



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.



23rd SUNDAY
in ORDINARY
TIME

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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
CCD Mass: 11.00am
 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

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ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE

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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

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting



Our next meeting of the parish council will take place on
 Monday, September 16 at 7:15 PM.

At this meeting we will be planning for the remainder of this year as well as receiving reports on activities that have taken place in recent times.

We will also be looking at some of the material in preparation for the Plenary Council of 2020. There will be more details about this next weekend. However, we would encourage parishioners to support this meeting as we would really like to receive your ideas on the topics that will be discussed as they are important for the Church in Australia for the present and the future.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published Listen to what the Spirit is saying, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process.

Access the report at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

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 ...

- **CCD ANNUAL MASS AT ST ANDREW'S PARISH**
- **FIRST RECONCILIATION**
- **PLENARY COUNCIL UPDATE**
- **DIOCESAN FORUM RESOURCES**
- **UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS**

From Monsignor Ron ...

When we reflect on today's gospel reading, we need to remember that Jesus is talking to a large crowd of people, so the words of this passage are for all of his followers today and not simply for special groups. Jesus uses a figure of speech which we might designate as exaggeration to bring out a challenging truth which is that God should have priority over everyone and everything else in our lives. What he is emphasising is the importance of our relationship with our God and in this way also reminding us that on our journey through this life we are preparing for eternal life in a loving relationship with him.

We are being asked to reflect on what kind of follower of Jesus we are in our daily lives. What Jesus is asking of us is that we make a commitment to being full-time Christians and bringing God's will and a Christian vision of life to every single aspect of our daily living. This is a lifelong journey, but, if we are prepared to take it on we will find that we gradually improve and become more God centred and self-centred in our lives.

This weekend I would like to go off on a tangent from our normal Sunday readings. Today would normally be the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and I would like to mention something about the place of Mary in our lives. In our heart of hearts, we want to love God more but in practice too often we don't seem to do it very well. But this has to be a beginning: that we do love God, that we wish to love God more, and that we are prepared to try and do so. With this, there is an openness to receive God into our lives. We have to be prepared to surrender our wishes and concentrate on trying to discover what his plans are for us and for the people in our lives. In all this, Mary is a wonderful example and model for us. To her, what God wanted was all-important. To her, he was the only person to whom she said an

unequivocal yes to everything. Today we ask for help to imitate her in going forth wherever God calls us, trusting completely in his control and his love. As with Mary, our lives won't be easy, but they will have meaning and purpose.

CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Last Friday evening we had our annual celebration of the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary and I would like to thank all those who put so much time and effort into preparing for this parish celebration. In a special way this expression goes to the members of the Legion of Mary who coordinated everything that was happening. I would like also to acknowledge the contribution made by the music ministry. As well, I would like to thank the young people who made themselves available and were involved in the feast day.

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY

Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Priests last weekend. For those who were unable to contribute, some envelopes are available in the Church or foyer. They may be sent directly to the Foundation or placed on the collection plate.

If you wish you can make online contributions at 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 with your details so we can send a receipt.

Tax deductible receipts for those who request them will be sent by February 2020. Thank you for your generosity.

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



MASS READINGS - YEAR C

THIS SUNDAY:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

Psalm: Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17

Second Reading: Phil 9-10. 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

NEXT SUNDAY:

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ex 32:7-11. 13-14

Psalm: Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 7th / 8th September 2019 [2nd Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Romy Gapud Emmanuel Tabone	Gus Kaster Peter Savea	Noe Adan Mario Picart	Robert Bautista Ferdin Chin
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Claire Blunt	Lita Picart	Maryanne Bautista
FIRST READER	Ralph Vaz	Antonette Elogious	Roseanne Victoria	Allen Brady
SECOND READER	Myra Estrera	Belinda Elogious	Rose Rotik	Children's Choir
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	Children's Choir
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Second Sunday of the Month				

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 14th / 15th September 2019 [3rd Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Stephen Debrincat Volunteer Required	Charles Hyson John Fernandes	Morie Balisbisan Volunteer Required	Robert Bautista Volunteer Required
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Mary Anne Xuerb	Joan Leong	Carmelita Liceralde
FIRST READER	Marian Fernandez	Fely Perez	Roseanne Victoria	Therrie Chin
SECOND READER	Edward Yin	Laurinda Atienza	Bernardo Rivera	Maury Villanueva
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required	Jaden Victoria	Volunteer Required
WELCOMER	Henryka Ogronniczek 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				

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Many of our young people have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. There will be opportunities for this and for all parishioners to experience the Second Rite of Reconciliation on Saturday, September 14 and Saturday, September 21 at 9:30am.



Your prayers are requested for our young people.

Reflection on the Sacrament of Reconciliation

It does seem appropriate at this time to recognise the importance of the sacrament in our lives of faith. We have the opportunity to reflect on our lives and examine our consciences. In this sacrament we have the opportunity to see where we have failed in our love for God, in our love for ourselves and in our love for other people. We confess our sins and we will be forgiven. However, it must not stop there. We must in prayer work out some practical ways we are going to improve. We need to look at our faults and failings and to see how we can become more loving people in exactly those situations. We do need to ask the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit to put this into practice. We have the opportunity to reflect on our lives and examine our consciences. Today we have the opportunity to see where we have failed in our love for God, in our love for ourselves and in our love for other people. We confess our sins and we will be forgiven. However, it must not stop there. We must in prayer work out some practical ways we are going to improve. We need to look at our faults and failings and to see how we can become more loving people in exactly those situations. We do need to ask the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit to put this into practice. What we do need to realise is that this sacrament is an encounter with Jesus Christ, a special moment of grace, where we receive the help is necessary to make a new beginning and to grow with God's help and strength towards our true potential.

Feast Days this Week

Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross

(Saturday, September 14th):

This feast day is so important as it is a reminder of Christ's love and sacrifice and also of the triumph of God's love for us his people.

"Lord, help us to love you, to seek you with all our hearts, and to rejoice in your cross and your Resurrection victory over oppression and death. Ignite in us the fire of your Love so that, filled with your Holy Spirit, our faith may be awakened to renewed commitment and action. Amen"

MINISTRY OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND DYING

ONGOING FORMATION: 14 September

The Office for Worship is organising a formation day for those already involved in the ministry, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and the Dying on Saturday 14 September at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown, from 9:30am until 2pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. RSVP by 10 September.

RSVP, please contact the Office for Worship team on anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org or 8838 3456



CCD ANNUAL MASS AT ST ANDREW'S PARISH

This Mass will take place at 11:00am on Friday, September 13. The main celebrant will be Bishop Vincent. A light lunch will be served following the presentation of awards. CCD Director, Cecilia Zammit and Team, cordially invites the SREs of Marayong Parish to join in this celebration.



MUSIC MINISTRY COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the music Ministry committee on Tuesday evening, September 10 at 8:00 pm.



Sunday	8
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 2 08:45 Reconciliation Class 3 08:45 Altar Server Training 09:30 Sunday School	
Monday	9
08:45 CCD Training Course level 1 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 SVdP Meeting	
Tuesday	10
09:00 Mass SAP yr5&6 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:15 Alpha Program 20:00 Music Committee Meeting	
Wednesday	11
09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation	
Thursday	12
The Most Holy Name of Mary 08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 10:00 Seniors meeting FBC	
Friday	13
Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 11:00 CCD Annual Mass 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 20:00 Choir Practice HJM	
Saturday	14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 7:30 Church Cleaning CFC 09:00 Mass 09:30 FIRST Reconciliation Ceremony 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Rosary 16:15 Legion of Mary 16:30 Penance 19:00 Prayer Meeting HJM	

DIOCESAN FORUM RESOURCES:

You are invited to view the resources from the recent Diocesan Forum at www.parracatholic.org/forum2019. Read the address from Bishop Vincent Long, materials prepared for the forum, data collated from the forum and images from the day. There will be further opportunities to engage in deanery and diocesan initiatives following the Forum as we continue to go out into the deep to become the community Christ calls us to be.

PLENARY COUNCIL UPDATE PT 3

As we move into this second stage of the Plenary Council journey, we continue to seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Beginning in July 2019, we are invited to reflect on Scripture, Church teaching and our contemporary situation in order to discern the answer to this question: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is a joyful, hope-filled and servant community? The fruits of what is discerned during this time will help shape the agenda of the first session of Plenary Council in October 2020.

4. INCLUSIVE, PARTICIPATORY AND SYNODAL

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire for individuals and groups within and also beyond the Church to find a better welcome and be incorporated more into her life and mission. There was a call to renew forms of governance and leadership in the Church, to find ways formally and informally of being co-responsible for ministry and mission, seeking structures and processes of collaboration, shared decision-making and financial co-responsibility in order to enable this greater involvement of lay people particularly of women, young people, people of diverse cultural backgrounds and people with disabilities. There was an expressed need for stronger connections across the many parts of the Church, and with other Christian traditions.

5. MISSIONARY AND EVANGELISING

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church. The data also identified the need to reach out and communicate more effectively and to find new ways of living and proclaiming the Gospel in Australia today. There was a call for the strengthening of leadership and ministries in parishes and schools, training to equip leaders for ministry, pastoral support for various groups within parish and faith communities, and a desire for a unified voice in engaging social issues such as life and religious freedom.

6. OPEN TO CONVERSION, RENEWAL, AND REFORM

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal. Respondents also affirmed the important role of the clergy, expressing

their appreciation for their vocation and recognising the need for support and ongoing formation and accompaniment. Some asked for a consideration of alternative approaches to ordained ministry, some for a greater inclusion of laity and different groups in the Church's life, some for new models of governance and leadership, and some for a renewed fidelity to the Church's teachings. There was also a call for a renewed life of prayer and communion with one another, including understanding the many different ways in which we encounter God and experience a conversion of heart.

SPANISH CHAPLAINCY CELEBRATION: 8 September

Sydney's Latin American Catholic Community will celebrate its Santa Maria Festival on 8 September at Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton. Bishop Rolando José Alvarez Lagos from the Diocese of Matagalpa, Nicaragua will be the main celebrant. Rosary begins at 9.30am with Mass at 10.30am and celebrations to follow.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES BAULKHAM HILLS SOUTH GOLDEN JUBILEE: 12 – 13 October

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Baulkham Hills South is celebrating its Golden Jubilee (1969-2019). Celebrations will commence with Mass at 6pm on 12 October, followed by a social gathering at 7pm. Bishop Vincent will celebrate the Golden Jubilee Mass at 9.30am on 13 October with a luncheon to follow.

For more information, or to assist, contact Louise in the OLOL office on louise@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au or Bernie on bryall@joeys.org or 049 925 404.

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close 18 October 2019.

More information and application forms are available at

<http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

For more events please go to: parracatholic.org/events