



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.



## 33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year C: Vol.44 No.20 16th / 17th November, 2019

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### PRESBYTERY:

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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

Phone: 8869 6700

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Marayong 2148

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

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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

## NOTICE

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

7:15pm on Tuesday, November 19



At this meeting we will continue with our discernment for the National Plenary Council that will take place in 2020. While the first half hour of the meeting will be dealing with the normal business of the pastoral council meeting, this will be followed by the process of discernment facilitated by three of our parishioners. We do encourage parishioners to come along for this process of discernment as it is important that we do hear the views of as wide a range of people as possible. It is also important to remember that this is our opportunity to make a great contribution to the broader church.

### INVITATION TO ALL PARISHONERS: 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. This annual event is a wonderful way to express our gratitude to God through praise and worship. As well, due to its proximity to the feast of St Andrew, our Patron Saint, it is a wonderful occasion to celebrate the gifts we have in this parish family.

### 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
- ♦ CONGRADULATIONS BAPTISMS / ANNIVERSARIES
- ♦ NOVEMBER SAYWAT CANCELLED
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

## From Monsignor Ron ...

I remember a few years ago listening to a talk on what is called the new evangelisation which had people reflecting on what was the most effective way for Christians to spread their faith amongst others. Of course, everybody came up with the idea of using all the techniques of modern advertising to persuade people that what we believe is worth sharing. It was pointed out that we live in a world that is sick and tired of hearing more and more words which seem to actually go nowhere. The lecturer stated that the most effective means of evangelisation is martyrdom. I am not convinced that many people were taken with this answer which seems to include dying for our faith. However, the point was being made was an important one – one of the central teachings of Christianity is the need to back up our words with our actions which is what Jesus meant when he told us to take up our cross and follow him.

We also have Jesus telling his disciples and us that we all have to suffer for our faith. It is on occasions such as this that we need to be a witness to our faith and as Jesus tells us, "Your endurance will win you your lives."

I must admit it is very unlikely that we will be called to actually die for our faith, but we are certainly called to live our faith in all the events of daily life. And that is going to be difficult. It will mean that we have to get rid of all forms of selfishness and self-centredness and rather become God centred people. By this I mean that we need to seek God's will in all situations and also to strive to discover how Jesus would act in every situation and towards every person. This is only going to happen through our

commitment to our faith. We do need to realise and express in practice that God is the centre of the universe and not us.

Now is the time to try to live practical Christian lives each and every day; this means we need to make efforts to correct the faults we have, efforts to prevent further faults from occurring, and it also means that we have to develop the talents and abilities God has given to us. None of these will happen automatically so it requires planning and practical action.

Jesus came to show us a vision of a life that never ends. We began to live this life at Baptism and Jesus offers to increase this life every moment for us. However, if this is going to happen, he asks us to stay focused on our eternal destiny and to accept that a true meaning in life will not be found only in this world. The reality is we have been created so that we may know him and live with him now and always.

Since we are very good at making excuses for ourselves in regard to our spiritual lives, each year at this time we are reminded of the importance of looking at how we are living as Christians and at practical ways that we can improve.

### 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.*

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



#### MASS READINGS -YEAR C

##### THIS 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

##### NEXT SUNDAY:

**CHRIST THE KING**

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm: Ps 121:1-5

Second Reading: Col 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

#### THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 16th / 17th November 2019

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

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Stephen Debrincat Joe Doyle	Charles Hyson John Blackford	Morie Balisbisan Deacon Thong Nguyen	Noe Adan Ferdi 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 Villaneuava
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				

#### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 23rd / 24th November 2019

#### [4th Sunday of the Month - Odd month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Joe Doyle Ike Enriquez	Candido Velasco John Fernandes	Olan Cruise Mario Picart	Noe Adan Robert Bautista
COMMENTATOR	Stephen Debrincat	Claire Blunt	Derica Elogious	Joan Leong
FIRST READER	Felecia Silva	Mary Anne Xuereb	Maricor Espinosa	Socorro Amos
SECOND READER	Lisa D'Souza	Nila Mangona	Luz Tiqui	Vicky 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
MUSICIANS	Hearts	NO Music Mass	The Deep Shore Choir	Couples For Christ
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Fourth Sunday of the Month				

## FAITH FORMATION

These meetings provide a wonderful opportunity to deepen our understanding of our faith and to appreciate more fully what it means to live the Christian life of the 21st century. This is also a tremendous occasion for those who do not share our faith to come to an understanding of what Catholics believe and how we strive to **live our lives in accordance with God's will. Please consider coming along and if you** know somebody who might benefit from this experience, please invite them and if necessary come with them.

The meetings take place at 7:15pm in the Fr. Byrne Centre. This week the theme **will be "Knowing God's Forgiveness." We will be reflecting on the gift of forgiveness** and healing that our loving God offers to us and look at how we can experience this in a more beneficial way.

### PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Father, God of all consolation, in Your unending love and mercy for us You turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, we ask You to deliver the souls in Purgatory, especially those for whom we now pray... (Mention them here.)

Welcome them into Your presence and bless them with eternal light and peace.

Raise them up to live forever with all Your saints in the glory of the Resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



**MASS FOR THE SICK** On November 23, next Saturday at 9:00am we celebrate our Mass with the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. What I would like to stress is that first of all this is an encounter, a meeting with Jesus, for this, after all, is the very definition of a sacrament. The second point that I would like to make is that God always heals, but he does not always do this in the way that we expect. If you know somebody who is experiencing serious illness, preparing for an operation, or suffering the infirmity of old age, we encourage you to invite them and if necessary to bring them along to this Mass.

This is also a wonderful opportunity to pray for people we know who are experiencing illness. There will be a morning tea after the Mass, so please bring along a plate for this.

### Parish and Diocesan Finances

There are a number of points that we would like to bring to your attention.

1. As you are aware, the first collection taken up each Sunday goes to the Diocese. It is from this that the stipends for our priests are paid as well as the normal housekeeping expenses incurred by parishes. Across the Diocese this has been slowly decreasing and we would ask that parishioners consider their contribution to this collection.
2. The second collection taken up each weekend is for the ongoing support in running expenses of the parish. You constantly see the benefits of this in the developments around the parish and in the maintenance that is carried out. Then of course there are the running costs of this whole complex which is something we are all used to in our household expenses. These are increasing. We continue to appreciate the generosity of parishioners who subscribe to the envelopes, use direct debit, or contribute with cash as these things are essential to the upkeep, maintenance and development of our parish community.
3. There is still one area that seems to be becoming more prevalent. One of the things that has become obvious in recent years is that many people have gotten out of the habit of carrying cash with them. With this in mind it has been suggested that we put in a "tap and go" for credit cards near the front door of the Church. We have decided on a limit of \$5 so if people prefer to offer more than that, it would require tapping the unit twice or whatever number of times. We do hope that people will use this opportunity to support the parish. Proposed to begin in December.

Sunday	
	17
<b>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
Counters: Group 7	
<b>08:45</b> Marriage Blessing	
<b>09:30</b> Sunday School	
<b>11:45</b> Baptism	
Monday	
	18
Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles	
<b>09:00</b> Mass	
<b>09:30</b> Rosary	
<b>19:15</b> Faith Formation / RCIA	
Tuesday	
	19
<b>09:00</b> Mass SAP yr6	
<b>09:30</b> Rosary	
<b>19:00</b> Legion of Mary	
<b>19:15</b> Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	
Wednesday	
	20
<b>09:00</b> Mass SAP yr1&2	
<b>09:30</b> Rosary	
<b>19:00</b> Novena & Mass	
Thursday	
	21
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
<b>08:00</b> Mass	
<b>08:30</b> Rosary	
<b>19:30</b> Social Justice group meeting	
Friday	
	22
Saint Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr	
<b>09:00</b> Mass	
<b>09:30</b> Rosary	
<b>16:00</b> Junior Legion of Mary	
<b>20:00</b> Choir Practice HJM	
Saturday	
	23
Saint Clement I, Pope, Martyr, Saint Columbanus, Abbot & Missionary	
<b>09:00</b> Mass for the Sick	
<b>09:30</b> Rosary	
<b>09:40</b> Jnr Legion of Mary	
<b>16:00</b> Music Practice Carols	
<b>16:15</b> Legion of Mary	
<b>16:30</b> Reconciliation	
<b>19:15</b> Parish Praise & Worship	



## Jesse Tree

Each year we support the wonderful work of the St Vincent DePaul Society in the Christmas season by our gifts put on the Jesse tree. This provides a wonderful opportunity to provide not only food hampers but also gifts for families to are experiencing difficult times. The Jesse tree will be present in our church next weekend and you are encouraged to please take a card to buy an age appropriate gift. We would encourage you to return them as soon as possible after that date and certainly in the two weeks following. The sorting out of the gifts and food for the Christmas Hampers will take place on 7th December and will be distributed on the 14th December. Thank you for your continued support.

### 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.***

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\* Rehearsals for the Sunday School Christmas Play continue in the Church on Sundays 9:30 ~ 10:30am \*  
\* There will also be two Saturday practices on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December between 10:30am & 12:30pm. \*  
\* For more information, call Antonia on 9831 2109 \*  
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### CATHOLIC OUTLOOK IS BACK!

At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook will be back from Sunday 1 December 2019. The revised Catholic Outlook will be published quarterly as an A4 magazine with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta. Look out for copies in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from Sunday 1 December.

### 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)

### HANDEL'S MESSIAH AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL: 17 December

To end their inaugural year, River City Voices is proud to present an intimate performance of Handel's Messiah for Western Sydney audiences. The performance will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on 17 December at 7.30pm. For information and to purchase tickets, visit <https://www.classikon.com/concert/river-city-voices-parramatta-2019-december-17/>

### MEMORIAL MASS FOR THOSE BEREAVED BY SUICIDE: 19 November

CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains together with the Diocese of Parramatta invite those bereaved by suicide to a Mass to honour loved ones who have taken their lives. Mass will be celebrated at St Oliver Plunkett Church, 35 Wigram Street, Harris Park. 6:45pm for 7pm start. RSVP 14 November Ph: 02 8843 2575 or [rita.chater@ccss.org.au](mailto:rita.chater@ccss.org.au)



### Diocese of Parramatta on Social Media

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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**