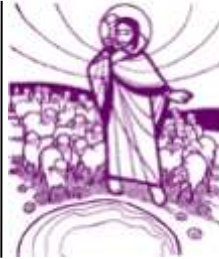




Jesus said 'Come and see'..... *John 1:39-41*  
**ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE**  
**PARISH MARAYONG**

*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.



**FOURTH**  
**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: 9.00am  
 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.

**FR. BYRNE CENTRE:**

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 Stephen Kennaugh  
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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

**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.

**FUNERAL NOTICE**

**There will be a Funeral Mass here at 10:30am on Wednesday, May 15 for the late Lorraine McHugh.**

*All musicians and singers are invited to join the combined choir for this Mass.*

**Bulletin Highlights ...**

- ♦ PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS
- ♦ MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING
- ♦ MARIAN REFLECTION
- ♦ FAITH EDUCATION & ALPHA PROGRAM
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

## From Monsignor Ron ...

This Sunday is called "Good Shepherd Sunday." This is so because we have Jesus saying: "The sheep that belong to me, listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me." (John 10:27-30). We have Jesus inviting us to follow him and this means being prepared to take up our cross each day. Of course, we would assume that we are at least trying to be followers of the Lord as we are striving to be Christians.

This weekend is also Vocations Sunday. We are called to pray for vocations to the priesthood. As a priest, I know how much I owed to the prayers of others as I considered whether or not I had a vocation to priesthood. Needless to say, the need for the support and prayers of people continues and will continue every day. So this weekend we are asked to pray that those who are called to priesthood will accept the call and we are also asked to commit ourselves to praying not only for vocations, but also for those preparing for priesthood and those people who are already our priests. I guess this is particularly important in this age in which we live.

A vocation, or a call, is something we receive from God. It is not a career. It is a call in which God enables us to fulfil our calling even in the most difficult circumstances. But we need to realise is that God calls each one of us personally by name. And since God calls us personally by name, we are the only people who can respond to that call. We are invited to respond with our own talents and abilities and even with our own shortcomings and limitations. Since each one of us is unique, our response to God's call will be unique. Our response will not be better or worse than others but just uniquely

different. The reason I say this is that every call is a call to live in faith. We have been gifted to this world as God special gifts with a special task in helping people to come to know Jesus and to grow to their full God-given potential. I believe it is important for us to accept this for ourselves because unless we accept that each of us has a special calling from God, we will never create an environment for priestly vocations or for vocations to the religious life.

This weekend reminds us how each one of us is very special as well as being unique and that we are not in this world by accident. We are here because in this moment of time we can make the greatest contribution in the eyes of God. Today I would ask you to have a deeper faith in our loving God and to look for how each of us may surrender our lives more fully to him.

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.

Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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



#### MASS READINGS - YEAR C

#### THIS 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 SUNDAY:

##### Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Psalm: Ps 144:8-13

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-35

#### 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 Ike Enriquez	Gus Kaster Rufino Oblea	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	Allen Brady
SECOND READER	Myra Estrera	Belinda Elogious	Rose Rotik	Maryanne Bautista
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Sarah Debrincat	Derica Elogious	Vesna Kenny	Volunteer Required
WELCOMER	Annette Hudson	Claire Blunt Agnes iligan	Volunteer Required	Jerome Chin
MUSICIANS	Hearts	NO Music Mass	Couples For Christ	Dingalings
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Second Sunday of the Month				

#### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 18th / 19th May 2019 [3rd Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Stephen Debrincat Joe Doyle	Volunteer Required John Fernandes	Morie Balisbisan Thong Nguyen	Robert Bautista Volunteer Required
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Mary Anne Xuerreb	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	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required	Jaden Victoria	Volunteer Required
WELCOMER	Henryka Ogrodniczek 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				

## *Our blessing prayer for this Mother's Day*

For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord. R.

For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord. R.

For mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom, we pray to the Lord. R.

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

And may Almighty God bless you all,

the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. R. Amen.

## *Marian Reflection*

Mary rushed to Judea see Elizabeth. The meeting between these two unlikely mothers, called the Visitation in Christian tradition is purely joyful. The baby in Elizabeth's womb (the yet-to-be-born John the Baptist) leapt upon hearing Mary's voice, and that Elizabeth exclaimed "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." In response, Mary offers a joyous song of praise.

She says:

My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12</b>
4th Sunday of Easter Counters: Group 2 Mother's Day 09:30 Sunday School 13:00 CFC Christian Life Program	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>13</b>
09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:15 Faith Formation	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>14</b>
Saint Matthias, Apostle 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:00 <i>Registration Evening</i> <i>Confirmation</i> 19:15 Alpha Program	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15</b>
09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 20:00 Combined Music Practice	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16</b>
08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 20:00 Music Practice	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>17</b>
09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 19:00 Youth Mass & SAYWAT 20:00 HJM Core Meeting	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>18</b>
Saint John I, Pope, Martyr 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning LoM 16:15 <i>Legion of Mary</i>	

### **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.

**FAITH EDUCATION:** The topic this Monday evening will be the "Life of Prayer." This will take place on Monday evening at 7:45pm and provides a good opportunity for all of us to reflect on our prayer life.

## ALPHA PROGRAM

The Alpha Program has now had its first meeting. However, I would still like to stress the importance of these meetings for all people involved in ministry and particularly those in coordinating roles with the groups in the parish. It is also a tremendous help to all of us in understanding what it means to be a Christian in this 21st century. I continue to encourage all parishioners to give serious consideration to participating in this program.

*The next meeting is on Tuesday evening at 7:15 PM.  
You are also invited to bring along a light supper for sharing*

*Pope Francis -*

### **Message for 2019 World Day of Vocations**

'The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a 'cage' or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking.

So we must love her (the Church), even when we see her face marred by human frailty and sin, and we must help to make her ever more beautiful and radiant, so that she can bear witness to God's love in the world.



## **Celebrate Pentecost Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

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

Please come and join St Andrew's Parish in our 6<sup>th</sup> year of Pentecost Celebration. 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 of the following: food/drink donations for supper, food donations for St Vincent de Paul to be offered during the Mass, door prize donations, volunteers for school hall set up and clean up. Thank you in advance and looking forward to a great celebration with everyone.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FACILITATORS

We do need helpers for the sacrament program of preparation for Confirmation. If you are able to aid us as a facilitator please come along to the meeting on Monday evening May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like to be involved as a facilitator, please contact the parish office.



Parish Youth Ministry  
(St. Andrew's Youth Word And Teaching)  
The next gathering of our youth Ministry will take place on:  
Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at 7:00pm.

These evenings are for students from year 4 through to year 12. Evening starts at 7 PM and concludes at 10 PM. The first hour is taken up with the celebration of Mass. This is followed by a meal and then a number of social activities, concluding with a faith dimension.

There are two things that are worth mentioning:

1. This has proven to be a very popular evening over the last few years, so we do encourage young people to come along.
2. Parents are reminded that they need to pick up the young people at 10 PM.



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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**