



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.



## 32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year C: Vol.44 No.49 09th / 10th November, 2019

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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:

#### **ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY**

Principal: Yvette Baird

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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

## FAITH FORMATION

This program also involves those interested in learning about the Catholic faith with the possibility of becoming a Catholic. We commenced last week with the topic "Knowing God Better." This coming week on Monday evening at 7:15 PM, the topic will be "Knowing God's Love."

The aim of this initial series of subjects is to help us understand our faith more fully and help us become more enthusiastic about God's action in our lives. The video presentation includes music, testimonies, and opportunities for prayerful reflection.

## **INVITATION TO ALL PARISHONERS: FEAST of CHRIST THE KING**

In celebration of the Feast of Christ the King, all parishioners are invited to join the Praise and Worship to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2019 after the 6:00pm Mass at 7.15pm in St Andrew the Apostle Parish Church.

Join, listen and be mesmerised to the prayers and songs from various parish groups.

Light refreshment will be served during fellowship in the Piazza afterward.

### 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 ...**

- ♦ PRAYING FOR THE DEAD
- ♦ REMEMBRANCE DAY
- ♦ CONGRADULATIONS BAPTISMS / ANNIVERSARIES
- ♦ NOVEMBER SAYWAT CANCELLED
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

## From Monsignor Ron ...

In our gospel reading for this weekend we have Jesus dealing with the scepticism of the Sadducees about eternal life and we have him reassuring all of us that heaven is certain, but also that life is something we do not yet understand. It was this same belief in eternal life that empowered the Maccabees to face martyrdom for remaining true to the faith they had. St Paul adds to that by reminding us that Jesus will always offer us comfort and hope to see us through whatever trials we are experiencing in our lives.

One of the realities of life is that even though we know there is a future life prepared for each one of us, we also accept that this does not make the sufferings and griefs of this world any easier to bear. We feel loss and pain just as Jesus did when he wept at the tomb of Lazarus. But, these negative experiences become more understandable when placed in the larger context of God's universal purposes. One thing we are certain of is that death is not the end of our existence. Certainly, we experience sadness at losing people now, but that is our sense of loss and our pain. It is not their situation for we also believe that these people whom we have lost are not lost to God or to us forever. This is a time to pray for God's comfort and strength when we need it and also an opportunity for us to offer patient support to those whose faith is rocked by sadness and loss.

We all experience the loss of loved ones as we make our journey through life. Each of us carries in our hearts the memory of people we love who have now gone before us. Perhaps the loss of them is still very painful to recall; maybe we can think of them with a loving smile. Sometimes we are left with questions about their life or even doubts about their place with the Lord.

Whatever our feelings and emotions, we trust and hope in the God of love, a God who desires that everyone be saved. Christ did not die for humanity because we are worthy of such a sacrifice. Christ died for us while we were sinners so that unworthy that we are, we might be able to make a final journey home to him. The promise of new life which flows from the empty tomb underpins how we live and how we die.

This time of the year is also an opportunity to review our own lives and to examine what we are doing. In the letter to the Hebrews, we are told that it is given to each person to live and die but once. The question we need to ask ourselves today is: are we using the gift of life to come to know the Lord, to be a positive part of other's lives and to acquire the spiritual goods that last forever? In other words, are we becoming more like Christ? November is a good month to reflect about our end not as a gloomy preoccupation with death but because it energizes our appreciation of life.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Remembrance Day we remember the war dead of two world wars and many other conflicts, including those who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. If we are to do justice to these 'dangerous memories', as Christians we cannot gloss over this with tales of heroism and noble sacrifice, though there is much of that. The fact is that war and violence can never be willed by God; war has no place in the Kingdom of God and is not the way to the Kingdom of God. Even Just War theory gives the criteria to discern when war is the least bad option, rather than a good in itself.

Roger Dawson SJ

Please contact the  
Parish Office, **if you are**  
**unavailable** for your  
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#### MASS READINGS - YEAR C

##### THIS SUNDAY:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Macc 7:1-2. 9-14

Psalm: Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15

Second Reading: 2 Thess 2:16 - 3:5

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

##### NEXT SUNDAY:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

Psalm: Ps 97:5-9

Second Reading: 2 Thess 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

#### THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 09<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019

#### [2nd Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Romy Gapud Emmanuel Tabone	Gus Kaster Joe Doyle	Deacon Thong Nguyen Mario Picart	Robert Bautista Deacon Petelo Savea
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Claire Blunt	Lita Picart	Socorro Amos
FIRST READER	Mirza Alata	Maricor Espinosa	Elvie Clark	Maury Villaneauva
SECOND READER	Myra Estrera	Anthony Culbert	Zoe Victoria	Maryanne Bautista
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Francisca Martinez	Volunteer Required	Vesna Kenny	Justine Webb
WELCOMER	Annette Hudson	Claire Blunt Agnes iligan	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required
MUSICIANS	Hearts	NO Music Mass	Couples For Christ	Dingalings
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Second Sunday of the Month				

#### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Stephen Debrincat Bernardo Rivera	Charles Hyson John Blackford	Morie Balisbisan Deacon Thong Nguyen	Noe Adan Ferdie Chin
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Pauline Sultana	Roseanne Victoria	Carmelita Liceralde
FIRST READER	Marian Fernandez	Fely Perez	Joan Leong	Therrie Chin
SECOND READER	Edward Yin	Laurinda Atienza	Vineta Kakodkar	Maury Villaneauva
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required	Jaden Victoria	Jerome Chin
WELCOMER	Henryka Ogrodniczek Melita DelosReyes	Annette Hudson	Denise Farla Dot Kaster	Jerome Chin 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				

## Praying for the Dead

We pray for the dead because we believe in the communion of saints, an essential Christian doctrine that asks us to believe that a vital flow of life continues to exist between ourselves and our loved ones, even beyond death. Love, presence, and communication reach through death.

We pray for the dead to remain in communication with them. Praying for the dead, our faith assures us, not only consoles us, but also offers real strength and encouragement to the loved one who has died. How? In the same way as loving presence to each other offers strength and consolation here in his life. Picture, for example, a young child learning to swim. The child's mother cannot learn for the child, but if she is present and offering encouragement from the edge of the pool, the child's struggle and learning become easier. Things are more easily borne, if they can be shared. This is true even for a person's adjustment to the life of heaven.

From my own experience of having loved ones die, as well as from what others have shared with me, I have found that usually, after a time, we sense that our deceased loved ones no longer need us to pray for them. Now they just want us to connect with them. Prayer for the dead does that and even though our prayers might still to be formulated as if we are praying for them we are now simply connecting with them and what was formerly a cold, cutting absence now becomes a warm, comforting presence.

Fr Ron Rolheiser

## PRAYERFUL REFLECTION FOR A DECEASED PERSON

There is a Prayer entitled "You Are with Me."

Lord, I know whatever comfort I experience, whatever hope I discover, whatever peace I possess, is a gift from you. On my own I could never accept this loss or find the strength to go on. But I recognise that within me something stirs, that strength is emerging, and I know it is not my own making, but it is yours. I know that you are with me, and that with you, all things are possible.

Lord, we give our loved ones back to you, and just as you first gave them to us and did not lose them in the giving, so we have not lost them in returning them to you.

For life is eternal, love is immortal, death is only a horizon, and a horizon is nothing but the limit of our earthly sight.

We hold them close within our hearts, and there they shall remain, to walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again. Amen.

## November Mass Offering Envelopes

November is the month when we make a special effort to pray for the faithful departed. These of course will include deceased family members, relatives and friends. *The envelopes can be collected from the doors of the church and the recommended offering is \$20.*



(St. Andrews Youth Word And Teaching)

November 2019 SAYWAT

**CANCELLED**

Regret November SAYWAT has been cancelled due to unavailability of leaders to provide supervision and guidance.

A review of activities is underway.

## Sunday

10

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Counters: Group 6

**09:30** Sunday School

## Monday

11

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

Armistice Day

**09:00** Mass

**09:30** Rosary

**19:00** SVdP Meeting

**19:15** Faith Formation / RCIA

## Tuesday

12

Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

**09:00** Mass SAP yr5

**09:30** Rosary

**19:00** Legion of Mary

**20:00** Music Committee Meeting

## Wednesday

13

**09:00** Mass

**09:30** Rosary

**19:00** Novena & Mass

**19:30** Baptism Preparation

## Thursday

14

**08:00** Mass

**08:30** Rosary

**10:00** Seniors meeting FBC

**20:00** Music Practice

## Friday

15

Saint Albert the Great,

Bishop, Doctor

**09:00** Mass

**09:30** Rosary

**10:00** Catechist Meeting

**16:00** Junior Legion of Mary

**20:00** HJM Core Meeting

## Saturday

16

Saint Margaret of Scotland

Saint Gertrude, Virgin

Saturday memorial of

the Blessed Virgin Mary

**09:00** Mass

**09:30** Rosary

**09:40** Jnr Legion of Mary

**10:00** Church Cleaning LoM

**16:15** Legion of Mary

**16:30** Reconciliation



## INFORMATION ON THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP IN THE PARISH

***This month's Social Justice Core Group meeting will be held on 21 November, 7.30pm, at the Fr Byrne's Centre.***

At the last meeting, the Catholic Church's social teachings that underpin the formation of a social justice ministry in our parish was discussed. We also looked at the 'See-Judge-Act wheel' a framework used to evaluate issues and decide on actions to be taken in response to issues. At the upcoming November meeting, we will identify local issues in our parish and community and apply this framework to reflect on & analyse our experience (See), prayerfully discern (Judge), identify appropriate action (Act).

Everyone's invited to attend and be part of this undertaking. Parishioners involved in various ministries are also encouraged to attend so they can discuss & reflect on their social justice services.

Hope to see you on the 21st of November, 7.30 pm, at the Fr Byrne's Centre.

### BAPTISMS IN AUG-SEP-OCT 2019

We congratulate the following families who presented their children for Baptism during the months of August and September.

Kailani Elise BORDEN	Bella Marie BRUNKER
Maverick MEDIANA	Caden Alexander VILLA
William Ronald Alfonso CUENCA	Brynlee Rose O'NEILL
Zawadi CALLAGHAN-ODINDO	Carter Cole BINGHAM
Jephano Andrew ODINDO	Phoebe Kate BOTTOMLEY
Madison Lily GALLEGRO	Lachlan Antonio O'DEA
Ava Mary TROFA	Frances Juneaux Samodio LIM
Eli DE CASTRO	Ashleigh Emona-Rose SULTANA
Leo DE CASTRO	Alegria Malla JOVELLANA
Jayden Cooper RYLEWSKI	Maria Athena ESCALICAS
Ellana Francoise PANOL	Alyanna Zyra SOTTO
Rodan Pierre LINGAD	Max Joseph NORFORD
Jiselle Queensley DE LA CRUZ	IMOGEN Jade TURNER
Ariana Elizabeth Eve NALAPO	Zack Dean TURNER
Olivia Louise Victoria XUEREB	Eden Maree TURNER
Kirissa BRUNKER	Harper Luisa Octavia SMITH

### Anniversary of Marriage Blessings

On behalf of the parish community we would like to congratulate those who have celebrated their Wedding anniversaries during the months of August, September & October 2019.

Dot & Gus Kaster	66 yrs
Yvonne & Felix Rudolph	55 yrs
Cora & Joe Oconer	46 yrs
Olga & John Fernandes	45 yrs
Rita & Joe Vella	44 yrs
Maria & Esren Espiripu	43 yrs
Connie & Sam Cassar	42 yrs
Margaret & Phillip Berry	35 yrs
Annette & Bernie Hudson	25 yrs
Regina & Joseph Calleja	22 yrs



Those parishioners who are celebrating marriage anniversaries during the month of November are invited to attend the 8:45am Mass next Sunday, November 17th for a blessing of their marriage. If you would like to be involved, please contact the parish office with your details.

### OFFICE FOR WORSHIP MUSIC WORKSHOP: 13 November

The Office for Worship is conducting a Music Workshop for musicians and liturgy planners on Wednesday 13 November at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown from 7pm to 9pm. Supper will be provided. Choosing appropriate hymns for Mass and what to sing at Mass and why will be discussed. To register by 8 November, call Anne on 8838 3456 or [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org)

### ACU CENTRE FOR LITURGY PASTORAL FORMATION DAY: 16 November

What do Catholics believe about Sacraments of Healing? How do priests, deacons and lay ministers care for the sick? These questions and more will be investigated during a pastoral formation day run by the ACU Centre for Liturgy at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown on 16 November from 9am to 4.45pm (registration from 8.30am). Cost is \$60 and registration is essential via [http://www.acu.edu.au/pastoral\\_formation\\_days](http://www.acu.edu.au/pastoral_formation_days). For more information, call 02 9701 4751.

### ACBC NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR DROUGHT

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national, so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: [www.catholic.org.au/drought](http://www.catholic.org.au/drought)



### CATECHISTS MEETING

Our term four catechists meeting for 2019 will take place at **10:00am** on **Friday** morning **November 15<sup>th</sup>**. We encourage all our catechists to make the effort to attend.

As well, we would like to encourage and invite other parishioners to participate in this ministry which is so vital to the faith education of so many of our young people in our local schools. This is a good place to obtain more information and also to discover the support and help offered to you if you decide to participate as a catechist or catechist helper in our parish.