



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.



FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year B: Vol.46 No.01

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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 LIVE

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

Sunday - 9:30am &

Monday to Saturday 9:00am



<https://bit.ly/SAAPM>

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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

Mass: 7.00pm

Saturday: 9.00am

PARISH SCHOOLS:

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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, Acolytes, 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

NB: Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes are expected to attend this gathering next Saturday.
Please confirm your attendance by contacting the parish office.

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 ...

- ♦ BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL
- ♦ ADVENT WEEK 1 - PRAYER FOR HOPE
- ♦ PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
- ♦ CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new church year. As we go through the excitement, and, at times, the frustration, of preparing for Christmas, this season of Advent reminds us that we have to make preparations for the deeper meaning of what Christmas is all about: God's presence among his people in the person of Jesus Christ.

Today, as we begin once again our journey to Christmas, Jesus is urging us to start living the life we were created to live. He is urging us to stop putting things off that need to be done in our faith life. He is urging us to be on guard against letting our lives slowly slip away without doing what we should be doing.

More specifically, Jesus is urging us to approach this Advent as an opportunity to make a new beginning. It is my opinion that all of us need this time of Advent, for one of the real problems with our faith life is often apathy. Too often, we cannot be bothered about our relationship with God, or about making efforts to become the people that God created us to be. We allow too many other things to take priority over the only things that are really essential.

There are some practical things we can do as we prepare for Christmas:

- Let us deepen our awareness of our God's presence with us every moment.
- Let us take time out to seek his guidance for this minute, for this hour, and for this day.
- Let us make a real effort with some of the dark spots of our lives -- this might be a lack of patience, our petty jealousies, our selfishness, our areas of sinfulness, or it might be many other things including giving our faith the priority it should have.
- Let us resolve to make these efforts the Christmas gifts we bring to Jesus this year. We offer ourselves and express this offering by trying to live lives worthy of the love that God lavishes on us.



Father God, every word in scripture points to the gift of hope that we have because of Christ Jesus. **The Christmas story wasn't the beginning of that message of hope because the old testament** is full of glimpses of your plan to redeem your people and restore them into a relationship with you, but we are able to truly begin to see and understand just how great your love for us is when **we read the story of Jesus' birth in scripture.**

Help us to see that you are with us. Nothing is too difficult, too messy, or too dirty for you. Jesus came to give us the gift of eternal life through the salvation that only you, our Heavenly Father, can give when we believe on your Son, repent of our sins, and confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

That first Christmas, you gave us the gift of hope wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Thank you, Father, for your immeasurable gift. In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen. (Hope Bollinger)

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 28 th / 29 th November 2020 [5th 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 Edward Yuliardhyanto	Gus Kaster	Morie Balisbisan Olan Cruise	Charles Hyson Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan Fred Ingilis
COMMENTATOR	Therrie Chin	Myra Estrera	Julie Nunez	Jane Cauchi	Vinetta Lobo	Peter Maw
FIRST READER	Ralph Vaz	M. Fernandez	Agnes Iligan	Martin Zammit	Maria Hyson	Joyce Vincent
SECOND READER	Nenette Gapud	Edward Yin	Anthony Culbert	Perla Billedo	Elvie Clark	<i>Donnie Velasco</i>
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 Ebejer 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 Peter Maw
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Fifth Sunday of the Month						

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER:		05 th / 06 th December 2020		[1st Sunday of the Month - Even <i>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	<i>Nerissa Toong</i>	Maria Hyson	Joyce Vincent
SECOND READER	<i>volunteer required</i>	Nenette Gapud	Julie Nunez	Martin Zammit	Elvie Clark	<i>Donnie Velasco</i>
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						

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

Next Friday, December 4, is the first Friday in December and in the evening our holy hour will commence with Mass at 7 PM.

This provides a wonderful opportunity in our preparation for the Feast of Christmas as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

This is an extremely important part of our preparation for the Feast of Christmas and the means of ensuring that this journey to Christmas is a time of spiritual growth for us is to encounter Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance. There will be a number of opportunities for this to happen during the advent season; however, I would like to suggest that it is a good way to commence this journey.

Since, at this time, it is not practical to have the Second Rite of Reconciliation, I would remind you that individual confessions are available after morning Mass, Monday through to Saturday. As well, if this is inconvenient, you may make an appointment with one of the priest to receive this sacrament

It is a reality that Jesus does want to offer us forgiveness and also healing and strength for our daily living. The reception of the sacrament provides the encounter with Jesus may gift us in so many ways.

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

Due to Covid 19, our liturgical celebrations will be very different this year. I must admit we are still trying to work this out as we await more directives from the NSW government concerning what is permitted and what is not allowed. Unfortunately, it is impractical to have the normal family Mass and the wonderful presentation made by children in the parish. As well, we are waiting to see whether it is feasible or not to celebrate midnight Mass. What we do know, is that we will provide as many opportunities as possible for parishioners to attend Mass at Christmas. Currently, we are looking at the possibility of 9 Masses and we will provide more details next weekend while realising the government can change the rules at any time.

What I would ask for is parishioners who are prepared to go on a roster and who are able to help as Acolytes, Readers, Altar Servers, Wardens, and Welcomers who carry out directing people to seating, taking temperatures and ensuring that names are recorded. If you can help in any of these areas please contact the parish office as soon as possible and we will try to put together a roster. I would also ask that you try to be flexible in regard to the Mass you will be attending.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION: It seems we are falling back into bad habits of arriving at the last minute or late for Mass now that the numbers have been extended. I would like to suggest that as we get closer to Christmas when numbers normally increase that we try to get to Mass early as there are still limits on the number of people we can accommodate. Once that number is reached, we will have to close the church or be in breach of government regulations.



MASS READINGS -YEAR B

THIS SUNDAY:

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Is 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8
Psalm: Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19
Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

NEXT SUNDAY:

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11
Psalm: Ps 84:9-14
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

*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 God's Word 2021, Advent Reflections and other items for sale.



Sunday
<p>29-Nov</p> <p>Bishop's Christmas Appeal</p> <p>1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Counters: Group 13</p> <p>07:30 Mass</p> <p>08:30 Mass</p> <p>09:30 Mass - live stream</p> <p>10:30 Mass</p> <p>11:45 Baptism</p>
Monday
<p>30-Nov</p> <p>Saint Andrew, Apostle</p> <p>09:15 Mass - live stream (SAP)</p> <p>19:00 SVdP Meeting</p> <p>19:15 RCIA formation program</p>
Tuesday
<p>1-Dec</p> <p>Tuesday of the 1st week of Advent</p> <p>09:00 Mass - live stream</p> <p>19:15 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting</p>
Wednesday
<p>2-Dec</p> <p>Wednesday of the 1st week of Advent</p> <p>09:00 Mass - live stream</p> <p>19:00 Novena & Mass</p>
Thursday
<p>3-Dec</p> <p>Saint Francis Xavier, Priest</p> <p>09:00 Mass - live stream</p>
Friday
<p>4-Dec</p> <p>Friday of the 1st week of Advent</p> <p>Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor</p> <p>First Friday</p> <p>09:00 Mass - live stream</p> <p>19:00 Mass</p>
Saturday
<p>5-Dec</p> <p>Saturday of the 1st week of Advent</p> <p>09:00 Mass - live stream</p> <p>10:00 Church Cleaning HJM</p> <p>17:00 Mass</p> <p>18:00 Mass</p>

St Andrew our Patron Saint

Mass for the feast of St Andrew: Monday, November 30, at 9:15 AM which will be live streamed.

Bishops Christmas Appeal



This year's Bishop's Christmas Appeal will support CatholicCare's Project Elizabeth pregnancy support services, family and relationships counselling and positive parenting programs.

Dear Parishioners

Our Parish is proud to support Parramatta Catholic Foundation's Bishop's Christmas Appeal. Funds raised through Parramatta Catholic Foundation will enable CatholicCare to support vulnerable families in their efforts to give their children a positive start in life and be the best people they can be.

We invite you to be united in demonstrating God's unconditional love and keep families together, and support the Bishop's Christmas Appeal.

Your gift to Parramatta Catholic Foundation provide care and support to people so they can build strong, loving relationships and rejoice in a life of hope and joy.

Please give with a generous heart via the giving envelopes (hold up an envelope) inside your Bulletin, to our Bishop's Christmas Appeal. All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Please provide your donation details on the envelope for a receipt and place your donation in the receptacle provided (state where).

Thank you for sharing the miracle of Christmas with families in need.

PRAYER

For the Diocesan ministries supported by the Parramatta Catholic Foundation, including CatholicCare social services, may they continue to show the compassionate face of Christ and bring comfort and care to our less fortunate sisters and brothers who rely upon their support. We pray to the Lord.

God our Father, You are love and life. Be with us as we pray for all families and especially the vulnerable parents and children in crisis supported by CatholicCare. We ask you to guide and protect all families, so that together, we may be a true beacon of light and shrine for your life and love. We humbly ask that you bless and strengthen our families. We offer our prayer with and through the Holy Family of Nazareth.

AGENDA

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

7:15pm on Tuesday, December 01



This is our last meeting of a rather unusual year and I believe it is important that we are represented by all the different groups and organisations that make up St Andrew's parish. So I ask that you ensure that there are 2 representatives from your group present at this meeting. The aim for this meeting will be to commence at 7:15 PM and finish at the latest by 8:30 PM.

- Welcome and Opening Prayer
- Apologies
- Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising
- Financial Report
- 2020 maintenance and upgrades and proposed projects for 2021
- Sharing of Difficulties of 2020
- Planning for 2021 – input from groups and organisations
- Christmas at St Andrews this year
- Sacramental Programs 2021
- General Business