



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.



## 20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year C: Vol.44 No.37

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### PARISH STAFF:

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### PRESBYTERY:

41 Breakfast Rd, Marayong

### 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

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

Address: 36 Breakfast Road  
Marayong 2148

#### **ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE**

College Principal:

Stephen Kennaugh

Phone: 9626 4000

#### **Campus -**

#### **JUNIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 7-10)**

Address: 116 Quakers Road  
Marayong 2148

#### **SENIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 11-12)**

Address: 50 Breakfast Road  
Marayong 2148

## BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY

The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this appeal.

Last year, through your generosity we reached the target with donations totalling \$195,000 and the Foundation thanks you for this contribution. This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held on the weekend of August 31-September 1.

A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal envelopes will be available next week for those who will not be here on the Father's Day weekend.

If you wish you can make online contributions at [csfparra.org.au](http://csfparra.org.au) using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No 001691 in the name of the CSF with reference your name, and send e-mail to [csf@parracatholic.org](mailto:csf@parracatholic.org) with your details so receipts can be sent, which we usually do in January.

### 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 ...**

- ♦ SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
- ♦ BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
- ♦ ANOINTING OF THE SICK
- ♦ REPORT ON THE GROWTH IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

## From Monsignor Ron ...

We always need to remember that our presence in this world, at this moment in time, is not accidental. We exist for a purpose and that purpose is found in God and involves each of us being involved in continuing the work of Jesus. We also need to remember we do not go to God alone but we are one family in Jesus Christ and we are always to live as a caring and supportive family.

This weekend, in our reading from the letter to the Hebrews we are told we need to be prepared to throw off everything that hinders us from keeping our eyes firmly focused on Jesus and that we need to keep moving steadily forward. This is a reminder to keep spiritually fit. The question that is put before us is whether or not we are truly and in practical ways committed to the continuing mission of being followers of Jesus.

To be a follower of Jesus, to be a Christian, to belong to Jesus, to receive his salvation into our lives demands consistency and duration throughout each day. This will never be easy but it is a lesson that Jeremiah teaches us for he was a man who suffered all his life for his religion. His mission was to a people who were more concerned about comfort, wealth and prestige than about God. He could have had a good life and tried to balance this with faithfulness to God. But, realising God had called into a special vocation, this to him became all-important. I believe this is the quality we need to strive for each day.

There are three elements presented to us in our gospel reading for this weekend to shape our Christian lives. The first is to get rid of areas of sinfulness and become a new creation; in other words we are to get rid of our areas of sin, our undue anxieties about earthly things and also whatever

distances us from God and our goal in life. Secondly, we are to train diligently and build up our endurance. This is about our spiritual exercises for without prayer, reflection and study, our Christian lives become stagnant. The third area is to live day-to-day as Christians which means at all times and in all things that we strive to make the choices Jesus would in our situation.

I guess what I am saying is there is no magical way to be a Christian. Certainly, we have plenty of support from our God. Hopefully, we will also get support from each other. We also know the means and the pathway that leads us to become like Jesus. Finally, the key to Christian living is consistency, living one moment, one day at a time, to the best of our God-given ability.

### REPORT ON THE GROWTH IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

The Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Community are to be congratulated on the wonderful day they presented. Those who attended appreciated the quality of the presentations, the friendliness of all involved, and the wonderful hospitality that they experienced. The only regret for the day is that more people did not avail of this wonderful opportunity to recognise the importance of the Holy Spirit in the lives of each and every one of us as our friend, guide, teacher and advocate.

### FORTHCOMING EVENT

You are encouraged to keep free the evening of Friday, September 6 as we will be celebrating once again the Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the first Friday of the month. It is customary for us to celebrate this feast day on a Friday evening.



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



#### MASS READINGS - YEAR C

##### THIS SUNDAY:

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jer 38:4-6. 8-10

Psalm: Ps 39:2-4. 18

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

##### NEXT SUNDAY:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalm: Ps 116

Second Reading: Heb 12:5-7. 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

#### THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 17th / 18th August 2019

#### [3rd Sunday of the Month - Even Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Stephen Debrincat Bernardo Rivera	Charles Hyson John Fernandes	Morie Balisbisan Thong Nguyen	Robert Bautista Ike Enriquez
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Mary Anne Xuereb	Jane Cauchi	Maryanne Bautista
FIRST READER	Melville Fernandez	Fely Perez	Vinetta Lobo	Therrie Chin
SECOND READER	Edward Yin	Pauline Sultana	Alicia Cianflone	Donnie Velasco
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required	Leah Mitchell	Volunteer Required
WELCOMER	Henryka Ogrodniczek Melita DelosReyes	Annette Hudson	Denise Farla Dot Kaster	Volunteer Required
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: 24th / 25th August 2019

#### [4th Sunday of the Month - Even 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	Derica Elogious	Maryanne Bautista
FIRST READER	Marilyn Villa	Pauline Sultana	Felix Villamarin	Joan Leong
SECOND READER	Doris Barrios	Nila Mangona	Lydia Villamarin	Jay 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	CD Music Mass	Couples For Christ
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Fourth Sunday of the Month				

## FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

This weekend the classes for our candidates for First Reconciliation commence after the 8:45am Mass. During the next few weeks, our parishioners are encouraged to pray for the intentions of these candidates and their families that they may grow in appreciation of the importance of this great gift of God.

I would like to suggest it is also an occasion where we might reflect upon the importance of the sacrament in our own lives, especially as it means an encounter with Jesus Christ each time we receive the sacrament.

### *Reflection on the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

The question that often arises is: Why confess my sins? And why confess to a priest? Why not confess directly to God, since God has already forgiven me anyway? From God's point of view, the simple answer is: there is no reason. But from our point of view, the answer is that as human beings who do not live in our minds alone, we need to externalise bodily -- with words, signs and gestures -- what is in our minds and hearts. We need to see, hear and feel forgiveness, not just think about it.

We need other human beings to help us externalise what is within and open our hearts before the Lord. One of the roles of the priest is to say the prayer of absolution. Contrary to what we may have thought in the past, this prayer, which completes or seals the sinners' change of heart, is not a prayer asking for forgiveness. It is a prayer signifying God's forgiveness of us and our reconciliation with the Church. This is something we should celebrate.

It is hard to say "I am sorry." It is even harder to say "you are forgiven." And it is most difficult to say gracefully "I accept your forgiveness." To be able to do that, we must be able to forgive ourselves. That, too, is what we celebrate in the sacrament of reconciliation.

## MASS FOR THE SICK

The Mass for the Sick with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will take place next Saturday, August 24, at 9:00am.



We encourage parishioners to bring people along whom they know would benefit from this sacramental encounter with Jesus. We also encourage parishioners to join us for morning tea after this Mass. You can help with this by bringing something along for morning tea. .

## The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

If any parishioner is suffering from a serious illness, the Parish Office should be contacted as soon as possible so that a priest might visit the person who is sick and administer the Sacraments.

The Sacrament of the Sick is not just for those who are at the point of death. It is for those who are experiencing a serious illness, for those facing serious surgery and for those who are suffering the infirmity of old age.

When you do know of someone who is seriously sick or housebound, it is important to notify the Parish Office so that Holy Communion may be taken to them regularly. As well, it is important that these people have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

**ALPHA PROGRAM CONTINUES: 7:15PM ON TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2019**

The topic for this weeks meeting is 'How can I resist evil ?' I would like to stress once again the importance of these meetings for all people involved in ministry and particularly those in coordinating roles within our parish groups. Please give serious consideration to participating in this program.

*All Parishioners are welcome!*

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

### Sunday

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**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Counters: Group 7

**08:45** Reconciliation Class 1

**08:45** Marriage Blessing

**09:30** Sunday School

**11:45** Baptism

### Monday

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Saint John Eudes, Priest

**09:00** Mass

**09:30** Rosary

### Tuesday

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Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor

**09:00** Mass SAP yr5

**09:30** Rosary

**19:00** Legion of Mary

**19:15** Alpha Program

### Wednesday

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Saint Pius X, Pope

**09:00** Mass

**09:30** Rosary

**19:00** Novena & Mass

### Thursday

22

Our Lady, Mother and Queen

**08:00** Mass

**08:30** Rosary

**14:00** Church Cleaning Group 4

**19:30** Music Practice CFC

### Friday

23

Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

**09:00** Mass

**09:30** Rosary

**16:00** Junior Legion of Mary

**20:00** Choir Practice HJM

### Saturday

24

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

**09:00** Mass for the Sick

**09:30** Rosary

**09:40** Jnr Legion of Mary

**16:00** Music Practice ? Group

**16:15** Legion of Mary

**16:30** Penance

**19:00** Prayer Meeting HJM

# CCD LEVEL 1 TRAINING COURSE FOR SRE TEACHERS & HELPERS



CCD Level 1 day time course at Marayong parish held in the Fr Byrne centre on each Monday starting on 3rd September – 28th October, 9.30am-2.15pm (7weeks).

This is a great opportunity for SREs to attend this level 1 if you have not attended a course before or perhaps it been awhile and you would like to do a refresher. The Level 1 is a skills-based course to help the SRE understand classroom management techniques and the curriculum. It also provides ideas on how to present resources within the lessons in the Christ Our Light & Life curriculum.

All bookings please contact Maree Collis at the CCD office on 8838 3486

or Email: [maree.collis@parracatholic.org](mailto:maree.collis@parracatholic.org)

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## PLENARY 2020 DISCERNMENT PHASE 2 | INFORMATION AND TRAINING SESSIONS

These sessions will explain how our Diocese is seeking to “Go out into the Deep”, with Bishop Vincent Long inviting us to develop local and diocesan initiatives through engaging with the plenary process. Sessions will be held on the following dates:

Monday, 19 August	- Parramatta Cathedral Hall (1 Maris Place, Parramatta)	- 6 pm to 9 pm
Thursday, 22 August	- Institute for Mission (1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown)	- 6 pm to 9 pm
Wednesday, 28 August	- Institute for Mission (1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown)	- 10.30 am to 1.30 pm
Saturday, 31 August	- Emu Plains Parish Hall (15 Troy Street, Emu Plains)	- 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm
Saturday, 7 September	- St Thomas Aquinas School Hall Springwood (168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood)	- 9 am to 12 Noon

\*\* Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to Tanya at [tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org](mailto:tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org)  
by Wednesday, 14 August with your preferred session, date and time.

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## Notices from the Diocese of Parramatta

### IFM REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM: 20 August

The Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry Program – Component 2 starts on August 20. This is a great opportunity to enrich and enthuse those involved in the ministries of the Catholic communities. Go to [ifm.org.au](http://ifm.org.au) for more information and registration, or contact the IFM team on 02 9296 6369.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION: 10 September

Adult Confirmation for 2019 will be held on Tuesday 10 September at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 7.30pm. A Catechesis Day for Adult Confirmation will be held on Saturday 31 August from 9.30am to 2pm. Any adult over 16 years wanting to be confirmed please see your Parish Office for information or contact the Office for Worship on 02 8838 3456 or [mary-louise.walsh@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary-louise.walsh@parracatholic.org)

### NATURAL FERTILITY SERVICES INFORMATION EVENING: 20 August

Are you looking for a healthy, natural and effective method to manage your fertility? Learn how to identify the best time to achieve or postpone pregnancy. You are warmly invited to this event on Tuesday 20 August at the Diocesan Ministry Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown from 7pm. For more information and to register please contact Catherine on 02 8838 3460, 0400 427 605 or [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org)



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

Twitter @parracatholic

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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**

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