



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.



2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.45 No.07

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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: 9.00am

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

Address: 36 Breakfast Road
Marayong 2148

ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE

College Principal:

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

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday evening January 21 at 7:15 PM.



At this meeting we will have a reflection the past year to see what has been good and what can be improved. We will also look at plans for 2020 in the life of our parish family.

We do need the names of representatives from the various ministries and groups in the parish to be submitted to the parish office as soon as possible. It would be helpful if this included their phone numbers and their email addresses both of which will facilitate communication. We would also appreciate a number of parishioners who would like to offer their services to join us.



Sunday, January 26: Australia Day

READINGS AT MASS - ISAIAH 32:15-18; ONE CORINTHIANS 12:4-11; MATTHEW 5:2-12

This is a wonderful opportunity to pray for our country especially with all the setbacks we have experienced in recent times with bushfires and the ongoing drought. We also pray for a greater sense of family amongst the people of this country. Also it is a great opportunity to thank God that we have the opportunity to live in what is basically a wonderful country.

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 ...

- ♦ COMING FEAST DAYS
- ♦ HELPERS NEEDED FOR MUSIC MINISTRY
- ♦ FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS
- ♦ MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

From Monsignor Ron ...

I Jesus came to teach us the meaning of life and to teach us how to live. The Holy Spirit lives within us as our guide and our friend. What we need to realise is that we can make the work of Jesus totally ineffective if we fail to cooperate, if we fail to do our part. Now that cooperation, that dedication to a Christian life, is not easy. The fact of the matter is we live in a rat race, where Jesus, religion, Christian living, are too easily put on the pause button. Most of us spend our lives rushing and racing about. We become totally caught up in the business of immediate demands, and immediate desires and immediate needs. As a result, quite often we do not do too much serious thinking and planning. Instead, we are for ever rushing about: rushing to work, rushing to make a living, rushing to have a meal, rushing to do our shopping, rushing to do our housework. We even rush to get as much leisure time and recreation as possible. Too often, we become totally self-centred and jealous about our time. In all this, God and the things of God, and our spiritual life, hardly rate, and we become good at justifying it all: we are tempted to take the attitude that if we manage Mass most Sundays and fit in a few prayers during the week, all is going smoothly. But that is not Christian living; it is part of it certainly: Christian living is living as disciples of Jesus, it is doing what God wants, it is about growing and it is about loving. It is about being a person with correct perspectives, priorities and values -- it is not being controlled by the rat race.

By way of conclusion we can say that what Jesus means to us will be shown by our approach to life, in the priority we give to his friendship each day. It is shown to the extent we are followers of Jesus in every aspect of life. All this is shown to all of us that in our Baptism ceremony: we are to walk always as

children of the light, keeping the flame of faith burning brightly within our hearts." To be a disciple of Jesus demands outstanding service, a real commitment of time and service from each one of us.

Always remember you are specially chosen by God as his gift to the world at this time and in every place, you find yourself today.

BUSHFIRE RESPONSE:

Australia is currently facing an unprecedented bushfire crisis in many parts of the country. The Australian Bishops have announced that special collections will be taken at Masses on Australia Day weekend to support affected communities. They have also urged Catholics to pray constantly for those affected, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the bushfires. To access prayer resources or for more information, visit www.catholic.org.au/bushfires

USING THE TAP AND GO - A NEW WAY TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH FAMILY

From early December the "tap and go" opportunity to contribute to the support of the parish has been available at the main door of the church. Speaking to parishioners and also looking at what is happening in other parishes, this seems to be a practical way to offer parishioners the opportunity to support the parish. The reality is that many people these days do not carry cash with them and if they are not part of the plane giving program, then it is difficult for them to support the parish.

We have set "tap and go" at \$5. If you wish to contribute more it will simply mean tapping the machine more than once after the first time is acknowledged.

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



MASS READINGS - YEAR A

THIS SUNDAY:

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

Psalm: Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

NEXT SUNDAY:

AUSTRALIA DAY

First Reading: Isaiah 32:15-18

Psalm: Ps 84:9-14

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 18th / 19th January 2020

[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 Ferdi Chin
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Pauline Sultana	Roseanne Victoria	Carmelita Liceralde
FIRST READER	Marian Fernandez	Fely Perez	Felix Villamarin	Therrie Chin
SECOND READER	Edward Yin	Laurinda Atienza	Vineta Kakodkar	Maury Villanueva
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required	Jaden Victoria	Jerome Chin
WELCOMER	Henryka Ogronniczek Melita DelosReyes	Annette Hudson	Denise Farla Dot Kaster	Jerome Chin Peter Maw
MUSICIANS	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	CD Music Mass	Living Word Choir
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Third Sunday of the Month				

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 25th / 26th January 2020

[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 Volunteer Required
COMMENTATOR	Stephen Debrincat	Claire Blunt	Derica Elogious	Volunteer Required
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 Ilagan	Volunteer Required	Editha Brady Carl Republica
MUSICIANS	Hearts	NO Music Mass	CD Music Mass	Couples For Christ
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Fourth Sunday of the Month				

COMING FEAST DAYS:

This coming week we have a couple of very special feast days.

FEAST DAY OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES

On Friday we celebrate the Feast day of St Francis de Sales a Bishop, a Doctor of the Church, a spiritual director, author, preacher, co-founder of the Order of the Visitation. He is also the patron of journalists. His most famous writing was the "Introduction to the Devout Life." One of his great teachings is the importance of the present moment, not living in the past or the future because this is the place where we come to know and live God's will.

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

On Saturday we celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul which is regarded as a major feast day. This conversion was a great moment in the life of St Paul and a great moment in the life of the Church. What strikes me most about this feast day is that it shows us we can always begin again with the Lord. We can always begin to walk a new path. Our past is not matter what matters is the present and the future all based on our decisions.

FORTHCOMING PROGRAMS: FAITH FORMATION

1. **The Faith Formation Program (RCIA):** Will continue on the first Monday of February. Of course all parishioners are invited to attend and participate in subjects they would be interested to learn more about. The next proposed topics are:

- Knowing God's Hope
- The Bible: Where on earth is God?
- The Church - the Tradition of the Church
- Who Needs the Catholic Church?
- Baptism - Gateway to Life
- Personal Prayer - Pathway to Joy

2. **Reflection and Study of the Bible:**

This program will commence during the Lenten Season and will be facilitated by Father Flor. Further details will be available shortly.

3. **Lenten Discussion and Reflection Meetings:** These will take place during the season of lent.

Ministers 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.

The course of preparation for this ministry will commence in February so those men and women who would be interested in participating in this important involvement in the liturgy are asked to contact the parish office and arrange an appointment with one of the priests. It is important that we get the applications in as soon as possible as I am sure this course will be inundated by people from across the diocese.

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

The Office for Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be held again next year, commencing early February 2020. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office or Office for Worship on 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org

Sunday
19
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 3 08:45 Marriage Blessing 09:30 Sunday School 11:45 Baptism
Monday
20
Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr Saint Sebastian, Martyr 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary
Tuesday
21
Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:15 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday
22
Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Novena & Mass
Thursday
23
09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 14:00 Church Cleaning Group 4 19:30 Music Practice CFC
Friday
24
Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor 09:00 Mass 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary 20:00 Choir Practice HJM
Saturday
25
The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle 09:00 Mass for the Sick 09:30 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 16:15 Legion of Mary 16:30 Reconciliation 19:00 Prayer Meeting HJM

CURRENT EVENT

Sunday School resumes this weekend
9:30am, Sunday 19th January 2020

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This Program will commence in Term 1 for children in Years 3 and above who have received the Sacrament of Penance.

Registration Forms may be collected from the Parish Office starting **Monday 03rd February 2020**

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office on Sunday 09th February and Sunday 16th February between 9.30 and 11.30am]

Registration Evening:

Tuesday 18th February 2020 at 7.00pm in the Church

Classes: Sundays 01st March & 08th March 2020

[Classes begin with 8.45am Mass and conclude at approximately 11.30am]

Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

Saturday 21st March at 6pm and Sunday 22nd March 2020 at 8.45am or 12:15 pm [choose one]

Please note – Allocation to the 6pm, 8:45 am or 12:15pm Masses will be based on when Registration forms are collected from the parish office.



BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER 2019

We offer our congratulations and prayers to the families who have celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism in our parish family. We welcome these young children who are now members of our parish family.

Leo Antonio APPUHAMY

Jakub Peter HALIBURN

Joaguin Eli Aure MERCADO

Maevis Lively SORIANO

Zana Annalise DAVILA

Liam Jace EDNALINO

Francis Jorge Zion OHI

Viliami Yalgan Poihi OHI

Sapphire Marie SAMONTE

Harriet Hollie CORLISS

Molly Chi CAULFIELD

Joshua Anthony DURIAMVIG

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 November & December 2019.



Delfin & Fe Hernandez 48yrs

Luz & Eddie Tiqui 40yrs

Ellen & Leo Alata 29yrs

Noel & Jackie Tolentino 29yrs

Alymer & Sherol Rebello 19yrs

Joseph & Sunita Bhundoo 19yrs

Pritam & Melvina Vaz 10yrs

Notices
from the
Diocese of
Parramatta

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS: 11 February 2020

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick will be celebrated in the Diocese of Parramatta on Tuesday 11 February 2020 at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, St Patrick's Church, Blacktown at 10.30am. The Mass will include the Sacramental Rite of Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing. Please RSVP to Marisa VanderHout on (02) 8838 3460 or marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org to assist with seating and catering.



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