



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.



28th SUNDAY  
in ORDINARY  
TIME

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

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### PARISH STAFF:

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### PRESBYTERY:

41 Breakfast Rd, Marayong

### FR. BYRNE CENTRE:

(Parish Meeting Rooms)

38 Breakfast Rd, Marayong.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

- After weekday morning Masses.
- Anytime by arrangement.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Baptisms:** each Sunday by arrangement. Please book for Baptisms with the Parish Office.

### PIETY STALL:

By asking for an appointment at the Parish Office.

MASS   

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

Sunday - 9:30am &

Monday to Saturday 9:00am

 YouTube

<https://bit.ly/SAAPM>

~ 90min after conclusion

### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm 6.00pm

Sunday: 7.30am, 8.30am,  
9.30 am & 10.30am

### Weekday Masses:

Monday: 9.00am

Tuesday: 9.00am

Wednesday: 9.00am

Novena & Mass: 7.00pm

Thursday: 9.00am

Friday: 9.00am

Saturday: 9.00am

### PARISH SCHOOLS:

#### ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY

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

Principal: Yvette Baird

Phone: 8869 6700

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#### ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE

[www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au)

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Stephen Kennaugh

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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

## ATTENDANCE AT MASS:

For your information – currently the 5 PM Mass reaches capacity. The 6 PM Mass could allow for 20 to 30 more people. The 7:30 AM Mass is usually close to capacity. The 8:30 AM Mass can usually take 20 to 30 more people. The remaining Masses are usually full to capacity.

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

As you are aware, we are **limited to 100\* people in the Church** for any liturgical celebration or at any one time.

\*From September 14, up to 150 people are now allowed to attend a wedding service at a place of public worship.

**Social distancing** and the 4 square metre per person (**1.5m physical distancing**) requirements are still in place.

## DIRECTIVES:

**All people who are coming into the church are to wear a mask.**

Due to the limit there can be no gathering outside the church before, during or after our services.

To assist staff and volunteers in policing these regulations:

Weekday morning mass - 9.00am Monday to Saturday.

Entry by using the side door for entry to the church and the door behind the choir area for exit.

Sunday Masses:

Entry by using the area behind the choir door to the church and the door near the piety store for exit.

## PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO THE CHURCH SAFE.

**Please follow instructions upon entry to the Church.** ❶ If you are unwell, stay home as the dispensation from Sunday Mass is still current. (Live streaming of 9:30am Mass is still available); ❷ Use hand sanitizer; ❸ When entering Church, sign in; ❹ Sit in designated spots and ❺ Keep your distance when lining up for Holy Communion.

*Breach of any of these orders referenced under the Public Health Act is a criminal offence and can attract penalties.*

As has occurred in some parishes, we expect police may conduct random inspections of places of worship for COVID-19 safety compliance.

I think sometimes that many people are inclined to think of church membership largely in terms of obligation – there is the obligation to keep the commandments, to go to Mass, to confess our sins, to support our parish financially. Certainly, these obligations really do exist but being a Christian is about much more.

We have been welcomed into the family of God. We have been given a sharing in the life of Jesus along with very special talents and abilities to enable us to live as members of God's family. In other words, we are privileged in our membership of the Church and in regard to our relationship with our God.

There are some matters that I regard as especially important. The most obvious one is that I am always in the presence of my God for he always walks with me. What is more the life of Jesus teaches me a way of life and through the Sacred Scriptures and the teachings of the Church, as well as the many invitations that come my way through the events of my daily living and the people with whom I have contact, our God is able to help me make sense of my life.

One of the very special aspects of our parable presented for our reflection this weekend is the matter of the wedding garment. That certainly is not about how we are dressed but rather about what motivates us in our lives. It is about our motivations, our sets of values, and the way we live. The wedding garment is not about externals but about my internal disposition and my priorities that direct me in my daily living.

Usually, when we are invited to a wedding, we receive an invitation with an RSVP. The same is true of God's invitation to us. Our God wants a response from us. In this case it is not about replying before a certain date but rather an RSVP to commit ourselves to living a certain way of life, the way of life that Jesus came to give us, the way of life that God our father created us to live.

We might conclude with what comes through from our passage from St Paul to the Philippians. It is not a question of who or what we are, but whether we accept the place of God in our lives and truly desire what he wants and express this in our daily living. We can be confident making this commitment because we know that the Lord is truly a Shepherd who will care for us all the days of our lives and if we walk with him we will find peace and joy in this world and in the world to come.



“a new online platform that provides free, ‘on-demand’ inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities.” - Check it out at [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

Use the resources and share it amongst your family and friends. We encourage your feedback and any ideas of what you might like to see on the Well to support growth in faith for you, your families and your communities.

or read about the well in catholic outlook or preview <https://tinyurl.com/thewellparramatta>

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER:		10 <sup>th</sup> / 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2020		[2nd Sunday of the Month - <i>Even Month</i> ]		
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	6.00pm	7.30am	8.30am	9.30am	10.30am
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	<i>volunteer required</i> Ike Enriquez	Joe Doyle Romy Gapud	Gus Kaster Candido Velasco	Morie Balisbisan	Charles Hyson Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	<i>volunteer required</i>	Nenette Gapud	Claire Blunt	Antonette Elogious	Vinetta Lobo	Socorro Amos
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Mercy Aquino	Mirza Alata	Perla Billedo	Belinda Elogious	Maria Hyson	Joyce Vincent
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Myra Estrera	Doris Barrios	Pauline Sultana	Rose Rotik	Elvie Clark	Maria Carpio
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<i>volunteers required</i>	<i>volunteers required</i>	Jayden Sultana Taylor Sultana	<i>volunteers required</i>	A & R Hyson M Nguyen	<i>volunteers required</i>
<b>WARDENS</b>	Myles Anderiesz Bill Ebejer Robert Falzon Paul Vella	Spiro Cumbo Fred Desira Maya Lobo	Pines Bonifacio Spiro Cumbo Suzanne Daniels Jamie Sultana	Paul Battikha	Marianne Parsons	<i>volunteers required</i>
<b>USHERS</b>	Henryka Ogrodniczek Janine Wheeler	Henryka Ogrodniczek Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt Anthony Culbert	<i>volunteers required</i>	<i>volunteers required</i>	Maricor Espinosa
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</b> - Second Sunday of the Month						

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER:		17 <sup>th</sup> / 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2020		[3rd Sunday of the Month - <i>Even Month</i> ]		
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	6.00pm	7.30am	8.30am	9.30am	10.30am
ACOLYTES	Morie Balisban Ferdinand Chin	Ruben Bables Joe Doyle	Ged Oblea Rufino Oblea	Olan Cruz	Charles Hyson Joy Kakodkar	Ike Enriquez
COMMENTATOR	Therrie Chin	Erna Ferrer	Pauline Sultana	Jane Cauchi	Vinetta Lobo	Carmelita Liceralde
FIRST READER	Ralph Vaz	Melville Fernandez	Fely Perez	Perla Billedo	Maria Hyson	Maria Carpio
SECOND READER	Doris Barrios	Edward Yin	Laurinda Atienza	Alicia Cianflone	Elvie Clark	<i>volunteer required</i>
ALTAR SERVERS	<i>Jacob Chin Jerome Chin</i>	<i>volunteers required</i>	<i>Jayden Sultana Taylor Sultana</i>	<i>volunteers required</i>	A & R Hyson M Nguyen	<i>volunteers required</i>
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MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Third Sunday of the Month						

I would like to encourage parishioners to read [Catholic Outlook Online](#) which is published every day and has some very thought-provoking and engaging material that it presents for us. As well, there is quite a bit about what is happening in the Church throughout the world.



For example, there was a recent article by Brother Mark O'Connor, our Vicar for Communication, entitled "[I believe...by the power of the Holy Spirit.](#)"

## FEAST DAYS THIS COMING WEEK...

We celebrate two feast days this week, St Teresa of Jesus on Thursday and St Ignatius of Antioch on Saturday.

What I like about St Teresa is that we don't find many miracles or supernatural happenings in her life but rather a person who makes the most of every day, striving each day live in authentic Christian life which is something we are all capable of doing. St Teresa lived in the 16th century and has been named a Doctor of the Church.

St Ignatius of Antioch lived in the 2nd century, a person who died for his faith. One of his more memorable teachings was writing to the Christian communities pointing out that unity with the Church's unity with Jesus Christ. "Where Christ is, there is the Church and where the Church is, there is Christ."

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS 2020 AND 2021:

We have almost concluded our sacramental programs for 2020.

Here are some details that might be helpful to families.

**CONFIRMATION:** we will celebrate the next 2 sessions of this sacrament on Monday 19 October and Tuesday 20 October. We do encourage parishioners to pray for the intentions of our candidates that they may always appreciate the wonderful gifts that they receive through the sacraments.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** this program will be conducted in the first term of 2021 and will be available to students from year three and higher.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** the program for this will take place in the 2nd term of 2021 and is available for students from Year 3 and higher.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN 2021** will take place in term 3 of the scholastic year.



### MASS READINGS -YEAR A

#### THIS SUNDAY:

#### 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalm: Ps 22

2nd Reading: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

#### NEXT SUNDAY:

#### 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Psalm: Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

2nd Reading: Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

### A Reflection

\*At the beginning of each day, look at the items in your schedule for that day and consider how those events will offer you the opportunity to praise and serve God.

*\*Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not ask for reward, save that of knowing that I am doing your will.*

["Prayer of Generosity" by St. Ignatius of Loyola]

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

## Sunday

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Counters: Group 2

07:30 Mass

08:30 Mass

09:30 Mass - live stream

10:30 Mass

11:45 Baptism

## Monday

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Monday of week 28 in Ordinary Time

9:00 Mass - live stream

19:00 SVdP Meeting

## Tuesday

13

Tuesday of week 28 in Ordinary Time

09:00 Mass - live stream

## Wednesday

14

Wednesday of week 28 in Ordinary Time

Saint Callistus, Pope, Martyr

09:00 Mass - live stream

19:00 Novena & Mass

## Thursday

15

Saint Teresa of Ávila, Virgin, Doctor

HSC commences

09:00 Mass - live stream

## Friday

16

Friday of week 28 in Ordinary Time

Saint Hedwig, Religious,

Saint Margaret Mary

Alacoque, Virgin

09:00 Mass - live stream

## Saturday

17

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

09:00 Mass - live stream

10:00 Church Cleaning LoM

17:00 Mass

18:00 Mass



## JOURNEY OF FAITH -- RCIA:

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

Are you interested in updating your understanding of what it means to be a Catholic?

Do you know somebody who might be interested in such a journey of faith?

From Monday, October 26, we will be conducting a series of meetings in a very relaxed manner exploring what it means to be a Catholic in the 21st century.

If you are interested, please contact us as soon as possible. If you know somebody who might be interested please invite them to contact us and consider coming along with them.

**ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY** The pontifical foundation Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) once again invites parishes, nurseries, schools, and families to participate in the initiative "One Million Children Praying the Rosary" on 18th October. The focus of the prayer campaign is worldwide unity and peace. This year provides a very special context because never before has there been such a worldwide healthcare and existential crisis.

"A crisis in which the entire world has been and continues to be exposed to an invisible virus that has brought death to hundreds of thousands of people and devastating, and as yet unforeseeable, economic and social consequences. Our world is no longer the same world, and what was taken for granted until now will no longer be so," stated Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, President of ACN International. In a letter to the children, he said that in difficult situations like these it's very important to work together and help one another. "But we must also not forget that the biggest help of all comes from God".

That is why the pontifical foundation once again has issued the invitation to take part in the worldwide prayer initiative „A Million Children Praying the Rosary“, on October 18 – or alternatively to pray the Rosary with the children in schools or kindergartens on Monday, October 19 (since 18 October falls on a Sunday this year).

## GIVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

– Brochures are available at the doors of the church or through the parish office.



As Christian stewards, we are called to receive God's gifts gratefully; share them generously; and return them with increase. Giving a gift in your Will is one of the most significant acts of generosity that anyone can make. It enables you to share your blessings and Christian values; and support your family, loved ones, and causes close to your heart. For many, giving a gift in their Will is an enduring way to give thanks to God beyond their own lifetime. After providing for your loved ones, will you consider a gift in Will to your parish, Parramatta Catholic Foundation or one of our vital faith-filled ministries? A gift in your Will can be a transformative lifeline for our Catholic church and its work, enabling your faith community to advance our ministry and pastoral care for generations to come.

## OUR HSC STUDENTS:

*Year 12 students have now completed their time of attending classes and now are preparing for their final examinations. We all know how stressful this can be and this is true in a special way in this year of coronavirus, so we ask for parishioners to offer support to our students so that they may prepare as well as possible and not be overcome with the stress of this time.*

We invite our Year 12's to the HSC 2020 LIFTED Special with Bishop Vincent. This 25 minute encounter will be broadcast from the [Catholic Youth Parramatta Facebook page](#) and shared on [St Andrew's page](#).

But ultimately, what's the best thing you could receive 36 hours out from the first exam - a blessing from Bishop Vincent.

Tune in for inspiration, encouragement, connection, and some quality family time - you can afford it!



**During the week prayers have been requested for**.....Antonio B. Amoranto, Mary Anne Camelleri, Francisco Cruz, Maria - Khen Thi Tran, Francisco Medinc Sr, Chris & Nicola Mudge, Clarita Ponce Napoles, John O'Brien, Carina Reyes, Agus Santoso, Peter Vaughn, Stella & Felic Zammit, Hartiningsih, Lydiana, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory .....*Please remember in your prayers*