



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  
ASCENSION of  
the LORD

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year A: Vol.45 No.25

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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](http://www.standrewspmarayong.catholic.edu.au)

Principal: Yvette Baird

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

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College Principal:

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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

## >->->->->- FORTHCOMING EVENTS >->->->->-

### **MONDAY, MAY 25, FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS**

This is an important feast day for all Australians as Mary under this title is one of Australia's national patronal will feast days.

Let us always remember that Mary is the expert in so far as helping us to come to know Jesus and putting on his heart and mind in our daily living. We do recommend the prayer that has been presented in this bulletin.

### **SUNDAY, MAY 31, PENTECOST SUNDAY**

I would suggest that this Sunday be seen as a special opportunity to renew our devotion to the Holy Spirit who came down upon the apostles on the first Pentecost Sunday, but also who was gifted to us on the occasion of our Baptism and who empowered us on the day of our Confirmation.

One thing we do need to remember is that we have received special gifts and powers from the Holy Spirit and it is important that we activate them each and every day.

### **MONDAY, JUNE 1, THE FEAST DAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**

This is a new feast day instituted by Pope Francis which acknowledges the importance of Mary in the life of the Church from her presence at the first Pentecost to her activity in the church to this day.

### 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 ...**

♦ PRAYER ENTRUSTING AUSTRALIA

TO MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

♦ CHANGES REGARDING THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

♦ LIVE STREAMING MASS DAILY TO CONTINUE

♦ 2021 ENROLMENTS K ~ 6, 7 & 11

## *From Monsignor Ron ...*

Christianity is not a philosophy or a debating society. Jesus never encouraged the founding of academies or study groups. These are important but not on their own. Christianity is fundamentally a religion of action: living out the message of Jesus, a message of Justice and love. It prospers when it nurtures others through the witness of loving actions. Love is what love does. We evaluate ourselves as Christians not only by our study of the message of Jesus, but then by acting on it. We flower as Christians not by just being learned in the teachings of the Lord, which we should be, but by actively living them in what we say and do. There is work to be done in the Lord's Vineyard and we are being told to make a commitment and get on with it.

Do you call yourself "Christian" because of what you believe or because of what you do? Are you a doer or a talker when it comes to the practice of your faith? Do you understand love as an ideal or as a practice? Jesus calls you to join him in his mission of spreading his good news. Are you ready to commit to this mission?

We are most "Christian" when we live the Christian message and fulfil our mission to be witnesses of the Lord. This means not only living by Christian standards, but letting others know what impact the gospel is having on our lives. We are supposed to be a "light to the world." Opportunities for spreading the gospel are limitless. If we have some good news, we have the responsibility and the privilege of sharing it around us.

The message of the Ascension is very clear. We are not Christians just because we are baptised. We are Christians only when we develop the God-given potential given to us on the day of our Baptism. Everyday we need to make a commitment to be witnesses for Christ in all we do. Everyday we need to make a commitment to be the Good Samaritan to every person we meet. There are no exceptions to this. Every day we need to grow more like Christ in some way. Everyday it should be obvious to every person we meet that we belong to Jesus Christ and are proud of it.

We should recognise that Jesus did his part to fulfil the Father's plan. Now it is up to us. We need to be a people who take responsibility for the mission of the Church. We will know what to do and we will receive the strength to do it by being open to the movements of the Holy Spirit in our lives, the Holy Spirit who was the gift to the Church on Pentecost, and he will come to us again in our celebration of Pentecost next weekend.



## ENTRUSTING AUSTRALIA TO MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.

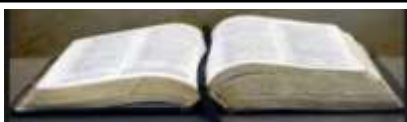
We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!



### MASS READINGS -YEAR A

#### **THIS 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

#### **NEXT SUNDAY:**

##### **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Psalm: Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34

Second Reading: 1Cor 12:3-7. 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

# 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



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

**Help with donations  
of Blankets & Food  
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. As well as the specific basic foods listed below one area 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.

Cereal	Coffee	Tea
Sugar	Long life milk	Rice
Noodles	2 minute noodles	Cup of Soup
Tuna	Salmon	Spam
Pasta sauce	Biscuits-Sweet	Biscuits - Savoury
Chips - potato, corn etc.	Drinks	Cordial
Peanut butter	Jam	Nutella
Vegemite	Honey	Toiletries

*Thankyou to those parishioners who have already donated food & blankets!*

Sunday
24 The Ascension of the Lord 7:30 Mass 9:30 Mass - live stream
Monday
25 Our Lady, Help of Christians 9:00 Mass - live stream
Tuesday
26 Tuesday of the 7th week of Eastertide Saint Philip Neri, Priest 9:00 Mass - live stream
Wednesday
27 Wednesday of the 7th week of Eastertide Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop 9:00 Mass - live stream
Thursday
28 Thursday of the 7th week of Eastertide 9:00 Mass - live stream
Friday
29 Friday of the 7th week of Eastertide Saint Paul VI, Pope 9:00 Mass - live stream
Saturday
30 Saturday of the 7th week of Eastertide 9:00 Mass - live stream



## RECEIVING THE BULLETIN BY EMAIL



We need to revisit this. Due to the number of people who have outdated email addresses and those who have left the parish or moved elsewhere, I would ask if you wish to receive the bulletin by email, that you send a note to the parish office **saapm@bigpond.com** which will then give us your current email address. Thankyou to those who have already done this.



## THE PARISH OFFICE

Remains open during this time.  
Office Hours 9.30am to 3.00pm  
Monday to Friday  
Sunday morning, it is open  
from 10.15am until 11.30am

## THE Catholic Weekly

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

All sacramental programs are postponed at this time.  
We will inform you when they are due to recommence.



The Catholic Weekly has temporarily transitioned to a digital presence only due to the government's decision to close all Churches during the COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/catholic-weekly-newspaper-online/>

### Liturgy Resources:

Daily Mass Readings <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

Family Prayer <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer/>

To access other free resources, go to: [liturgyhelp.com/aus/parra/pray](https://www.liturgyhelp.com/aus/parra/pray) (login / register as a new user)

### 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.

## 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

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~ 30min after conclusion

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***During the week prayers have been requested for*** .....Jeanine Fraser, Corazon Geraldez, Nicholas Grech, Mario Mabagos, Lorraine McHugh, Edsel Paltoo, Alina Santo Tomas Smith, Peter Vaughn, Victor & Maryanne Vella, William Gordon Walker, Aeldred & Riolen Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Collins & Quinn Family, All Souls in Purgatory.....*Please remember in your prayers*



## 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.



## 2021 Year 7 & 11 Enrolment

ST ANDREWS  
COLLEGE



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.



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SPIRITUAL

Focusing on purpose and meaning. Knowing the values that drive your actions.

P

PHYSICAL

Cultivating positive regard for your body. Being aware of its ability to affect the mind.

I

INTELLECTUAL

Stretching the mind by cultivating creativity and a love of learning.

R

RELATIONAL

Contributing to and benefiting from community. Nurturing a relationship with self.

E

EMOTIONAL

Reinforcing affirming emotions. Cultivating resilience to manage painful emotions.





# A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE CATHOLIC PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA

## FROM THE BISHOPS OF AUSTRALIA

Dear brothers and sisters,

Grace and peace to you in these Easter days. We write to you from a plenary meeting of the Bishops Conference which is like no other. Unable to meet face-to-face as we normally do, the bishops are meeting online for a week. We are intensely conscious of our isolation – not only from each other but also from you, the people whom we serve in the name of the Risen Lord. As we think of you, we make our own the words of St Paul: “So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the Gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us” (1 Thessalonians 2:8).

Australia has certainly suffered because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but not as grievously as some other countries. For that we thank God and we congratulate public health authorities and governments on their prompt and prudent responses. Australians in general have also shown the solidarity and good sense, the generosity and kindness needed in such a time. In our healthcare workers particularly we have seen an exceptional spirit of self-sacrifice, and for that we are all grateful.

The Churches and other religious communities have played their part, which has meant the suspension of public worship and the closure of places of worship. This has been a real deprivation, and the bishops understand not only your anxiety about the virus and shutdown but more especially your deep desire to return to the sacraments and to resume public worship. There is a real hunger in this. It is something we all feel, and we long for the time when our hunger will be satisfied as together we return to the feast of the Lord.

Even when our doors are closed, our hearts are still open. The churches may not yet be fully open, but the heart of the Church, which is the heart of Christ, is wide open. The celebration of Mass has never ceased. Though we and our brother priests cannot yet offer Mass with the people, we are still offering Mass day by day for the people – for all of you who are “flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone” (cf Genesis 2:23). The Church which is the Body of Christ still glows with the life of Easter, “thought to be dying, yet we are alive...to be sorrowful, yet still rejoicing...to have nothing, yet possessing everything” (2 Corinthians 6:9-10).

At the heart of the community of disciples, there is always Mary the mother of Jesus (cf Acts 1:14). In this month of May, Pope Francis has urged us to look to her to intercede for us in this time of affliction; and to Mary we will entrust our homeland later this month, looking to a mother’s unfailing love. May she who is Health of the Sick and Help of Christians pray for us now, that we may see Jesus with her eyes, the eyes of Easter, and love him with her heart, which is the heart of faith: “O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not our petitions but in your mercy hear and answer us” (Memorare).

The experience of shutdown has stirred great energy and creativity among people and pastors; this is producing unexpected gifts which we will take with us into the future. No locked door can keep the Risen Lord out; he is everywhere, even in this time of distress. “I stand at the door and knock,” he says. “If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come to you” (Revelation 3:20). We have heard his voice and opened the door to him who has come to us. That is the reason for our hope, even our rejoicing.

One important service which people of faith provide to the wider community in this time is an unceasing prayer of intercession. So we ask you all to continue praying in the power of faith for those who have died, who are sick or at risk from COVID-19, for our healthcare professionals, essential service providers and researchers, for all who are isolated and anxious, and for our civic leaders and health authorities.

In the hope born of faith we look forward to the time when the crisis will pass and we will be able to resume fully the Church’s worship and mission, even in a landscape which may be quite changed. In the meantime, we are talking with the states and the federal government about the reopening of churches and the gradual relaxation of restrictions. We will work with governments and local authorities at each stage of any resumption of Church life. We commit to keeping ourselves and each other safe by observing strictly the advice regarding numbers, distancing and hygiene when the reopening of churches is permitted.

We urge people to abide by the best advice on how to keep themselves and others safe physically, emotionally and spiritually, especially the vulnerable elderly. That is why we recommend the live-streamed Masses and the many other resources offered on diocesan websites, our Catholic counselling services and the COVIDSafe App.

The season of Lent may be behind us, but this time of shutdown has been a kind of long Lent. Now, we pray, Easter is dawning as our country recovers from the pandemic and looks to build the future. There is no room for complacency but there is certainly room for the hope that Easter brings to birth, the hope that “after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen and establish you” (1 Peter 5:10-11). Looking to the God of all grace, we send to you our blessing of peace and all consolation.

From,

*The Catholic Bishops of Australia*

14 May 2020