



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.



**THIRD**  
**SUNDAY OF**  
**EASTER**

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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: 9.15am  
 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**

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**ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE**

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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

**ALPHA PROGRAM TO COMMENCE AT**  
**7:15PM ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019**

This program is for all parishioners but in a special way I would encourage all those involved in ministry, especially leaders in particular groups, to participate in this program of a Tuesday evening from 7:15pm until approximately 8:30pm. This program is open to all parishioners and offers many wonderful opportunities to grow in our faith.

I believe this is particularly important for the ongoing formation of all involved in any form of ministry in the parish. This is an area we have not done so well over the past couple of years. Yet, it is so important because unless we are continually growing ourselves we are not going to be effective in the groups in ministries in which we are involved. Of course, it is also vital for our own personal growth in our Christian life.

Alpha takes people on a journey often leading to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. It enables people to ask their questions, share ideas, build friendships and experience the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*All Parishioners are welcome!*

*You are also invited to bring along a light supper for sharing*

## From Monsignor Ron ...

The mission of the disciples was based on their experience of the risen Lord. Jesus strengthened this experience by repeated appearances at different places and times. His power strengthened the disciples and renewed their commitment to their mission. Like the disciples we too need to draw strength and inspiration from the reality of the resurrection experience. In this broken world of ours, we are called to be witnesses to the presence of the risen Lord, bringing new hope and joy to all. We need to accept first of all that Jesus is very much alive and active in our midst. We to only have to recognise him and say, "it is the Lord." If we can do this we are then ready and strengthened to commit ourselves to the person and work of Jesus continuing in our world.

Today we could reflect on the fact that the disciples had fished all night and caught nothing. Then Jesus said to them to continue with their fishing. I guess in some ways that is how it works: one word from Jesus and suddenly everything changes for the better. I'd like for us to reflect on Peter and his response in this situation. He had to decide whether to leave his fish and go to Jesus or stay and enjoy the results of his labour. In some ways, this is a test we all face when we've accomplished our goals in life. We can feel like we are on top of the world. I see this as living in our comfort zone. By this I mean, we are very comfortable with the way our life is going and we are not sure that we want to step outside this zone. I suspect that this was the problem scribes and Pharisees had when Jesus came on the scene. He challenged the way they had interpreted their faith. Remember, these were really good people, but they had constructed a way of living that put them in

control rather than God. Our challenge is do we stay in our comfort zone or do we go overboard for our loving God and commit ourselves more fully to him.

As we reflect upon all this, we cannot afford to forget about our first reading this weekend from the Acts of the Apostles. The Sanhedrin threatened them and ordered the apostles not to speak again about the name of Jesus. This is a reality of life. If we truly commit ourselves to Christian living we will experience opposition in various forms. People do not like us rocking the boat and as we have mentioned we are comfortable in our comfort zones. However, we need to truly believe that in spite of opposition, living the way of life Jesus came to bring us and witnessing him to others leads to fulfilment and finding meaning in our lives.

### VOLUNTEERS & HELPERS NEEDED:

**1. MUSICIANS AND SINGERS:** In a parish where we have so many talented singers and musicians, it is very surprising that we are unable to cover all of our weekend Masses where we have music. I do request that people who would be interested in forming a new music group for our Sunday liturgies please consider contacting the parish office. The initial commitment will be for one Sunday Mass a month.

**2. COLLECTION COUNTERS:** Each Sunday we have volunteers who count the Sunday collections. Due to people moving away from the parish, illness, and people going on holidays, we are in need of people to help with this. If you have banking experience this would be very helpful. The commitment for this would not be more than once a month from 9:30am until 12 noon on a Sunday morning.

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



#### MASS READINGS - YEAR C

##### THIS SUNDAY:

##### Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41  
Psalm: Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13  
Second Reading: Rev 5:11-14  
Gospel: John 21:1-19

##### NEXT SUNDAY:

##### Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 13:14. 43-52  
Psalm: Ps 99:1-3. 5  
Second Reading: Rev 7:9. 14-17  
Gospel: John 10:27-30

#### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 4th / 5th May 2019

#### [1st Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Ruben Bables Joe Doyle	Gus Kaster John Fernandes	Thong Nguyen Mario Spiteri	Ike Enriquez Fred Inglis
COMMENTATOR	Joyce Vincent	Mary Anne Xuereb	Maria Hyson	Peter Maw
FIRST READER	Roshan Thomas	Anthony Culbert	Nerissa Toong	Socorro Amos
SECOND READER	Martin Zammit	Julie Nunez	Zoe Victoria	Marilyn Villa
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Delia Fernandes	Volunteer Required	Vesna Kenny	Volunteer Required
WELCOMER	Volunteer Required	Annette Hudson Rita Vaughn	Dot Kaster, Des Zammit	YouthWorks!
MUSICIANS	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	CD Music Mass	YouthWorks!
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - First Sunday of the Month</b>				

#### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 11th / 12th May 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 Ferdi Chin
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Claire Blunt	Lita Picart	Peter Maw
FIRST READER	Ralph Vaz	Antonette Elogious	Roseanne Victoria	Allen Brady
SECOND READER	Myra Estrera	Belinda Elogious	Rose Rotik	Maryanne Bautista
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Sarah Debrincat	Derica Elogious	Vesna Kenny	Abigail Chin
WELCOMER	Annette Hudson	Claire Blunt Agnes iligan	Volunteer Required	Jerome Chin
MUSICIANS	Hearts	NO Music Mass	Couples For Christ	Dingalings
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Second Sunday of the Month</b>				

## 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 are available to be collected from the parish office from Monday now up until the registration evening for parents which will take place in our Parish Church on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00pm. This meeting is compulsory.

The four classes will take place over two Sundays, May 26 and June 2. To be eligible to receive a sacrament it is necessary that all these meetings be attended. If there is a particular difficulty, please talk to our sacramental coordinator via the parish office.

### MARIAN DEVOTIONS IN MAY



Marian Devotions in May: The Legion of Mary in our parish are organising the praying of the Rosary before each of our celebrations of Mass on a weekend. We do encourage parishioners to arrive early so they make to participate in this gospel reflective prayer.

It should be very natural for us to have devotion to Mary especially as we look to her as our heavenly mother. As well, as we are aware, when we honour Mary we are also honouring Jesus Christ. From the cross, Jesus gave Mary to us as our mother to care for us and make intercession for us. One of the feast days that we celebrate during the month of May is very appropriate to our devotion. That's feast day is "Mary Help of Christians."

### Mother's Day - May 12

On Mother's Day we encourage all mothers to come along and receive a special blessing to mark this day by acknowledging our need of the blessing and guidance of our loving God. This blessing will take place at all Masses next Sunday.

### Forthcoming EVENTS

♦ **FLOWER OFFERING**, Saturday, May 25 before the evening Vigil Mass there will be an

event for young people where we recognise the importance of Mary in our lives as Mother and Helper. This is an appropriate day as Friday, May 24 is the feast of Mary, Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia.

This event is organised by members of the Legion of Mary.

♦ **CELEBRATE PENTECOST SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2019** Save the date to come and join St Andrew's Parish in our 6th year of Pentecost Celebration.

**5:20pm Rosary | 6pm Mass | 7pm International Supper & Program**

We need your participation and help to make the Feast of Pentecost a joyful occasion to honour the Holy Spirit and to bring our Parish community together. Please contact the parish office if you wish to help with any donations or volunteer for school hall set up and clean up. Thank you in advance and looking forward to a great celebration with everyone.

### Notices from the Diocese of Parramatta

**Interfaith Relations after Christchurch:** 10 May CCD invites all parishioners and friends to attend "Christian-Muslim Relationships after Christchurch - Our Responsibility," presented by Rev Dr Patrick McInerney, Director of the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations on Friday 10 May at the IFM Blacktown.

Please register with Maree on 02 8838 3486.

### Solo Parent Services Seminar: 7 May

Solo Parent Services, part of CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains, is holding a seminar on "Annulments in the Catholic Church" at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta on 7 May from 7pm to 9pm. Registrations are essential

– contact Rita on 02 8843 2575 or [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5</b>
3rd Sunday of Easter Counters: Group 1	
09:30 Sunday School	
10:30 Youth Mass	
11:45 Baptism	
13:00 CFC Christian Life Program	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6</b>
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
19:00 Legion of Mary	
19:15 Faith Formation	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7</b>
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
19:00 Legion of Mary	
19:15 Alpha Program	
20:00 Music Committee Meeting	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8</b>
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
19:30 Baptism Preparation	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9</b>
08:00 Mass	
08:30 Rosary	
10:00 Life Ascending Australia Group Meeting - FBC	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10</b>
09:15 Mass - SAP Mother's Day	
10:00 Rosary	
16:00 Junior Legion of Mary	
20:00 Choir Practice HJM	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11</b>
09:00 Mass	
09:30 Rosary	
09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary	
10:00 Church Cleaning CFC	
16:00 Music Practice Worship Hymn	
16:15 Legion of Mary	
19:30 Prayer Meeting HJM	

# Pastoral statement on the 2019 Australian federal election

Dear friends,

The 2019 Australian federal election will be held on Saturday 18 May 2019 to elect members to the Parliament of Australia.

Voting is a privilege, a right and a responsibility of all Australians who wish to contribute to the ongoing health and prosperity of the Commonwealth of Australia.

**Voting allows us to exercise “a primary and fundamental response to desire, seek and protect the good of others” as outlined by Pope Francis in his apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium.**

As followers of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we are encouraged to ensure that our consciences are informed on all the issues that impact on our lives and the communities in which we live.

When informing their consciences, Catholics in the Diocese of Parramatta are encouraged to keep in mind Catholic teachings and principles which include:

- Care for the poor and the marginalised which is at the centre of Catholic social policy. This includes a taxation for justice so that the burdens of the community are shared and relief is given to those in greatest need;
- Vigorous defence of the dignity of the human person. This includes the protection of life from conception to natural death. The Church maintains all have an inviolable right to life and we give witness to the inestimable worth of each human person;
- Providing compassion, care and justice to the most marginalised and vulnerable groups in our society. This includes the Indigenous Australians, the aged, children, and those with disability. We are also called to support all those who have been hurt, damaged or alienated, be they abuse victims, survivors, divorcees, gays, lesbians or disaffected members;
- A deep commitment to safeguarding creation and the natural environment, especially as outlined in the encyclical Laudato Si by Pope Francis. This includes a greater commitment to renewable and cost-effective energy;
- A willingness to accept the gifts and care of immigrants, refugees and those seeking asylum, especially those who have escaped distressing, traumatising and difficult situations like war, famine and political hostilities. This includes ending indefinite mandatory detention of asylum seekers on Nauru and Manus Island;
- A commitment to the family as the central building block of the common good and society;
- Just and equitable funding for Catholic education which contributes so much to our Australian society;
- The development of a sustainable economy that recognises the right to work and the necessity of a just economy as outlined in the ACBC 2017-2018 **statement Everyone’s Business** – Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy;
- Active engagement and promotion of peace within and between societies. The use of non-violence as an essential mechanism to solve disputes and as the agent of social change.
- Ensuring that no one is discriminated on the basis of race, gender, religion and that proper freedoms are legislated to guarantee that people are free to speak, teach and act according to their own religious beliefs, in line with the encyclicals of Pope Saint John XXIII *Pacem in terris* and *Mater et magistra* and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Article 18);
- A commitment to supporting the disadvantaged, the dispossessed, the oppressed beyond our borders, especially those in our region. This includes increasing overseas aid and helping West Papuan refugees.

I encourage all Catholics across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains to contribute to the common good by exercising their rights as citizens of Australia and engaging in the democratic process by voting in this election.

May the Holy Spirit guide us as we all work towards building a loving society where the poor and the suffering are our first priority.

Yours in Christ

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv  
Bishop of Parramatta

29th April 2019.

