



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.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

Sunday - 9:30am &

Monday to Saturday 9:00am

YouTube

<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

Saturday: 9.00am

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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, 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

NOTICE

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

7:00pm on Tuesday, December 01



We would like to have a meeting on Tuesday week for one hour to hear from parishioners about their concerns, their ideas, and recommendations for 2021. We encourage each ministry and group also to be represented and present. We will also discuss plans for our Christmas celebrations. *This meeting will go for one hour from 7:00 PM.*

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
- ♦ EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE
- ♦ REFLECTION DAY - EUCHARISTIC MINISTRIES
- ♦ ONGOING MAINTENANCE - PARISH CHURCH
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

From Monsignor Ron ...

The feast of Christ the King celebrates the victory of Jesus over suffering and death. It calls for a response to him who identifies himself most closely with each individual person. On this feast day we learn about the values of love and compassion in God's kingdom and also how Jesus looks at or judges his followers. The first thing we note about the kingdom that Jesus established is that it's not like the kingdoms of this world. It is a kingdom of love and service, we are like good shepherds we all look out for and care for one another.

Our God wants our hearts to be truly compassionate. But what we also discover is that Jesus is met in the most unusual and unlikely circumstances of life and often in the most unlikely and unexpected people. We are presented with the example of our God himself. For example, in our reading from Ezekiel, God is presented as a Shepherd who cares for each of his sheep. We remember from the Gospels how Jesus as Shepherd seeks out, knows each one by name, strengthens, heals and bandages the wounded. He is the one who seeks out the one lost sheep of the hundred in the fold.

What we are taught in the story of the Last Judgement is that we are to take responsibility for our lives and that the commandment of love is an invitation we must follow. While God will never reject us, in our freedom, we have the possibility that we will reject God and God's invitation to be loving people. It is our actions which determine our eternal future.

I would suggest that as we come to the end of the Church's year and are about to embark on the journey through advent to Christmas, we are invited to take stock of our lives and recognise how much God has been a help to us in the past year. It is so easy to see the negative aspects of life and all the things that have gone wrong. I truly believe that we have to focus on the positive things that happen each and every day for this is what brings balance and perspective. Certainly, the negative things stand out, but they are never the full story. There are wonderful things that happen each day. There are invitations from our loving God each day. There are other ways in which God is helping us, healing us, strengthening us, and guiding us each day. We need to make ourselves conscious of this reality and we can only do this by reflecting on each day and seeing how God has been present in the events that happened that day. The feast of Christ the King while reminding us of the end of life and what is necessary for us to live a successful life, is also a celebration of God's love for us. What this means in practice is that it is an invitation to recognise God's love and to respond with praise and gratitude in the way we live our lives and in the way we treat each other.

ONGOING MAINTENANCE IN THE PARISH CHURCH: As was mentioned earlier in the year it was part of our plan to replace the ceiling in the church as it is now 26 years old and showing signs of wear and tear. The plan was to do this maintenance work in January 2021, but unfortunately we now have to put this plan on hold for a while. The reason is that in this time of Covid, our source of income is a bit uncertain and it does seem a little bit extravagant to spend about \$50,000 on maintenance at this time.

We have actually done very well over the past 18 months with the new carpets in the church and the introduction of both solar panels and air conditioning. I would like to thank parishioners for making this possible by the generosity they have shown in supporting our parish community.

What we might be able to do at this time is to ensure that the roof itself is more protected from the effects of bad weather. We will look into this.

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 21st / 22nd November 2020 [4th Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]						
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	6.00pm	7.30am	8.30am	9.30am	10.30am
ACOLYTES	Ferdinand Chin Ike Enriquez	Joe Doyle	Gus Kaster Candido Velasco	Morie Balisbisan	Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan Edward Yuliardhyanto
COMMENTATOR	Therrie Chin	Erna Ferrer	Claire Blunt	Derica Elogious	Vinetta Lobo	Peter Maw
FIRST READER	Ralph Vaz	Marian Fernandez	Perla Billedo	Felix Villamarin	Martin Zammit	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 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
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Fourth Sunday of the Month						

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 28th / 29th November 2020 [5th Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]						
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	6.00pm	7.30am	8.30am	9.30am	10.30am
ACOLYTES	Ferdinand Chin Ike Enriquez	Joe Doyle Edward Yuliardhyanto	Ged Oblea Rufino Oblea	Morie Balisbisan Olan Cruise	Charles Hyson Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan Fred Inglis
COMMENTATOR	Therrie Chin	<i>volunteer required</i>	Julie Nunez	Jane Cauchi	Vinetta Lobo	Peter Maw
FIRST READER	Ralph Vaz	Marian Fernandez	Agnes Iligan	Martin Zammit	Maria Hyson	Joyce Vincent
SECOND READER	Doris Barrios	Erna Ferrer	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>
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MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Fifth Sunday of the Month						



FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

This weekend we come to the end of our liturgical year as we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. One of the useful exercises that we can carry out at this stage is to do a review of the past year particularly in regard to our spiritual lives. To help in this, we include a reflection to help us.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR THE END OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Lord Jesus, open my mind and heart to your Holy Spirit. Show me where I am failing to Love your heavenly Father. Show me where I am failing to Love you, failing to accept you as my Saviour, failing to seek you and yield to you as my Lord. Show me where I am failing to Love the Holy Spirit, failing to be open and to be led by Wisdom and Love.

Let us examine our relationship with God --

Am I faithful to daily prayer? Am I faithful to Mass? Do I trust God's loving care for me? How do I show this trust? Do I try to come to know and listen to my God?

Let us examine our relationships with those nearest to us --

shoestring I failed to respect any family member or friend? Have I failed to accept anyone just as he or she is? Have I been patient with another's differences? Have I been sensitive to another's needs and weaknesses?

Let us examine our relationships with everyone else --

Do I despise any group of people? If so, why? Do I discriminate against any group or individual because of race, religion, nationality, politics, age, profession, gender, or any other reason? Do I consider any group or individual inferior to me? If so, why?

Let us examine our relationships with God's other creatures --

Have I spoiled any part of creation? Have I been wasteful? Am I too fond of money? Do I act as though everything I have is mine to do with as I like? Am I open-handed and generous? Do I drive responsibly and with consideration for others? Do I make positive contributions to the community? If not, why not?

Let us examine our relationships with ourselves --

Do I feel angry often? If so, is it because I expect everything and everyone to march to my beat? Am I acting as though I were God? Am I seeking to know God's will so that I may consent and cooperate? Am I unwilling or afraid to say "yes" to God? Do I cherish and care for my body as the gift of God? If not, why not? Do I live by the pleasure principle [I want what I want when I want it] in any area of my life?

Let us examine aspects of human freedom --

Am I the prisoner of fear, anxiety, worry, guilt, inferiority, or hatred of myself? Do I hand over the past to God merciful love? Do I allow it to trouble me still? Do I plan prudently for future things that are within my choice and control and hand the rest to God's wise love? Do I fret with worry anticipating what might happen?

[Based on "the Essential Advent and Christmas Handbook" published by Redemptorist Pastoral Publications]

MASS READINGS -YEAR A
THIS 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

MASS READINGS -YEAR B
SEASON OF ADVENT BEGINS
NEXT 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

*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	22
Christ the King Counters: Group 8 07:30 Mass 08:30 Mass 09:30 Mass - live stream 10:30 Mass 10:30 Marriage Blessing 11:45 Baptism	
Monday	23
Monday of week 34 in Ordinary Time St Clement I, Pope, Martyr, Saint Columbanus, Abbot and Missionary 09:00 Mass - live stream 19:00 SVdP Meeting 19:15 RCIA Faith formation program	
Tuesday	24
Saints Andrew Dũng-Lạc & his Companions, Martyrs 09:00 Mass - live stream	
Wednesday	25
Wednesday of week 34 in Ordinary Time Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr 09:00 Mass - live stream 19:00 Novena & Mass	
Thursday	26
Thursday of week 34 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass - live stream 14:00 Church Cleaning Group 4	
Friday	27
Friday of week 34 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass - live stream	
Saturday	28
Saturday of week 34 in Ordinary Time Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass - live stream 17:00 Mass 18:00 Mass Bishop's Christmas Appeal	

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.

Project Elizabeth, which operates from CatholicCare Penrith is a service that helps women and families throughout our diocese, who are expecting or have just had babies, with ongoing counselling, practical parenting groups and parenting strategies sessions.

The envelopes will be at the door of the church and we do encourage your help in this appeal. You may also contribute online and if you are doing so please make a note that you belong to Marayong parish. The reason for that point, is that your contribution will then come off our parish quota and save us from having to make up that amount from parish funds which are improving but very slowly.



ST VINCENT DEPAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2020:

Currently we are asking for your generosity in providing gift cards to help families in need this Christmas. For this year, due to the coronavirus difficulties, it has been decided in the main to provide gift cards to such families to purchase food and gifts. If you are able to help please do so as soon as possible.

The current plan is to distribute these on Saturday, December 5 in order to provide sufficient time for these families and individuals to obtain needed supplies and gifts. Our parish family has always been wonderfully supportive to helping people in less than desirable circumstances and I hope that the same will be true this year even though it is in a slightly different way.

St Andrew our Patron Saint

On Monday week, November 30, we have the feast day of St. Andrew, the patron saint of our parish. Two countries have chosen St. Andrew as their patron; they are Scotland and Russia. St. Andrew is also the patron saint of fishermen.

Andrew was a disciple of St. John the Baptist as was his brother Simon Peter; when Jesus was pointed out by John the Baptist Andrew left John to follow Jesus. To him Jesus gave the invitation to "come and see", after which meeting Andrew was convinced that Jesus was someone special.

Consequently, Andrew was the first disciple of Jesus. He also introduced Peter to Jesus. Eventually both of them left their fishing behind to become full-time disciples of Jesus.

Since St. Andrew is our patron, we should often seek his guidance in coming to know Jesus and in learning how to live as disciples of Jesus. When St. Andrew was made the patron of this parish, this was a decision to place this parish under the protection of St. Andrew and to see in him a model for our Christian living.

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

PRAYER TO ST. ANDREW

O Glorious St. Andrew, you were the first to recognize and follow the Lamb of God. With your friend St. John you remained with Jesus for that first day, for your entire life, and now throughout eternity.

As you led your brother St. Peter to Christ, and many others after him, draw us also to Him. Teach us to lead others to Christ solely out of love for Him, and dedication in His service.

Help us to learn the lesson of the Cross and to carry our daily crosses without complaint so that they may carry us to Jesus. Amen.