



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.



The BAPTISM of the LORD

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.45 No.06

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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:

IN THE FR BYRNE CENTRE

Monday: 9.00am

Tuesday: 9.00am

Wednesday: 9.00am

NO evening Mass

Thursday: 9.00am

Friday: 9.00am

(Church) 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

Masses this Week

Due to the fact that the church will be re-carpeted throughout this week, our weekday Masses will be held in the Fr. Byrne Centre. These Masses will be at 9 AM each day and this week there will be no Wednesday evening Novena Mass.

We do apologise for the inconvenience which is caused by the importance of the ongoing maintenance of the buildings and our property and particularly our Parish Church.

Celebrating Weekday Masses

This year the weekday readings at Mass will be taken from year 2 and this Monday, January 13 will be the reading for weekdays in Ordinary Time 1.

Finance Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the finance committee on Saturday morning in January 18 from 10 AM until 11 AM. The aim of this meeting is to review our current expenditure and to have a close look at our finance situation as we move into 2020.

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 ...

- ♦ BUSHFIRE RESPONSE
- ♦ HELPERS NEEDED FOR MUSIC MINISTRY
- ♦ IMPORTANCE OF BAPTISING CHILDREN
- ♦ MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

From Monsignor Ron ...

I have been reading a fascinating book of late: it is entitled: "Life of the Beloved" and is written by Henri Nouwen; it is about spiritual living in a secular world. Today, I would like to begin sharing some of the ideas that he presents for our consideration.

The word "Beloved" is used in the story of the Baptism of Jesus: "you are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you." It is my conviction that these words reveal the most intimate truth about all human beings.

Our problem is we live in a world filled with voices that shout: you are no good, you are ugly, you are worthless, and you are despicable, you are nobody -- you are all these things unless you can demonstrate the opposite. These negative voices are so loud and so persistent that it is easy to believe them. The reason is that when we start believing in the voices that call us worthless and unlovable, then success, popularity, and power, are easily perceived as attractive solutions. Let us face it, how often in the face of difficulties, failures, and rejection, do we take the approach -- "Well, that proves once again that I am a nobody."

Today also I would have you listen to what our God says to each one of us: "I have called you by name, from the very beginning. You are mine and I am yours. You are my beloved, on you my favour rests. I have moulded you in the depths of the earth and knitted you together in your mother's womb. I have carved you in the palms of my hands and hidden you in the shadow of my embrace. I look at you with infinite tenderness and care, with a care more intimate than that of a mother for her child. I have counted every hair on your head and guided you at every step. Wherever you go, I go with you, and wherever you rest, I keep watch. I will give you food that will satisfy all your hunger and drink that will

quench all your thirst. I will not hide my face from you. You know me as your own as I know you as my own. You belong to me. I am your Father, your mother, your brother, your sister, your mother and your spouse... Yes, even your Child... Wherever you are I will be. Nothing will ever separate us. We are one."

Today we recall the Baptism of Jesus. Today we recall our own Baptism. Today, let us accept we too are the beloved of our God -- his favour rests on each of us. Let us live as the beloved of God. Let us show our world what it means to be the beloved of God. Let us show in the way we treat each and every person, that they too are the beloved of God, and let us help them to accept their giftedness and goodness.

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

Helpers Needed for Music Ministry:

We are in a position at present where we are looking for at least 2 more music groups to help facilitate our worship in the liturgy. If you play a musical instrument you are asked to consider becoming involved in the music ministry in the parish. We are also looking for people to make up the music ministry for these groups by joining choirs.

If you are able to help, it would be appreciated if you could contact the parish office.

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



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS SUNDAY:

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7.

Psalm: Ps 28:1-4. 9-10.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38.

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

NEXT 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

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 11th / 12th January 2020

[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	Olan Cruise Mario Picart	Bobby Bautista Noe Adan
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Claire Blunt	Lita Picart	Socorro Amos
FIRST READER	Zoe Victoria	Maricor Espinosa	Elvie Clark	Allen Brady
SECOND READER	Jayden Victoria	Pauline Sultana	Nerissa Toong	Maryanne Bautista
PROJECTOR OPERATORS	Francisca Martinez	Volunteer Required	Vesna Kenny	Justine Webb
WELCOMER	Annette Hudson	Claire Blunt Agnes Iligan	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required
MUSICIANS	Worship Hymn	NO Music Mass	CD Music Mass	CD Music Mass
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Second Sunday of the Month				

NEXT 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	Volunteer Required Ferdi Chin
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Pauline Sultana	Roseanne Victoria	Carmelita Liceralde
FIRST READER	Marian Fernandez	Fely Perez	Volunteer Required	Therrie Chin
SECOND READER	Edward Yin	Laurinda Atienza	Vineta Kakodkar	Maury Villanueva
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	CD Music Mass	Living Word Choir
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Third Sunday of the Month				

IMPORTANCE OF BAPTISING CHILDREN

-From ritual of Baptism of Children

1. Children or infants are those who have not yet reached the age of discernment and therefore cannot have or profess personal faith.
2. From the earliest times, the Church, to which the mission of preaching the gospel and of baptising was entrusted, has baptised children as well as adults. Our Lord said: 'Unless a man is reborn in water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.'¹ The Church has always understood these words to mean that children should not be deprived of baptism, because they are baptised in the faith of the Church. This faith is proclaimed for them by their parents and godparents, who represent both the local Church and the whole society of saints and believers: 'The Church is at once the mother of all and the mother of each.'²
3. To fulfil the true meaning of the sacrament, children must later be formed in the faith in which they have been baptised. The foundation of this formation will be the sacrament itself, which they have already received. Christian formation, which is their due, seeks to lead them gradually to learn God's plan in Christ, so that they may ultimately accept for themselves the faith in which they have been baptised.

TIME AND PLACE FOR THE BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

As for the time of baptism, the first consideration is the welfare of the child, that it may not be deprived of the benefit of the sacrament; then the health of the mother must be considered, so that, as far as possible she too may be present. Then, as long as they do not interfere with the greater good of the child, there are pastoral considerations such as allowing sufficient time to prepare the parents and for planning the actual celebration to bring out its paschal character:

1. If the child is in danger of death, it is to be baptised without delay, as is laid down in no. 21.
2. In other cases, as soon as possible and even before the child is born, the parents should be in touch with the parish priest concerning the baptism, so that proper preparation may be made for the celebration.
3. An infant should be baptised within the first weeks after birth. The conference of bishops may, for sufficiently serious pastoral reasons, determine a longer interval of time between birth and baptism.

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 Office for Worship on 8838 3456 or

anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org

Sunday	
12	The Baptism of the Lord Counters: Group 2
Monday	
13	Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor 09:00 Mass (in FBC) 09:30 Rosary 19:00 SVdP Meeting
Tuesday	
14	09:00 Mass (in FBC) 09:30 Rosary 19:00 Legion of Mary
Wednesday	
15	09:00 Mass (in FBC) 09:30 Rosary no evening Mass
Thursday	
16	09:00 Mass (in FBC) 09:30 Rosary 19:30 Social Justice group meeting 20:00 Music Practice
Friday	
17	Saint Antony, Abbot 09:00 Mass (in FBC) 09:30 Rosary 16:00 Junior Legion of Mary NO Youth Mass & SAYWAT 20:00 HJM Core Meeting
Saturday	
18	Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass (in FBC) 09:30 Rosary 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning LoM 10:00 Finance Committee Meeting 16:15 Legion of Mary 16:30 Reconciliation

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.

MASS FOR THE SICK

We will celebrate this monthly Mass on Saturday, January 25 at 9 AM. This is an important opportunity for all of us to pray as a community for those experiencing illness or the infirmity of old age. These people might be our parishioners, members of our family, relatives or friends. Our prayer is also offered for those who have nobody to pray for them in what can be a very difficult time in their lives.

At this Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for those experiencing serious illness, the infirmity of old age, and those preparing for an operation. If you do know of somebody who would benefit by this sacrament, we do ask that you invite them and even offered to bring them along.



As well, it is our custom to have a morning tea after this Mass. Consequently, we invite people to bring along something that can contribute to the morning tea. I would like to use this opportunity also to express our gratitude to members of the Seniors Group in our parish who coordinate this morning tea every month.

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.
- 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.

Marriage Anniversary Blessings for January



As a parish family we invite those couples who are celebrating their anniversaries of marriage during this month to receive a special blessing to mark this occasion. This will take place on Sunday, January 19 at the 8:45 AM Mass. If you would like to accept this invitation please contact the parish office.

FIESTA SINULOG 2020

Triduum Mass in preparation for the FIESTA OF SEÑOR SANTO NIÑO –15th, 16th, 17th January 2020 – 7.00pm
SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 2020
2:30pm Concelebrated Mass followed by Procession
Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 130 Hyatt Rd, Plumpton.
All devotees please bring your Santo Nino Statues
Main Celebrant His Excellency
Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana DD
Apostolic Nuncio to Australia
Beating of the drums by the Aklan Ati-Atihan group
Entertainment program, dinner sharing & raffle
Please bring food and drink to share
Information: Mila Alforque 0478 707 516

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 03th 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.

