



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.



30th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year A: Vol.45 No.47

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(Parish Meeting Rooms)
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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

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

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JUNIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 7-10)

Address: 116 Quakers Road

Marayong 2148

SENIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 11-12)

Address: 50 Breakfast Road

Marayong 2148

THE JOURNEY OF FAITH FORMATION :

- FOR CATHOLICS TO GROW IN THEIR FAITH.
- For THOSE WHO DO NOT SHARE OUR FAITH yet.

This program is a wonderful journey to a new beginning for those who are already Catholics. More importantly, it is a program directed at people who do not share our faith, but would like to consider becoming more involved and committed to the Catholic Church.

Our program for this year will commence on Monday, October 26, at 7:15 PM. If you interested please register with the parish office.

This is important in this time of coronavirus and also to ensure we have sufficient materials. Meetings will only last one hour due to current restrictions.

We encourage members of our parish family to offer this invitation to people they know who might be interested in having a look at the Catholic Church.

PIETY STORE

The Columban Calendar is available at a cost of \$9 and the piety store. There are still some copies of God's Word 2021 available for sale.



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 ...

- ♦ ALL SAINTS DAY - ALL SOULS DAY
- ♦ CORONAVIRUS AND MASS ATTENDANCE UPDATE
- ♦ EVERYONE IS INVITED TO VISIT THE WELL
- ♦ SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
- ♦ WEARING MASKS AND OTHER HYGIENIC PRACTICES

From Monsignor Ron ...

To love God with all our mind, heart, soul and strength and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves, are commandments we hear so often. The problem is that there is a danger that we simply take them for granted and consequently they lose their impact. What we have to remember at all times is that they are basic to what Christianity is all about. We are talking about a way of living, in fact the only way of life that gives meaning, purpose and direction to our lives.

To love our God means we have to make him the most important person in our lives and to see him as involved in every activity of our daily living. Now, this is not easy, nor does it happen automatically. It is important to realize that loving God demands effort.

For example, do we think of God often? Do we try to develop a real awareness of his presence? Do we try to spend time with him? Are we aware of what pleases and displeases him? Do we live our lives as loving people and show this by our attitudes, decisions and actions?

St John once said that if someone says he loves God and hates his brother then that person is a liar. These are tough words, but they are also the literal truth. We are expected to reverence, care for, and love each person in our lives if we wish to be sincere in our love for God. This has to include the people who have hurt us, the people who dislike us, and those people we have difficulty relating to throughout our day. To be a Christian means to strive to change our attitudes to these people.

Today, we can leave this Church retaining our likes and dislikes, being indifferent to the needs of others, deciding we are not our brother's keepers. If we do this, the only people we hurt our ourselves because we cannot have a total relationship with our God. We do need to remember it is not impossible to be loving people because Jesus has asked us to become such people.

Love for God, acceptance of our true value, love for each person. These are what Christianity is all about and sum up the priorities that are to exist in our lives.

GOOD NEWS

I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Legion of Mary, St Vincent DePaul Society and the Social Justice group for the ways they have continued with their ministries and the help they have offered to people in our community and beyond. This has been especially shown by the support given to people in need and by the support shown to the parish office in regard to a lot of small but necessary matters.

I would also like to congratulate HJM who have managed to continue with their meetings via zoom in this very difficult time.

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER:		24 th / 25 th October 2020		[4th Sunday of the Month - <i>Even Month</i>]		
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	6.00pm	7.30am	8.30am	9.30am	10.30am
ACOLYTES	Ferdinand Chin Ike Enriquez	Joe Doyle Romy Gapud	Gus Kaster Candido Velasco	Morie Balisbisan	Charles Hyson Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan Edward Yuliardhyanto
COMMENTATOR	Therrie Chin	Nenette Gapud	Claire Blunt	Derica Elogious	Vinetta Lobo	Peter Maw
FIRST READER	Ralph Vaz	Melville Fernandez	Perla Billedo	Felix Villamarin	Maria Hyson	Joyce Vincent
SECOND READER	Myra Estrera	Doris Barrios	Nila Mangona	Lydia Villamarin	Elvie Clark	Socorro Amos
ALTAR SERVERS	Jacob Chin Jerome Chin	<i>volunteers required</i>	<i>volunteers required</i>	<i>volunteers required</i>	A & R Hyson M Nguyen	<i>volunteers required</i>
WARDENS	Myles Anderiesz Bill Ebajer Robert Falzon Paul Vella	Spiro Cumbo Fred Desira Maya Lobo	Pines Bonifacio Spiro Cumbo Suzanne Daniels	Paul Battikha	Marianne Parsons	<i>volunteers required</i>
USHERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek Janine Wheeler	<i>volunteers required</i>	Claire Blunt Anthony Culbert	<i>volunteers required</i>	<i>volunteers required</i>	Maricor Espinosa
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Fourth Sunday of the Month						

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER:		31 st October / 01 st November 2020		[1st Sunday of the Month - <i>Odd 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	Edward Yuliardhyanto Olan Cruise	Charles Hyson Joy Kakodkar	Ike Enriquez
COMMENTATOR	Therrie Chin	Erna Ferrer	Perla Billedo	Antonette Elogious	Vinetta Lobo	Peter Maw
FIRST READER	Ralph Vaz	Edward Yin	Anthony Culbert	Nerissa Toong	Maria Hyson	Joyce Vincent
SECOND READER	Doris Barrios	Nenette Gapud	Julie Nunez	Martin Zammit	Elvie Clark	Donnie Velasco
ALTAR SERVERS	Jacob Chin Jerome Chin	<i>volunteers required</i>	Jayden Sultana Taylor Sultana	<i>volunteers required</i>	A & R Hyson M Nguyen	<i>volunteers required</i>
WARDENS	Bill Ebejer Robert Falzon Paul Vella	Spiro Cumbo Fred Desira Myles Anderiesz	Pines Bonifacio Spiro Cumbo Suzanne Daniels	Paul Battikha	Marianne Parsons	<i>volunteers required</i>
USHERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek Janine Wheeler	<i>volunteers required</i>	Claire Blunt Anthony Culbert	<i>volunteers required</i>	<i>volunteers required</i>	Maricor Espinosa
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - First Sunday of the Month						

ALL SAINTS DAY Sunday 1st November:

- The Feast day is celebrated & this replaces the ordinary Sunday readings.

ALL SOULS DAY

Masses for the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed:

Monday 2nd November at 7:30 AM & 9 AM

Praying for the Holy Souls

"The devotion to the memory of the dead is one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit." – Pope St. John XXIII

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. During this entire month we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, especially those whom we have known and loved.



November Mass Offering Envelopes are available at the doors of the church for those who wish to use them. Usual offering for these Masses is \$20

November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on November 2 and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

WEARING MASKS AND OTHER HYGIENIC PRACTICES:

While I realise that this has been a difficult time for all of us and particularly in regards to the practice of our faith, I would like to commend all parishioners for abiding by the rules and guidelines that have been given to us by the government and the Diocese to ensure that we have as safe an environment as we can. As well, I truly appreciate the fact that so many of you are offering to help with the sanitising of the seats in the church after each liturgical celebration. I would encourage you to continue with these practices as we have seen here in our country and in many overseas countries just how insidious this virus can be and how it seems to pop up in so many places. I hope we are all aware that these rules and regulations are there for our own protection but also for the protection of all members of our parish community. – Msgr Ron



MASS READINGS -YEAR A

THIS SUNDAY:

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Psalm: Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

Second Reading: 1 Thes 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

NEXT SUNDAY:

ALL SAINTS DAY

First Reading: Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14.

Psalm: Ps 23:1-6

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Feast Day, Wednesday October 26:

Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles:

As far as we know these brothers were relatives of Jesus. Almost to the apostles travelled far and wide preaching the gospel and founding churches, they use Nazareth as their basin travelled around the holy land preaching. Like them, we are called to bear witness to our faith and what it means to us for we too are part of God's household with all the saints: ***"Father, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles, with your son Jesus Christ the main cornerstone. Help us to be United by their teaching and to grow together in the Holy Spirit is one temple in the Lord, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen."***

Sunday	
25	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 4 07:30 Mass 08:30 Mass 09:30 Mass - live stream 10:30 Mass 10:30 Marriage Blessing 11:45 Baptism
Monday	
26	Monday of week 30 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass - live stream 19:00 SVdP Meeting 19:15 RCIA
Tuesday	
27	Tuesday of week 30 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass - live stream
Wednesday	
28	Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles 09:00 Mass - live stream 19:00 Novena & Mass
Thursday	
29	Thursday of week 29 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass - live stream
Friday	
30	Friday of week 30 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass - live stream
Saturday	
31	Saturday of week 29 in Ordinary Time Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass - live stream 17:00 Mass 18:00 Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



In the past week we have once again celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for members of our parish family. Parishioners are encouraged to remember their intentions in prayer that these newly confirmed members of our community may always appreciate the wonderful gifts that they have received through the Sacrament.

The following candidates received the Sacrament of Confirmation.....

Hannah ADRALES	Sabrina DUTONG	Meghan BARTLETT	Braedon MONTEIRO
Arturo AGUILAR	Harlow ERCEG	Rhianna BARTLETT	Maximus PONDAL
Ademhar ALIPAO	Lucas LUONG	Alyssa BETTIOL	Nathaniel RYALS
Jayden CAPARAS	Isabella MA'U	Maya DOMINGO	Keylan SMITH
Cyrus CELESTE	Samien JAYAWADANA	Zachariah LAZARO	Giselle VELASCO
Isaac CONSOLINI	Dion ABAYAKONE	Micah MAURICIO	

Reflection for the Week

I believe it is appropriate as our parish celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation that we all reflect on the wonderful love of our God shown to us through our reception of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We have many wonderful gifts of the Holy Spirit. In fact, the Holy Spirit lives within each one of us from the moment of our Baptism; tonight in Confirmation he empowers us with seven wonderful gifts to cover every situation in life. All these gifts are given to us for our growth, but never for us alone. All gifts are given for service and for the good of the Church. All gifts are given to deepen our relationship with our God. But have we ever activated the sacramental gifts? Do we daily ask the Holy Spirit to remind us to bring into use these wonderful gifts as we need them throughout the day? Each evening, do we thank the Holy Spirit for being with us? These are very important points because just as we have to turn on the power switch for things to work in our homes, we do have to ask the Holy Spirit to help us and guide us each and every day.



Everyone is invited to visit the Well –

“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

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>

WORLD MISSION MONTH

It's World Mission Month – the one time in the year when the entire global Church comes together to support mission. [The Catholic Mission Facebook](#) page offers daily inspiration, stories and reflection for everyone all year round. Please like this page to ensure that you don't miss out on this wonderful channel and all it has to offer: <https://www.facebook.com/catholicmission/>

To see mission in action today, take a look at this wonderful reflection on gentle leadership from the compassionate Jesuit Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez. Bishop 'Kike' is the driving force behind Catholic Mission's 2020 Cambodia Project appeal. His mission is simple: that everyone has the opportunity to live life to the full, to have hope, joy and happiness.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=247534566329493>

During the week prayers have been requested for.....Millie Abeywardena, Leo Agius, Oemar Boentaram, Rafaela D. Canto, Norman Clemson, Myrna Constantino, Eugene Brian Edmonds, Marie & France Falzon, Milagros Frando, Reynaldo Girado, Thomas O'on Koswara, Carol Lamaletie, Norma Millora Marty, Zenaida Masocol, Clarita Ponce Napoles, Moreno Parreno, Segundina Parreno, Assumpta Rajanayagam, Arturo Jimenez Santos, Jannett Simmons, Alina Santo Tomas Smith, Benjamin Soller, Peter Vaughn, Victor & Maryanne Vella, Aeldred & Riolen Weber, Maurice Willis, Stella & Felic Zammit, Farla & Duchene Families, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory*Please remember in your prayers*

CORONAVIRUS AND MASS ATTENDANCE UPDATE 23/10/2020

Effective October 23 there has been a revision in the Covid- 19 guidelines. The 4 m² rule still remains in place which means that our attendance within the Church building will be somewhere between 150 to 200 people. You may still only be seated where the yellow signs are situated. Families from the one household may be seated together, but only one family per row.

Under the new guidelines, when we reach our capacity of between 150 to 200 people (which depends on the number of families from the one household) we will be able to have an extra 30 to 50 people seated in the piazza area with the same 4 m² rule in effect.

There is to be no congregational singing during Worship Services.

Mingling and social gatherings in the outdoor area should also not occur after the Mass as this would be considered an outdoor social gathering and would impact on the Mass that is following.

Weekday morning Masses will continue to be live streamed. The same will happen at the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday morning.

Entry to the Church:

- For weekday Masses this will be via the side door closest to the Parish Offices.
- For Vigil and Sunday Masses entry will be via the door facing Breakfast Road. When and if the church reaches its capacity we will open the area to the piazza to allow the designated people to be seated outside.

DIRECTIVES:

All people coming to Mass are to wear a mask.

All people are to have their temperature taken.

All People are to sanitise their hands.

All people are to sign in.

You may only sit in the designated seats.

You are asked to keep your distance when lining up for Holy Communion.

There can be no gathering outside the church before, during or after our services.

Please remember: if you are unwell do not come to the Church.

Breach of any of these orders referenced under the Public Health Act is a criminal offence and can attract penalties. We would remind you that random inspections of places of worship for safety compliance are being carried out.

PASTORAL CARE

In respect to ministering to the housebound, great caution should be exercised. Only the priest or deacon should visit if deemed necessary. In anointing people and visiting for the purpose of Holy Communion, the priest should wash their hands with an appropriate solution both before and after the visit.

Home visits should not be performed by any of the Parish Ministries at this time as it may be possible to unknowingly spread the virus from door to door. Only priests and deacons are permitted to carry out home visits for the time being.

COVID-19 CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM - UPDATE

The COVID-19 Crisis Response Team established by Bishop Vincent continues to meet fortnightly and is actively monitoring this pandemic to determine the Diocesan response.

Any updated information received from the Government will continue to be sent to all agencies, ministries, parishes, clergy, Chancery, Ministry Centre, and Diocesan Boards in the Diocese of Parramatta.