd Sunday of the Month—Even Month)

| | 7:30am | 8:45am | 10:30am |  PLEASE LET THE PARISH OFFICE KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE OR UNABLE TO ATTEND YOUR ROSTERED CEREMONY ASAP ON 9622-0817 |
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| ACOLYTES: | Charles Hyson John Fernandes | Morie Balisbisan Thong Nguyen | Robert Bautista Ferdie Chin | |
| COMMENTATOR: | Mary Anne Xuereb | <i>Volunteer Required</i> | Carmelita Licalalde | |
| FIRST READER: | Fely Perez | <i>Volunteer Required</i> | Therrie Chin | |
| SECOND READER: | Laurinda Atienza | Alicia Cianflone | Donnie Velasco | |
| PROJECTIONISTS: | <i>Volunteer Required</i> | Leah Mitchell | Abigail Chin | |
| MUSIC: | NO Music Mass | St Andrew's Family Choir | Living Word Choir | |