



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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.45 No.24

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

- Anytime by arrangement.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sunday
of each month by arrangement

Please book for Baptisms
with the Parish Office.

PIETY STALL:

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

www.standrewspmarayong.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Yvette Baird

Phone: 8869 6700

Address: 36 Breakfast Road
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ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE

www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au

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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

MASS

Live Streaming

on Facebook search

[@standrewsmarayong](https://www.facebook.com/standrewsmarayong)

Sunday - 9:30am

& Monday

to Saturday

- 9:00am



posted to YouTube

<https://bit.ly/SAAPM>

~ 30min after conclusion

CHANGES IN REGARD TO CELEBRATION OF MASS

Masses on Sunday morning at 9:30 AM and on weekdays at 9:00 AM will continue to be live streamed.

The NSW State Government is now permitting ten parishioners to worship at Mass. As you would be aware and hopefully appreciate, it is almost impossible to work out an ideal arrangement on how to implement this. For example, already people have been phoning the parish office nominating themselves to attend. This obviously is not satisfactory as everybody should have an equal chance to come to celebrate Mass.

Consequently, the following arrangements will come into effect until a larger number of parishioners is able to attend.

WEEKDAY MASSES AT 9:00 AM: Parishioners are asked to nominate themselves by contacting the parish office either by phone or by email and offering their name and phone number as well as the day they would prefer if possible to participate in the Mass by being present. To use an old phrase, we will draw the names out of a hat or something equivalent and contact the successful people the day before the Mass.

Please note: you will only have to nominate once. Also, if you are nominating for your family, we need to know number and names.

If you are successful in regard to this, access to the Church will be through the parish office up until 10 minutes before the start of the Mass.

SUNDAY MASSES: The new arrangements will commence on Sunday, May 24 when there will be two Sunday morning Masses, 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM. Following the same arrangement as for weekday Masses, people are asked to contact us by Friday morning at the latest with a nominated Mass Time. Those who are successful in their request, will be contacted by lunchtime Friday. Again, I would ask that people come to the parish office 10 minutes before commencement time of Mass.

While I do realise how difficult this is for everyone, it seems to me this is the only way to avoid favouritism and to provide an equal opportunity for parishioners to attend Mass. God Bless, Msgr Ron

PARISH OFFICE: The parish office remains open during this time from 9:30 AM until 3 PM Monday to Friday. On Sunday morning, it is open from 10:15 AM until 11:30 AM.

From Monsignor Ron ...

This life of the Christian is not an easy life. For 2000 years we have struggled with it, sometimes cooperating with the Holy Spirit, sometimes blocking the work of the Spirit. But through it all, the same Holy Spirit has stayed with us, still breathing the presence and love of Jesus into our heart, still inviting us to live Christian lives.

We need to look at these things in the light of our gospel passage today. Jesus says to us if we love him, we will obey his commandments, and basic to this is the commandment to love one another. We can regard commandments as a restriction of our freedom or as guidance to our growth and as invitations to love.

I would like to suggest if we look at why we keep the commandments we will find a mixture of reasons: fear of punishment, hope of a reward, and our love for Jesus. Generally, we find two approaches: the first consists of questions like -- how far can I go before I commit a sin? How much can I do wrong, before it is a serious sin? How little can I give and still satisfy my Christian obligation? When we look at them like this they are not impressive ways of living our faith -- I believe very often they are the criteria we use.

What Jesus wants is a response in love, which seeks opportunities to express that love. This is shown in questions like -- what more can I do? Is there any way I can help? The reason behind these questions is that to love is about service.

The Holy Spirit makes Jesus real to us. The Holy Spirit makes us the one body of Christ and builds up the Church. The Spirit links us to one another, to Jesus, and thus to our Father in heaven. The Holy Spirit gives us the faith to love, to pray, and to represent Jesus in our world. I guess we should ask ourselves: how active do we allow the Holy Spirit to be in our lives?

St Peter, in our second reading, builds on this by encouraging us to cooperate in the work of the Holy Spirit. In the life of the Spirit we come to know Jesus by living his life. It is a life where we do not repay hurt for hurt, a life which is marked by gentleness and respect towards others. A life which recognises we have a responsibility to help people in need. To be a Christian after the example of Jesus, we are called to live our lives for others.

Reflection

Just as we try to strengthen the immune system to resist the coronavirus more effectively so, in this time of crisis, we need to fortify our faith so that it finds its full flowering in a quietly confident hope. Now is the time to renew our commitment to God, to deepen our trust, to strengthen our hope, and to give ourselves more generously to prayer. We must move towards the realisation that whatever hardships lie in wait for us over the next few months, God will not desert us. This also is a time of grace. It can be for us and for all, a time of growth. Let us pray that God will empower us all to pass from this dark place of difficulty and doubt to a living hope that exposes us all to the glory and power of the risen Christ.

[from Fr. Michael Casey]



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Help Urgently Needed:

The St Vincent DePaul Society has lost much of its income in recent times due to the coronavirus pandemic and are now experiencing great difficulty in meeting the needs of people. One of the areas of great demand at present is the need for blankets as there are many requests coming into them for these articles. I would like to encourage parishioners, if they are able, to help by providing blankets to be used to help individuals and families in need. If you are able to help, I request that you bring these blankets to the parish office during office hours and we will ensure that they get to the families and individuals that need them as soon as possible.



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS SUNDAY:

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

Psalm: Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

NEXT SUNDAY:

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Psalm: Ps 46:2-3. 6-9

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20



Sick and Housebound Parishioners:

There are still Eucharistic Ministers who are available for taking Communion to the sick. So, if there are parishioners who find themselves in this situation of being sick and housebound, you are asked to contact the parish office. We also invite our Ministers of the Eucharist to offer their services for a quick visit where people are housebound due to age or infirmity. We will provide instructions on the process to be followed.

Baptism at St Andrew's Parish:

We continue to experience restrictions as to the number of people who can participate in a baptism ceremony. All those who have previously booked a baptism, will need to do so again. There will only be one child baptised in the baptism ceremony and this will take place at 11:30 AM on a Sunday morning. Please remember there is a limitation of 10 currently on the number who can attend.

SECOND PRAYER FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Sunday	
17	6th Sunday of Easter Counters: Group 7 9:30 Mass - live stream
Monday	
18	<i>Monday of the 6th week of Eastertide</i> 9:00 Mass - live stream
Tuesday	
19	<i>Tuesday of the 6th week of Eastertide</i> 9:00 Mass - live stream
Wednesday	
20	<i>Wednesday of the 6th week of Eastertide</i> St Bernardine of Siena, Priest 9:00 Mass - live stream
Thursday	
21	<i>Thursday before Ascension Sunday</i> St Christopher Magallanes & his Companions, Martyrs 9:00 Mass - live stream
Friday	
22	<i>Friday before Ascension Sunday</i> Saint Rita of Cascia 9:00 Mass - live stream
Saturday	
23	<i>Saturday before Ascension Sunday</i> 9:00 Mass - live stream



WOULD YOU LIKE THE PARISH BULLETIN DELIVERED TO YOUR EMAIL INBOX ?



If you would like the parish bulletin emailed directly to you during this time, please send an email to **saapm@bigpond.com** with your *name* and *Bulletin Please* in the subject line and we will add you to the list. We are already sending out a large number of emails but are discovering that many of the email addresses are in need of updating.



2021 K to Year 6 Enrolment

Enrol today at St Andrews Primary Marayong

With our strong focus on living by our motto Growth in Christ and in providing an education tailored to the needs of the individual students, St Andrews Primary, Marayong, offers your child a quality Catholic education. We hope you will choose St Andrews as the school for your child, and look forward to getting you started on the enrolment process. Is your child ready for Kindergarten in 2021? I encourage all parents to please lodge an application ASAP if you feel your child is ready for Kindergarten in 2021.

Parents can collect an enrolment package from the office or [download an Application for Enrolment from the school website](#).

If you need further information about joining our community, or about the enrolment process, please [contact the school office](#) on 8869 6700. **ENROLMENT PLACES FOR 2021 We have limited places available across many grades for 2021. If you have a friend who would like to join our great community please encourage them to collect an enrolment package from the office.**



#TEAMTUESDAY

Youth Ministry leaders from across the Diocese are invited to a large ZOOM meeting at 7:30pm each week. Participants share new ideas and insights on how to continue the mission using online platforms. Email qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org to be sent the link each week. If youth ministry has paused in your Parish this would be a great way to encourage your leaders into a renewed purpose.

WORSHIP WEDNESDAY

Each week we feature a Worship Leader live on our Catholic Youth Parramatta Facebook page at 8pm. This talented young person leads praise and worship from their home for 30 minutes. It can even be accessed by people not using Facebook [facebook.com/catholicyouthparra](https://www.facebook.com/catholicyouthparra) and has been averaging over 3,000 views across the Diocese each week. You might consider sharing this to your parish social media.

LIFTED LINK THURSDAY

This formation program was created to connect young adults with each other and explore faith topics. Every Thursday from 7:30pm, a guest presenter gives a talk and participants are encouraged to ask questions and share their reflections. This ZOOM gathering can be accessed by registering at parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-link

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul. Since I am unable at this moment to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

DAILY MASS LIVE STREAM FROM ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH

Parishioners are encouraged to participate from home in these liturgies.

9:00 AM on weekdays and 9:30 AM on Sundays

You can also access them whenever you wish to do so at your convenience.

To receive updates and notifications you will need to follow / like our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/standrewsmarayong/>



YouTube

posted to YouTube
~ 30min after conclusion
<https://bit.ly/SAAPM>



During the week prayers have been requested for Monica Direkze, Andree Farla, Jeanine Fraser, Lorraine McHugh, Consuelo Mangona, Edsel Paltoo, Assumpta Rajanayagam, Alina Santo Tomas Smith, Peter Vaughn, Victor & Maryanne Vella, Aeldred & Riolen Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Collins & Quinn Family, All Souls in Purgatory..... ***Please remember in your prayers***

ST ANDREWS
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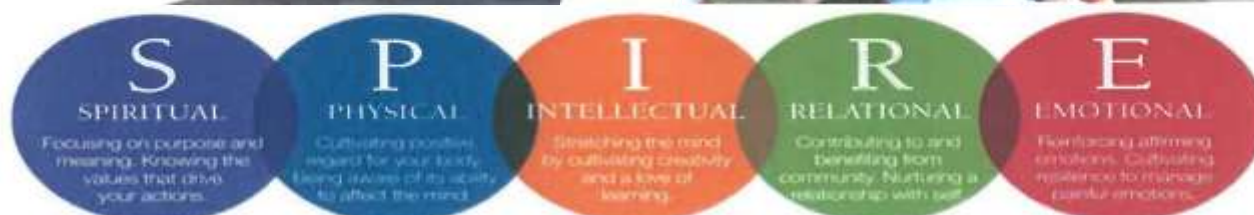


2021 Year 7 & 11 Enrolment

St Andrews College is about creating dynamic learning environments that challenge and nurture students to be people of compassion, companion, confidence, competence, creativity, conscience and with the conviction of faith to transform the world.

Parents who wish to enrol their child at St Andrews for Year 7 or 11 2021 must submit an Application for Enrolment as soon as possible, otherwise your child may miss out on a place. At present we only have a few places left.

Parents can download an Application for Enrolment from the [College website](#) or phone the College on 9626 4000.



*THE LORD OUR GOD COMES IN STRENGTH –
‘HE IS OUR ONLY SHEPHERD.’*

I must have wandered too far, or taken a wrong turn.

I can't see my flock or my shepherd anywhere. Should I turn around and go back? The longer I'm alone, the more danger I am in. When it gets dark, without my shepherd, who will protect me?

We are all like the lost sheep. Unsure how we found ourselves off God's path. Wandering, searching for our way back to our flock and to the safety of our shepherd. But if we know our shepherd, we are certain he is looking for us. Even though we are one of many, he knows each of his sheep. If we listen, we will hear his voice. When he comes, he will run to us as if we are his only sheep. And we will feel a deep relief and joy because he is our only shepherd.

PSALM 95(96):1-3, 10-13

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 ...

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