



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.



27th 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

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:

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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

INFORMATION ON THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP IN THE PARISH

"It is foundational to the Gospel message that to be Christian, to follow Jesus, is to be concerned for our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live." (Toward a Social Justice Group, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, 2015)
We are in the process of forming a parish-based Social Justice Ministry. The aim of this ministry is to raise awareness on social justice issues, focus on local and concrete social justice actions in the spirit of Catholic social teaching and Gospel values and is formative in faith and contributes to reinvigorating the life of our faith community.

This new ministry recognises that the various groups at St Andrews Parish already have a social justice component. It does not wish to replicate the social justice endeavours of our parish groups. It is collaborative in nature and hopes to streamline social justice efforts within the parish and generate support for these undertakings. It also hopes to maximise parish resources and the talents of our members towards the realisation of our common goal.

In order to achieve this, we would like to expand the Social Justice Ministry core group to include two representatives from the various ministries within St Andrews Parish. We would like to invite you to join our meeting on the 15th of October at 7.15pm at the Fr Byrne's Centre. Hope to see you there. Thank you.

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 ...

- ♦ STATEMENT FROM BISHOP VINCENT
- ♦ FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL
- ♦ CHANGE IN LITURGICAL MINISTRIES
- ♦ UPDATED LITURGY ROSTERS COMMENCE
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

From Monsignor Ron ...

The gospel reading this weekend calls for a radical change in our thinking. Too often, we take the approach of a worker/employer attitude to God -- I'm not prepared to work unless I get a decent wage. I would like to present another way of looking at this: suppose you see a person drowning and save that person. Would you expect to be paid or would your approach be: I do no more than my duty, and it was a privilege to be able to save a person.

I think this sums up the situation very well. If we bring an employer/worker relationship into our service of God, it would lead to a pitiable religion. If we wish to be true to the spirit of the gospel, the attitude we need to bring to service of God is that of the rescuer.

It is surprising how many people think that God and the Church owe them something. We see this in so many ways, and especially when we look at the involvement and commitment of people in the Church. We seem to get things the wrong way around. God is our Father. We are his children. Children respond because they wish to return love. What Jesus teaches us in this: the good news is this -- we are to respond out of love, not duty, and love is not measured or calculated.

In spite of our timidity and we should be confident, because we can always count on the strength of the Holy Spirit. We have a tremendous gift of faith and trust, but we must use and develop it or we will find that negligence and forgetfulness will extinguish it.

We have the energy of the Holy Spirit to help us in our personal lives and in apostolic action. The whole world may seem to be tumbling in upon us. Our personal trust in God may seem devastated by pain and disappointment; it may seem afflicted with doubt or drugged in the long night of many sins. In every circumstance the word is "keep the faith; do not let go of our trust in our Saviour."

Our Christian faith must of necessity be firmly anchored in the power of the Lord Jesus Christ. If we try to build on another basis we will fail. It is all a question of how much confidence we place in the Lord. Perhaps that is why Jesus says to us in today's gospel that a little bit of faith will enable us to do marvellous deeds.

No matter how distant we are from the Lord or how close to him, the opening line of today's gospel is important and should be our prayer each day: "Lord, increase our faith!"

UPDATED LITURGY ROSTERS:

EFFECTIVE 6:00PM, SATURDAY 05TH OCTOBER 2019

1. Rosters for our Sunday liturgies are available at the front door of the church. Those who have email addresses should already have received them.

2. Counters rosters are also available from the parish office.

These rosters will go into effect this weekend 5/6 of October. So please ensure you have a copy. If it has happened that your name is not on the roster and should be, please contact the parish office.

OCTOBER MASS FOR OUR HSC STUDENTS

The 10:30am Mass next Sunday, October 13th, will be in celebration of and for the intentions of our HSC students. We encourage those students about to sit their HSC and their families to attend this Mass. At the 10:30am Mass there will be a blessing for the HSC students. HSC exams commence Thursday, October 17th.

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



MASS READINGS - YEAR C

THIS SUNDAY:

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Psalm: Ps 94:1-2. 6-9

Second Reading: 2Tim 1:6-8. 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

NEXT SUNDAY:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Psalm: Ps 97:1-4

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 5th / 6th October, 2019

[1st Sunday of the Month-Even Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Ruben Bables Joe Doyle	Gus Kaster Rufino Oblea	Mario Picart Mario Spiteri	Robert Bautista Edward Yuliardhyanto
COMMENTATOR	Stephen Debrincat	Mary Anne Xuereb	Lita Picart	Peter Maw
FIRST READER	Erna Ferrer	Anthony Culbert	Joyce Vincent	Linda Rane
SECOND READER	Maria Valentine	Julie Nunez	Zoe Victoria	Donnie Velasco
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Delia Fernandes		John Paul & Annabelle Bhandoo	
WELCOMER	Henryka Ogronczek	Annette Hudson Rita Vaughn	Dot Kaster, Des Zammit	YouthWorks!
MUSICIANS	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	The Deep Shore Choir	YouthWorks!
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - First Sunday of the Month				

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 12th / 13th October 2019

[2nd Sunday of the Month - Even month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Romy Gapud Emmanuel Tabone	Gus Kaster Joe Doyle	Olan Cruise Mario Picart	Volunteer Required Deacon Petelo Savea
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Claire Blunt	Antonette Elogious	Socorro Amos
FIRST READER	Mirza Alata	Maricor Espinosa	Belinda Elogious	Allen Brady
SECOND READER	Teresita Cacdac	Pauline Sultana	Rose Rotik	Volunteer Required
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Francisca Martinez	Volunteer Required	Jaden Victoria	Justine Webb
WELCOMER	Annette Hudson	Claire Blunt Agnes iligan		
MUSICIANS	Hearts	NO Music Mass	Couples for Christ	Dingalings
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Second Sunday of the Month				

Change in Liturgical Ministries

LAY LITURGICAL MINISTRIES in the DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

The rest of the document will be published next week - this is part one

At the recent meeting of the Council of Priests (12 September, 2019) the Council endorsed and Bishop Vincent Long approved of a new set of guidelines for lay liturgical ministries in the Diocese. From 1 November, 2019 the following new guidelines will take effect.

MINISTER AT THE ALTAR

The Diocese will cease to install lay men to the ministry of Acolyte (with the exception of those preparing for Ordination as either permanent Deacons or Priests.) A new office of Minister at the Altar will be open to men and women above the age of 18 years who have completed a course of preparation which will be conducted by the Office for Worship. They will require the endorsement of their Parish Priest before undertaking the course. The liturgical functions of the new office will mirror those of an instituted Acolyte with the exception of cleansing the vessels at the conclusion of Holy Communion. A Minister at the Altar will also exercise the ministry of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, the training for which will be included in the course. Those who have previously been instituted as Acolytes will continue to exercise that ministry as before.

MASS OF COMMISSIONING

Those who are to be admitted as either Minister at the Altar, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or a Reader will be invited to attend a Commissioning Mass which will be held in the Cathedral in the middle of 2020. At this Mass the Bishop will commission the various lay ministers according to their roles.

INSTALLATION INTO LITURGICAL MINISTRY

The following people have completed courses at the Institute for Mission and are now ready to become involved in ministry in our parish family.

Socorro Amos	Eden Luna
Maryanne Bautista	Hilda Farrigia
Maria Carpio	Erna Ferrer

The installation will take place at the 8:45am Mass on Sunday, October 13. Please let us know if you are unable to attend.

INSTALLATION OF NEW ALTAR SERVERS

*This will take place at the 08:45am
Mass on Sunday, October 27.*



We do encourage our present altar servers to come along and welcome these new servers as they commit to enriching our parish liturgies.

There will be a morning tea afterward to celebrate; please let the parish office know your coming to assist with catering.

Statement from Bishop Vincent

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
Despite the objections and concerns from many citizens, including Church leaders, the Abortion Law Reform Act 2019 has passed the NSW Legislature.
We, as Catholics, continue to believe that all humans are made in the image of God and that each and every person matters.
The Catholic Church maintains the vigorous defence of the dignity of the human person. As followers of Jesus Christ, this will always include the protection of life from conception to natural death.
We, as the face of Christ, must make as our priority a renewed commitment to help vulnerable women in these complex situations.
In our diocese, our CatholicCare offers comprehensive and welcoming pregnancy support for women and families that are expecting a child.
May Christ give us the courage to remain committed to care for the vulnerable and protect the precious gift of human life.
Yours in Christ, Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv

Bishop of Parramatta

27 September 2019

Sunday	6
<i>Daylight Saving Time starts</i>	
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 1 09:30 Sunday School 10:30 Youth Mass 11:45 Baptism	
Monday	7
Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Labour Day Public Holiday</i> 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary	
Tuesday	8
09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:15 Faith Formation Program <i>Appreciating the Mass - Part 2</i>	
Wednesday	9
Saints Denis, Bishop, and his Companions, Martyrs Saint John Leonardi, Priest 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation	
Thursday	10
08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 10:00 Seniors meeting FBC	
Friday	11
Saint John XXIII, Pope 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 20:00 Choir Practice HJM	
Saturday	12
<i>Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 09:00 Mass 09:30 Parish Reconciliation 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Rosary 10:00 Church Cleaning CFC 16:15 Legion of Mary 16:30 Penance 19:00 Prayer Meeting HJM	

FAITH FORMATION FOR CATHOLICS AND SEARCHERS

I would invite parishioners who are Catholic to join us for a series of presentations on various aspects of our faith journey. I would also invite those who are not yet Catholic but may be considering it, to come along to these programs. If you do know somebody who might be interested please invite them. I would also ask that those interested might let the parish office know of their interest in being involved. Currently, the first series is taking place and that is on understanding and appreciating the Mass. The 2nd session in regard to this will be on Tuesday evening of this week (October 8)

Commencing on Monday, October 14, at 7:15 PM we will begin a series of 6 meetings on the topic of Prayer. This is an important topic for all of us as our prayer life is essential to having a personal and developing relationship with our God. It is also a basic way of growing in our Christian faith.

Reflection for the Week

Faith is trust in the one who has explained Himself in a Person in the Bible. It is the handle by which I take God's promises and apply them to my particular problems. It is remembering I am indispensable to God when I feel I only clutter up the landscape. It is allowing God to straighten the record when false things have been said about me. It is about doing the right thing regardless of the consequences knowing God will turn the ultimate effect to good. It is remembering I am God's priceless treasure and I feel utterly worthless. It is expecting God to accomplish miracles through insignificant me with my 5 loaves and 2 fishes. It is confidence in God's faithfulness to me in an uncertain world, on an uncharted course, through an unknown future.

(Pamela Reeve)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:



Next Saturday, October 12 there will be the opportunity to receive the sacrament of penance at 9:30am after the morning Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity wherein we are helped to prepare through the prayers and reflections that come before reception of the sacrament. We always need to remember that this sacrament is an encounter with Jesus and brings not only forgiveness but also offers opportunities for healing, strengthening, growth in our Christian life, and a new beginning.

POSITION VACANT:

There is a temporary teaching position available at St Andrew the Apostle Primary School for 2020. If anybody is interested in this the details can be found on the Catholic Education Office Website.

WORKING BEE FOR FR. BYRNE CENTRE:

I am happy to report that the new air-conditioners are also in the Fr. Byrne Centre at this stage. However, that whole building is in need of a good clean up. I would ask that those who regularly use the Fr. Byrne Centre to organise a working bee as soon as possible. Please let the parish office know when this is going to take place.

CATHOLICCARE BLACKTOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD AID VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to support our senior clients in the Blacktown area to remain living independently in their own home. If you feel you would like to make a positive difference to other's lives in this way, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or email deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

THERE OUR LADY OF LOURDES BAULKHAM HILLS 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 (02) 9639 8385 or lol@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au or speak to coordinator Bernie on bryall@joeys.org or 0419 925 404.

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