



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.



MARY, the Holy  
MOTHER OF GOD  
& THE EPIPHANY  
of the LORD

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year B: Vol.46 No.06

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### PARISH STAFF:

Monsignor Ron McFarlane  
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(Office staff)

### PARISH OFFICE:

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40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong 2148  
[PO Box 4345]  
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Monday to Friday  
9.30am to 12 noon  
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### PRESBYTERY:

41 Breakfast Rd, Marayong

### FR. BYRNE CENTRE:

(Parish Meeting Rooms)  
38 Breakfast Rd, Marayong.  
**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

- After weekday & Saturday morning Masses.
- Before Vigil Masses Saturday afternoon 4:00-4:30pm
- Anytime by arrangement.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Baptisms:** 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 11.30am

#### Baptismal Preparation:

Second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Fr Byrne Centre.

*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



<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  
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  
Address: 36 Breakfast Road  
Marayong 2148

**ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE**  
[www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au)

College Principal:  
Stephen Kennaugh  
Phone: 9626 4000

#### Campus -

**JUNIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 7-10)**  
Address: 116 Quakers Road  
Marayong 2148

**SENIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 11-12)**  
Address: 50 Breakfast Road  
Marayong 2148

## Mass Times for January 2021

We will be continuing with the Sunday Masses as we have during this period of Covid 19 which means there will be 6 Masses available for people to attend. Of course, the numbers continue to be limited according to government regulations which we follow soon as they are published.

During the week there will be a daily Mass at 9 AM. For the time being there will be no evening Mass of a Wednesday or a Friday evening.

## Concerning live streaming

We will continue to live stream the Sunday morning Mass at 9:30 am. However, since the restrictions have eased somewhat, and while the current situation stays in place, we will not live stream weekday Masses from Monday, January 4; this will be reviewed should things change.

## Parish Office When open and when closed

Friday, January 01 — CLOSED	Monday, January 04 - Friday January 08 OPEN: 9.00am — 12 noon
Monday, January 11 - Friday January 15 OPEN: 9.00am — 12 noon	

## TAP TO GIVE

Our Parish of St Andrew the Apostle relies on the generosity of our faith community to sustain our liturgical, sacramental, pastoral and charitable ministries and we are ever grateful for your support.

We now have two Tap to Give Devices that are situated near the doors of the Church to give our faith family a safe and easy way to support our Parish and ministry.

Please consider a Christmas Offertory gift. The devices have been pre-set with a gift amount of \$10. If you wish to give more, please tap multiple times to increase your giving. Your gift will nurture the spiritual vitality of our Parish and will ensure that we can continue to provide Christian pastoral care that brings hope and joy to our community.

## From Monsignor Ron ...

The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God is a very appropriate way to begin a new year. This celebration reminds us that the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, is also our Heavenly Mother. This is an occasion to renew our devotion to Mary, who is also Mother of the Church because she is our spiritual mother — and we are the Church.

We ask God's blessing and Mary's intercession to guide us in this new year, so that in all that happens in the next twelve months, it will be hopefully for us a year of grace in which we bring to life the potential of our baptism and we became more aware and conscious of God's presence in our lives, blessing us, correcting us, and calling us in everything that happens.

Today's feast Day is also a world Day of prayer for peace. God's peace will not mean merely the absence of war or trouble. It will be of such a peace that those who behold it will strive to live it. There will no longer be any desire for conflict.

This weekend we have the Feast of the Epiphany on which we celebrate the wonderful truth of God's love which is always there for us; on our part, we need to open our hearts to it. It truly is something to celebrate and to live: a message that will stand out from all the distractions and noise of the world.

But it also challenges us to be wise enough to find God in the most unlikely places; it challenges us truly that we may discover every person is as precious and important as we are, however, different from us they may seem, however far outside our inner circle. And that is the challenge worth taking seriously.

God loves each one of us. He shares his greatest treasure with us and that is Jesus Christ. He wants us to live fully with the life of Jesus and to share this wonderful news with everyone we meet and associate with. That is a daily invitation and challenge for 2021.

*“Loving Father, you chose a humble young woman to be mother of your only Son. Help us to express in our lives the love that she showed as the Mother of God and the ways in which we treat all those we meet. Rather this coming year we may be ever closer to you through this love.”*

**AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS:** Fr Luis has now left us to return home and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed through the parish collection and in other ways to provide a gift to express our appreciation of his ministry over the past 2 years here at St Andrew the Apostle Marayong.

<b>THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 02<sup>nd</sup> / 03<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 [1st Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]</b>						
<b>MINISTRIES</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Morie Balisban Ferdinand Chin	Ruben Bables Joe Doyle	Ged Oblea Rufino Oblea	Edward Yuliardhyanto Olan Cruise	Charles Hyson Joy Kakodkar	Ike Enriquez
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Therrie Chin	Erna Ferrer	Perla Billedo	Antonette Elogious	Vinetta Lobo	Peter Maw
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Ralph Vaz	Edward Yin	Anthony Culbert	Nerissa Toong	Maria Hyson	Joyce Vincent
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Doris Barrios	Nenette Gapud	Julie Nunez	Martin Zammit ??	Elvie Clark	Donnie Velasco
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Jacob Chin Cooper Anderiesz	Isabelle Metcalfe Jasmine Metcalfe			A & R Hyson M Nguyen, Janette K	
<b>WARDENS</b>	Myles Anderiesz Maurice Apap Bill Ebejer Paul Vella	Spiro Cumbo Fred Desira	Pines Bonifacio Spiro Cumbo Suzanne Daniels	Paul Battikha Joe Oconer Joe Vella	Marianne Parsons	Honorio Domingo Merlie Domingo Des Morgan
<b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>	Janine Wheeler	Yaqueline Metcalfe	Claire Blunt Anthony Culbert			Maricor Espinosa
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - First Sunday of the Month</b>						
<b>NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 09<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021 [2nd Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]</b>						
<b>MINISTRIES</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Ferdinand Chin Ike Enriquez	Joe Doyle Romy Gapud	Gus Kaster Candido Velasco	Morie Balisbisan	Charles Hyson Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Therrie Chin	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
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<b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>	Henryka Ogrodniczek Janine Wheeler	Yaqueline Metcalfe	Claire Blunt Anthony Culbert			Maricor Espinosa
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Second Sunday of the Month</b>						

## OFFICE FOR WORSHIP 2021 LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE

The Office for Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be held again in 2021 in early February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving in the Liturgical Ministries of Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar at your parish.

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

**Pope Francis: “Message for world Day of Peace”**

At the dawn of a new year, I extend cordial greetings to Heads of State and Government, leaders of International Organizations, spiritual leaders and followers of the different religions, and to men and women of good will. To all I offer my best wishes that the coming year will enable humanity to advance on the path of fraternity, justice and peace between individuals, communities, peoples and nations.

The year 2020 was marked by the massive Covid-19 health crisis, which became a global phenomenon cutting across boundaries, aggravating deeply interrelated crises like those of the climate, food, the economy and migration, and causing great suffering and hardship. I think especially of all those who lost family members or loved ones, and all who lost their jobs. I think too of physicians and nurses, pharmacists, researchers, volunteers, chaplains and the personnel of hospitals and healthcare centres. They have made, and are continuing to make, great sacrifices to be present to the sick, to alleviate their sufferings and to save their lives; indeed, many of them have died in the process. In paying tribute to them, I renew my appeal to political leaders and the private sector to spare no effort to ensure access to Covid-19 vaccines and to the essential technologies needed to care for the sick, the poor and those who are most vulnerable.

***There can be no peace without a culture of care***

The ***culture of care*** thus calls for a common, supportive and inclusive commitment to protecting and promoting the dignity and good of all, a willingness to show care and compassion, to work for reconciliation and healing, and to advance mutual respect and acceptance. As such, it represents a privileged path to peace. “In many parts of the world, there is a need for paths of peace to heal open wounds. There is also a need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing and renewed encounter”.

At a time like this, when the barque of humanity, tossed by the storm of the current crisis, struggles to advance towards a calmer and more serene horizon, the “rudder” of human dignity and the “compass” of fundamental social principles can enable us together to steer a sure course. As Christians, we should always look to Our Lady, Star of the Sea and Mother of Hope. May we work together to advance towards a new horizon of love and peace, of fraternity and solidarity, of mutual support and acceptance. May we never yield to the temptation to disregard others, especially those in greatest need, and to look the other way; instead, may we strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, “to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another”.

**THANK YOU FOR SHARING THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS WITH FAMILIES IN NEED**

*Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and CatholicCare thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support over the last few weeks.*

Our Bishop’s Christmas Appeal raised over \$8,400.00 which will enable CatholicCare’s Project Elizabeth pregnancy support service to help vulnerable families in their efforts to give their children a positive start in life. Thank you for your gifts and prayers. *For anyone who hasn’t had a chance to donate, please visit [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)*

We ask you to continue to pray for the Diocesan ministries supported by the Parramatta Catholic Foundation, including the CatholicCare, and all vulnerable families in need.



**MASS READINGS -YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY:**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
 First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6  
 Psalm: Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13  
 Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3. 5-6  
 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
 First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11  
 Psalm: Ps Isaiah 12:2-6  
 Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-9.  
 Gospel: Mark 1:7-11.

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

***During the week prayers have been requested for.....***  
 Esperanza Andres, Antonia Cardona, Alison Cash, Larry Cullen, Larry Cullen, Dikeos Flaracos, Alby Fry, Wayne Fryer, Wilfredo Garcia, Leslie Graham, Maria - Khen Thi Tran, Sr Alice Mary Martyris , Graciano Menezes, Lee Ann Misquita, Teresa Misquita, Anthony Nazareth, Francisca Peeters, Peter Vaughn, Victor & Maryanne Vella, Aeldred & Riolene Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Collins & Quinn Families , All Souls in Purgatory  
 .....***Please remember in your prayers***

<b>Sunday</b>	3
<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> Counters: Group 1	
07:30 Mass	
08:30 Mass	
09:30 Mass - live stream	
10:30 Mass	
11:45 Baptism	
<b>Monday</b>	4
Monday after Epiphany Sunday	
09:00 Mass	
<b>Tuesday</b>	5
Tuesday after Epiphany Sunday	
09:00 Mass	
<b>Wednesday</b>	6
Wednesday after Epiphany Sunday	
09:00 Mass	
<b>Thursday</b>	7
Thursday after Epiphany Sunday Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest	
09:00 Mass	
<b>Friday</b>	8
Friday after Epiphany Sunday	
09:00 Mass	
<b>Saturday</b>	9
Saturday after Epiphany Sunday	
09:00 Mass	
10:00 Church Cleaning CFC	
17:00 Mass	
18:00 Mass	

# Sacramental Program Dates for 2021...

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

*The Sacrament of First Penance Program will take place in Term 1 for children in Years 3 & above who have been baptised.*

**Registration Forms may be collected from the Parish Office from Wednesday 27th January 2021**

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office on Sundays 31st January, 7th and 14th February 2021 between 9.30 and 11.30am]

**Registration Evening:  
Tuesday 16th February 2021 at 7.00pm in the Church**

**Classes:**

**Sundays 28th February, 7th and 14th March 2021**

[Classes begin with 8.45am Mass and conclude at approximately 11.30am]



**Sacrament of First Penance will be celebrated on either:  
Saturday 20th March or Saturday 27th March 2021**

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

*This Program will commence in Term 2 for children in Years 3 and above who have received the Sacrament of Penance.*

**Registration Forms ..... may be collected from the Parish Office starting  
Monday 19th April 2021**

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office on Sunday 25th April and Sunday 2nd May between 9.30 and 11.30am]

**Registration Evening:  
Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.00pm in the Church**

**Classes: Sundays 16th May & 23rd May 2021**

Classes begin with 8.45am Mass and conclude at approximately 11.30am



**Sacrament of First Holy Communion:  
Saturday 5th June and Sunday 6th June 2021**

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

*This Program will commence in Term 3 for children in Years 5 & above who have made their First Holy Communion.*

**Registration Forms may be collected from the Parish Office  
from Monday 12th July 2021**

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office on Sunday 18th July and Sunday 25th July between 9.30 and 11.30am]

**Registration Evening:  
Tuesday 27th July at 7.00 pm in the Church.**

**Classes: Sundays 8th August & 1st September 2021**

[Classes begin with 8.45am Mass and conclude at approximately 11.30am]

**Sacrament of Confirmation Ceremony:**

**28th August at 6 pm,  
31st August and / or 1st September 2021 at 7 pm**

