



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.



## 33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year A: Vol.45 No.50

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

Principal: Yvette Baird

Phone: 8869 6700

Address: 36 Breakfast Road

Marayong 2148

#### ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE

[www.standrewsmarayong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.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



## ST VINCENT DEPAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2020:

I am writing about this now as there have already been some requests for information on what will happen this year.

As we are all aware this is a very different year and this will necessitate some changes in the ways that we support families in need at Christmas. It is our usual custom to have the Jesse Tree, but this is somewhat impractical in this current coronavirus period of time. There have been some concerns expressed by scientific bodies about too many people handling packages and parcels and we do need to take that into account.

What is vital is that we help, through the St Vincent DePaul Society, families who have special needs at Christmas. The practical solution we have come up with is that we are asking people that instead of buying gifts for children of different ages and for families, that instead we give them gift cards that they can use at Woolworths, Coles, IGA, Big W et cetera. In this regard, we will need your support.

If you're able to help, you are requested to hand in the gift cards to the parish office or at Mass on weekends.

It is planned that these will be delivered over the weekend beginning December 12.

### 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 ...

- ♦ FOURTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR
- ♦ FEAST DAY THIS WEEK
- ♦ REFLECTION DAY - EUCHARISTIC MINISTRIES
- ♦ INVITATION TO JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

*From Monsignor Ron ...*

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, we are being asked to reflect upon our lives and how we are going. The point that is being made is that we will have to give an accounting of our life in this world at the end of this journey before we begin our eternal journey. The important questions will be: Have I made a success of my life? Have I served the Lord well? Have I been growing to my God-given potential? It would be very handy to know when we will have to give an accounting of our lives, but that is not being realistic. As St Paul tells us, if we live our lives wisely, we will not be caught out.

So, what is living our lives wisely all about? I would suggest it is living our lives each day as if we would have to answer those questions listed above today. To use clichés, the past is past and the future is totally unknown, so all we have is the present moment and it is important that we make the most of these opportunities as they present themselves each day.

Our gospel parable this weekend is about a wealthy man who entrusts talents to three of his servants. The moral of the story could hardly be clearer and that is that this life is enormously important. How we live it and what we make of it will decide our future.

One of the things that I do like about this story of Jesus is the teaching that we are all specially gifted people and I see in this a reminder that each of us has been created as a unique act of creation by our loving God with tremendous potential and as one of his necessary gifts to the world in which we live. Yet, in spite of this, too many of us think that we are not very important. This is simply not true and the success of our lives is expressed by making the most of the gifts and talents that make us uniquely ourselves. I said that we are one of God's necessary gifts to the world and I say this because we all have a vital role to play in God's plan for the world and it is in fulfilling that role that we grow to our potential, developing our gifts and becoming loving people after the example of Jesus himself.

It is not important whether or not we are in the limelight or whether the world regards us as important people. What is important is that we accept that we are loved for who we are by the God who made us and that we are in fact important in the continuation of the work of Jesus Christ. So long as we are genuinely trying to love and serve the Lord in the daily events of life, our lives are going to be successful in the eyes of God. As long as we are prepared to try each day we can be confident that our Lord will be there to welcome us at the end of our lives and walk with us into eternal life.

## FEAST DAY THIS WEEK...

# The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saturday, November 21

As we remember the dedication of Mary in the temple as a child, we also need to reflect upon our own baptism into the family of God. Mary and her life has given us an example of how she lived out her dedication. Today, we ask her help in living out our commitment through baptism as members of the family of God.

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER:		14 <sup>th</sup> / 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2020		[3rd 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	Olan Cruise	Charles Hyson Joy Kakodkar	Ike Enriquez
COMMENTATOR	Therrie Chin	Erna Ferrer	Pauline Sultana	Jane Cauchi	Vinetta Lobo	Peter Maw
FIRST READER	Ralph Vaz	Marian Fernandez	Fely Perez	Perla Billedo	Maria Hyson	Maria Carpio
SECOND READER	Doris Barrios	Edward Yin	Laurinda Atienza	Alicia Cianflone	Elvie Clark	Linda Ranee
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	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>
USHERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek Janine Wheeler	<i>volunteers required</i>	Claire Blunt Anthony Culbert	<i>Denise Farla</i>	<i>volunteers required</i>	Maricor Espinosa Peter Maw
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Third Sunday of the Month						

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER:		21 <sup>st</sup> / 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020		[4th Sunday of the Month - <i>Odd 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	Marian 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>
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MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Fourth Sunday of the Month						



## Invitation to Join the Legion of Mary -

The **Junior Legion of Mary** teaches children the **truths of our Catholic Faith** and encourages them to develop a personal relationship with God. The children are taught about spirituality and the place of Mary in their lives. As well, they learn to see and serve Christ in everyone they meet.

We do encourage parents to talk to the children about possibly joining one of the groups that we have in our parish.

*For further information please contact the parish office.*

*MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS on the*

## **FOURTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**

*(extract)*

"Stretch forth your hand to the poor" (*Sir* 7:32). Age-old wisdom has proposed these words as a sacred rule to be followed in life. Today these words remain as timely as ever. They help us fix our gaze on what is essential and overcome the barriers of indifference. Poverty always appears in a variety of guises and calls for attention to each particular situation. In all of these, we have an opportunity to encounter the Lord Jesus, who has revealed himself as present in the least of his brothers and sisters (cf. *Mt* 25:40).



This year's theme – "Stretch forth your hand to the poor" – is thus a summons to responsibility and commitment as men and women who are part of our one human family. It encourages us to bear the burdens of the weakest, in accord with the words of Saint Paul: "Through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'... Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (*Gal* 5:13-14; 6:2). The Apostle teaches that the freedom bestowed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ makes us individually responsible for serving others, especially the weakest. This is not an option, but rather a sign of the authenticity of the faith we profess.



### MASS READINGS -YEAR A

#### THIS SUNDAY:

#### **33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Prov 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

Psalm: Ps 127:1-5

Second Reading: 1 Thess 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

#### NEXT SUNDAY:

#### **CHRIST THE KING**

First Reading: Ezek 34:11-12. 15-17

Psalm: Ps 22:1-3. 5-6

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26. 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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

## PIETY STORE

The Piety store will be opened on request either from the parish office or from those present in the church exercising ministry.

There are Columban Calendars, Advent Reflections and other items for sale.



Sunday	
15	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 7 07:30 Mass 08:30 Mass 09:30 Mass - live stream 10:30 Mass 11:45 Baptism
Monday	
16	Monday of week 32 in Ordinary Time Saint Margaret of Scotland Saint Gertrude, Virgin 09:00 Mass - live stream 19:00 SVdP Meeting 19:15 RCIA Faith formation program
Tuesday	
17	Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious 09:00 Mass - live stream
Wednesday	
18	Wednesday of week 33 in Ordinary Time Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles 09:00 Mass - live stream 19:00 Novena & Mass
Thursday	
19	Thursday of week 33 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass - live stream
Friday	
20	Friday of week 33 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass - live stream
Saturday	
21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass - live stream 10:00 Church Cleaning LoM 17:00 Mass 18:00 Mass



## AN INVITATION TO REVIEW & REFLECT ON EUCHARISTIC MINISTRIES

We are inviting Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (during Mass and to the sick), Lectors (Readers), Commentators, Choir Leaders, Altar Servers and all interested parishioners to join us on this reflection day.

TIME & DATE: **Saturday 5th December 2020** from 10:00 am till 12:00 noon.

VENUE: **St Andrew's Church, MARAYONG**

FACILLITATORS: **Fr Flor & Fr Luis**

Notices  
from the  
Diocese of  
Parramatta

### Office for Worship Short Formation Course for Readers

The Office for Worship will be running a short formation course focussing on the practicalities of Reading at Mass with guest presenter Br Michael Dredge cfc.

• **Thursday 19 November – 7-9pm at Institute for Mission, Blacktown**

If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org)

### CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEW WAYS

Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP's Facebook and Instagram pages and <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/> to download and share the resources.

### CATHOLIC NATURAL FERTILITY SERVICES IS STILL OPEN

Following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, Natural Fertility Services has reintroduced face-to-face instruction. We will, however, continue with Zoom meetings as this has enabled more couples access to information. We have educators available to teach any of the three methods of Natural Family Planning. If you would like more information, or to book an appointment, please contact Catherine via email [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or call 0400 427 605.

## CORONAVIRUS AND MASS ATTENDANCE UPDATE

### 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.

Please help with sanitising the seats at the conclusion of Mass.



### OTHER MATTERS - Please remember: if you are unwell do not come to the Church.

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.



### 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](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. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge.

or [read about the well in catholic outlook](#) or preview <https://tinyurl.com/thewellparramatta>