



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.



Our Lord Jesus
Christ, King of
the Universe

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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: 9.15am

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

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Phone: 9626 4000

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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



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APPEAL FOR CHRISTMAS

Catholic Foundation Appeal for Christmas: As you are aware the Diocesan Works Fund appeal has now been replaced by the Catholic Foundation Appeal. The aim of this appeal at this time of the year is to provide us with the opportunity to help vulnerable people in crisis to recover and thrive.

"As we enter the season of Advent and Christmas, and rejoice in the opportunity to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ once more, we have a chance to open our hearts to those who are on the edges of society."

"Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare to connect people with support and service to build strong foundations for self-sufficiency, fulfilling family relationships and brighter futures."
Bishop Vincent Long.

There are envelopes in the seats spread throughout the church. You are encouraged to take home an envelope this weekend and to bring it back with your offering next weekend. Please remember you need to mark the spot for a tax deduction to your contribution.

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 ...

♦ **FEAST OF ST ANDREW**

♦ **FAITH FORMATION**

♦ **THE SEASON OF ADVENT**

♦ **JESSE TREE** ♦ **TAP AND GO GIVING**

♦ **UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS**

From Monsignor Ron ...

On this feast day of Christ the King we acknowledge Jesus Christ as a universal Lord and King. In doing this we are committing ourselves as followers of Jesus Christ to help build up the kingdom of God. Today's feast was introduced by Pope Pius XI in 1925. It was a time of great stress in the world. The Pope reminded the world that there is ultimately only one real ruler: God. God made his rule most clear in the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As Pope Pius XI said, when we all recognise "both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last received the great blessings of real liberty, well ordered discipline, peace and harmony."

Normally when we think about kings and queens, we picture castles and crowns, jewels, pomp and ceremony. This is somewhat different than the image presented this weekend for our reflection and consideration. We have the story of how Jesus Christ died on the cross. So, whatever kind King he is, he is nothing like our human expectations of one. His throne was a cross; his crown was made of thorns, his courtiers were his executioners, and the people closest to him were common criminals. But even in this there is an important message. He is one who cares for us right to the end and he cares enough to suffer and die. He cares enough to be misunderstood and rejected. He cares enough to seem a failure. He is a King who cares and is prepared to make any sacrifice for the sake of those he loves.

As his followers we are asked to be like him. What this means in practice is looking out for others, taking

care of the weak and the poor, those without hope for the future, and those without any real sense of their own value and worth as people created by God.

There is a wonderful prayer which says: "Christ has no hands but our hands to do his work today, no feet but our feet to lead the people in his ways, no tongue but our tongue to tell them how he died, and no help but our help to bring people to his side."

It seems to me that our mission as members of God's family, which we are, is to offer people the love of God. We are invited to show people in practical ways how loving and merciful our God is. When we are prepared to do this we are living up to the consequences of our baptism part of which was to be Christ's body, his presence in the world.

TAP AND GO GIVING:

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. It is proposed to begin this in December.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT:

Next weekend we begin the journey to Christmas in the season of Advent. I encourage you to use these weeks as an opportunity to renew your commitment to Jesus and prepare to welcome him more fully into your lives at Christmas.



Next weekend our readings are taken from year A of the lectionary.

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



MASS READINGS -YEAR C

THIS 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

MASS READINGS -YEAR A

NEXT SUNDAY:

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm: Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9
Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

THIS 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				

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 30th Nov / 1st Dec 2019

[1st Sunday of the Month-Even Month]

MINISTRIES	6.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
ACOLYTE	Ruben Bables Joe Doyle	Ged Oblea Rufino Oblea	Joy Kadodkar Mario Spiteri	Ike Enriquez Edward Yuliardhyanto
COMMENTATOR	Stephen Debrincat	Mary Anne Xuereb	Maria Hyson	Peter Maw
FIRST READER	Roshan Thomas	Anthony Culbert	Joyce Vincent	Linda Ranee
SECOND READER	Maria Valentine	Julie Nunez	Zoe Victoria	Donnie Velasco
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Delia Fernandes		JohnPaul & A Bhandoo	
WELCOMER	Henryka Ogronniczek	Annette Hudson Rita Vaughn	Dot Kaster, Des Zammit	YouthWorks!
MUSICIANS	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	CD Music Mass
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - First Sunday of the Month				

Feast of St Andrew our Patron Saint

The feast of St Andrew is celebrated on Saturday, November 30. Our Primary School will celebrate this feast day at 9:15 AM on the Friday.

“**LOVING GOD, YOU SPEAK TO US IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. OPEN OUR HEARTS TO BE MORE AWARE OF YOUR VOICE WHEN YOU CALL US. GRANT US THE COURAGE TO FOLLOW YOU, EVEN WHEN THE CHANGE IN OUR LIFE WILL DEMAND MUCH OF US. AMEN.**” (WEEKDAY LIVING WORD)

On this feast of St Andrew we remember that St Andrew has been chosen as our patron St to be our guide and teacher on what it means to be a Christian in this 21st century. From St Andrew we learn the importance of spending time with Jesus in prayerful reflection both individually and as a community. As well, St Andrew teaches us the importance of bringing people to Jesus. The reality is that through our baptism we are all apostles of **Jesus, people sent to work with the Holy Spirit to bring the message of God’s love to all people.** It is part of our Christian vocation to witness by our lives to our Christian faith but also to reach out to others inviting them to become members of our family and community.

On this feast day it is also good to remember the vision statement of our parish community. In that, we state that we strive to be: *an active and welcoming Catholic community where people of all ages draw closer to God.* We also state that: *his love is expressed through each one of us by prayer, liturgy and reaching out in service to one another.* During this and in coming weeks pray that we may grow as a family united to Jesus and to each other.

THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH

are inviting parishioners to join them for a Holy Family Association gathering next **Saturday, November 30 at the Queen of Poland Convent, Quakers Road, Marayong.**

10.00 am: Morning Tea — 10.30 am: Topic: Exploring the Sacraments – Anointing of the Sick

Speaker: Dr. Mariusz Biliniewicz – Associate Dean, Senior Lecturer in Theology (University of Notre Dame)

Time for personal reflection and prayer.

12.00 noon: Mass celebrated by Fr Joe Manjaly, followed by Lunch — All welcome.

For more information please call Sr Alicja salicjad@msn.com Tel. 9626 7847 Mob. 0410 638 804.

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 this 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. *Next weekend would be best please* as 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.

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 a 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 Help.” We will be reflecting on the spiritual helps that are available to us.** In this session we will reflect on the words of Jesus and also reflect on the ways that God is involved in our lives.

Sunday	
24	Christ the King Jesse Tree Counters: Group 9 09:30 Sunday School
Monday	
25	Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 SvDP Meeting 19:15 Faith Formation / RCIA
Tuesday	
26	09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary
Wednesday	
27	09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass
Thursday	
28	08:00 Mass 08:30 Rosary 14:00 Church Cleaning Group 4 19:30 Music Practice CFC
Friday	
29	School Masses for Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle 09:15 Mass (SAPrimary) 10:00 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary
Saturday	
30	Saint Andrew, Apostle 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 16:00 Music Practice Worship Hymn 16:15 Legion of Mary 16:30 Reconciliation 18:00 Catholic Foundation Appeal

 ★ 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 7th & 14th 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

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/>

CATHOLICARE 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.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020. There are many opportunities to engage in the "Listening and Discernment" phase by participating in small group sessions within the Diocese. Ask your priests or Deanery Representatives for session dates in parishes and deaneries or contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441.

THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE

The Epiphany Pilgrimage, through the Blue Mountains, is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on 2 January and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk 110km through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland, celebrating the Christmas season with each parish along the way. Registration and details at epiphanypilgrimage.org and facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage

NIGERIAN MASS IN IGBO

The Nigerian Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every second and fourth Sundays of the month at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. For more information, please contact Nigerian chaplain Fr Chinonye Akamadu via the parish office on 02 9631 8135 or Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.



Diocese of Parramatta on Social Media

Connect with the Diocese and find out the latest news and events on Social Media:



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

Twitter @parracatholic

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