



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.



3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year B: Vol.46 No.09

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PRESBYTERY:

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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 &
Monday to Saturday 9:00am



<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.standrewsmarayong.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Yvette Baird

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Marayong 2148

ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE

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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

Facilitators for the Sacramental Program of Reconciliation

Due to the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 regulations, it is not practical to conduct our classes in the normal way. For this year, classes will be conducted on a Saturday. There will be classes on Saturday morning commencing at 10:00am and classes on Saturday afternoon commencing at 3:00pm.

We are in need of facilitators to help with these programs. We will need at least 16 people to offer their services for this very important step in preparing children and their families to receive this wonderful sacrament.

The classes will be held in a COVID-19 safe environment with proper social distancing and all other necessary requirements.

If you're able to help, please contact the parish office.



PROGRAM FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION

If a member of your family is going to be involved in this sacramental program, you will need to register through the parish office. Due to the restrictions that we face as a result of COVID-19, we have to know exact numbers before the parent meeting and subsequent classes.

In other words, you cannot just turn up on the evening of registration.

*Registration forms need to be collected from the parish office in advance of the parent evening. As well, on that evening it will probably be restricted to one parent only and no children unless something drastically changes in regard to the New South Wales restrictions.

*[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].

From Monsignor Ron ...

Most of us have probably heard the story of the race between the tortoise and the hare. The tortoise won because he kept his eye fixed on the goal no matter how slowly he seemed to proceed. The hare, on the other hand, kept getting side-tracked in endless diversions when he should have gotten serious about winning the race. He was always going off to side issues and not concentrating on what the goal should have been.

The story actually reminds us about ourselves and the warning issued by St Paul in his letter to the Corinthians which we read this weekend. St Paul warns of the dangers of getting side-tracked from our goal in life. Of course, St Paul is not suggesting that we disassociate ourselves from the world in which we live. However, he is urging us not to lose sight of our final goal which is our union with Jesus Christ. At the same time, it is rather easy to lose sight of this goal by the busyness of life and all the things we are told in the media that we need to be happy. What we always need to remember is that we are on a journey to eternal life and everything else is transitory in this life. Certainly, we are meant to enjoy life, but at the same time, we are to see every moment as an opportunity and an invitation to grow towards our full potential.

It is with this in mind that we look at our gospel reading this weekend where Jesus tells us to repent and believe in the gospel. Of course, to believe in the gospel is to live according to its teachings. As we know, one of the dangers in life is this desire and gratification which is narrow and short sighted. The idea of repentance is that it implies a change in the way we live our lives, as well as a conversion of our attitudes and our actions. It is all about a change of heart and making a new beginning. This new beginning may take place each and every day as we set out on a new stage of our journey to eternal life. The point that is being made in our gospel reading is that the time to do this is not some vague time in the future, but to be committed to conversion and new life each and every day.

All in all, we have an encouraging message this weekend in which we are reminded that the kingdom of God is at hand. It is available to all who are prepared to take to heart the words of Jesus Christ to repent and change their lives. May we be able each day to keep our eyes focused on Jesus, making our relationship with him the priority of our lives and responding to his love by living the way of life he came to bring to us.

Update from the
Parish Pastoral Council:

As you know there was a meeting of the Council during the past week and we will publish a report on this meeting in next week's bulletin.



FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM (RCIA):

Faith Formation Program (RCIA): this program will recommence on Monday, February 1 at 7:15 PM. We would remind those participating to come along with their notes from the holiday reading and from the first half of the program. At this first meeting we will continue with the topic on "Prayer."

In regard to faith formation programs, we would appreciate your input on what type of programs you would like to see conducted in the parish this year.

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER:		23 rd / 24 th January 2021		[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	Candido Velasco	Morie Balisbisan	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	Clare Healy	Joyce Vincent
SECOND READER	Myra Estrera	Doris Barrios	Nila Mangona	Lydia Villamarin	Elvie Clark	Socorro Amos
ALTAR SERVERS	Jacob Chin Jerome Chin Cooper Anderiesz	Isabelle Metcalfe Jasmine Metcalfe			M Nguyen Janette K	
WARDENS	Myles Anderiesz Bill Ebejer Robert Falzon Paul Vella	Spiro Cumbo Fred Desira	Pines Bonifacio Spiro Cumbo Suzanne Daniels	Paul Battikha Joe Oconer Joe Vella	Marianne Parsons	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek Janine Wheeler	Yaqueline Metcalfe	Claire Blunt Anthony Culbert			Maricor Espinosa
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Fourth Sunday of the Month						

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 30 th / 31 st January 2021 [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 Yulardhyanto		Morie Balisbisan Olan Cruise	Charles Hyson Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan
COMMENTATOR	Therrie Chin	Nenette Gapud	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	Donnie Velasco
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MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Fifth Sunday of the Month						

Australia Day,

Tuesday, January 26 – Mass at 9 AM



This is a great occasion to reflect upon the gift we have -- to live in this country. It is an opportunity to give thanks to God. It is also an opportunity to give thanks to those people who have made Australia the country it is today.

This year I believe it is important that we come together to pray for those members of our country who have suffered so much in recent disasters. We have experienced in the past 12 months bushfires, drought, floods and the national impact of the coronavirus which has affected all of us. It is important that we commend these causes to our loving God. It is also important that pray for each other for this coming year.

Due to the Covid 19 restrictions the numbers who can participate physically in the celebration of the Mass is extremely limited. However, I would encourage as many people as possible to use the live streaming for is important that we do commend our country in prayer to our God.

PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA

Father, you reached out by the power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus your Son to share your love for all creation.

You invite everyone to share in your life made available to us in Jesus.

You established the Church to bring your good news to all people.

Let your Holy Spirit help us to be the presence of your saving love to all. May that same Spirit help us to proclaim your good news in a way that is meaningful to people and touches their hearts.

May we, like Mary, Help of Christians, have the courage of the cross, to fulfil the mission you gave us, no matter what the cost.

Sharing his confidence and trust in you, we ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(from the National office for evangelization)

Season of Lent 2021

The Season of Lent commences with Ash Wednesday on February 17, 2021. With the Covid 19 restrictions I suspect it is going to be a very different journey to Easter. However, what is important is that we make a commitment to this season as a way of renewing ourselves and preparing to recommit ourselves to our faith at Easter.

I am still not sure how we will handle Ash Wednesday with the current restrictions – so we will inform you of this as we get closer to the date.

I would encourage you to consider being involved in a Lenten Discussion/Reflection program during the season as this does help to keep us focused. There will be a list at the door of the church and one in the parish office where you can express your interest in this regard. The number of groups will be limited by the number of people who are interested. Of course, we will follow all the directions on restrictions.



MASS READINGS -YEAR B

THIS SUNDAY:

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5. 10

Psalm: Ps 24:4-9

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

NEXT SUNDAY:

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deut 18:15-20

Psalm: Ps 94:1-2. 6-9

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY EVENING NOVENA WILL RESUME BEGINNING THE FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY

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

Sunday

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**3rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
Counters: Group 4

07:30 Mass

08:30 Mass

09:30 Mass - live stream

10:30 Mass

11:45 Baptism

Monday

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The Conversion of
Saint Paul, Apostle

09:00 Mass - live stream

19:00 SVdP Meeting

Tuesday

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Australia Day

09:00 Mass - live stream

Wednesday

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Wednesday of week 3
in Ordinary Time

Saints Timothy
& Titus, Bishops,
Saint Angela Merici,
Virgin

**Registrations Open -
Reconciliation**

09:00 Mass - live stream

Thursday

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Saint Thomas Aquinas,
Priest, Doctor

09:00 Mass - live stream

14:00 Church Cleaning

Group 4

Friday

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Friday of week 3
in Ordinary Time

09:00 Mass - live stream

Saturday

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Saturday of week 3
in Ordinary Time
Saturday memorial of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

09:00 Mass - live stream

17:00 Mass

18:00 Mass

TAP AND GIVE DEVICES

More than ever, our parish family of St Andrew the Apostle is needed to bring love, hope, care and Christ's message of salvation into our community.

Our Parish now has a Tap to Give device to make it easier for our faith family to give an offertory gift to help sustain our liturgical, sacramental, pastoral and charitable ministries.

Our Tap to Give devices enable us as a Parish to accept cashless donations which are automatically deposited into our bank. Safe and easy, Tap to Give allows people to give an offertory gift of support, without anyone needing to handle cash.

Our Tap Give device has been pre-set with a gift amount of \$10. If you wish to give more, please tap the device multiple times to increase your giving.

Your gift will nurture the spiritual vitality of our Parish and ensure we can continue to provide Christian pastoral care that brings hope to our community.

To enable us to plan and budget for our Parish ministries, special projects and daily operational expenses, we encourage you and the adult members of your family to also consider joining our planned giving program. You may contribute by direct debit or credit card (our preferred methods) or via the planned giving envelopes. For further information contact the parish office.

Thank you for your ongoing faithful support to our Parish which helps bring love, hope, care and Jesus Christ's message of salvation to our Parish. We are ever grateful for your faithful support.

CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

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IF YOU ARE UNWELL PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE PREMISES.

PLACES OF WORSHIP & RELIGIOUS SERVICES LIMITED TO 1 PERSON / 4SQM UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 100 PEOPLE.

(Weddings and funerals are also limited to 1 person per 4sqm up to a maximum of 100 people).

Due to the limit there can be no gathering outside the church before, during or after our services.

To assist staff and volunteers in policing these regulations:

Weekday morning mass - 9.00am Monday to Saturday.

Entry and exit by using the side door for access to the church .

Sunday Masses:

Enter the church by using the door behind the choir area and for exit use the door near the piety store .

FACE MASKS ARE MANDATORY IN PLACES OF WORSHIP .

Compliance has begun with \$200 on the spot fines for individuals for non-compliance.

Children under 12 are exempt but are encouraged to wear masks where practicable.

For weddings, the wedding party, including the people being married and the people necessary for the conduct of the wedding, are exempt from wearing masks in indoor areas at places of worship.

THERE IS TO BE NO CONGREGATIONAL SINGING DURING WORSHIP SERVICES.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO THE CHURCH SAFE.

Please follow instructions upon entry to the Church. Dispensation from Sunday Mass is still current. (Live streaming of 9:30am Mass is still available); ❶ **Have your temperature taken**; ❷ **Use hand sanitizer**; ❸ **When entering Church, sign in or check in**; ❹ **Sit in spots designated by yellow signs** , Families from the one household may be seated together, but only one family per row. ❺ **Keep your distance** when lining up for Holy Communion. and ❻ **Please help with sanitising the seats at the conclusion of Mass.**

Breach of any of these orders referenced under the Public Health Act is a criminal offence and can attract penalties.

Commencing next weekend we will have a QR code available for check in

During the week prayers have been requested for.....Samuel Bartolo, Remie Bermudez, Antonia Cardona, Norman Drew, John Falzon - (Rita Zammit's brother), Alby Fry, Leslie Graham, Rodolfo Q Jimenez, Maria - Khen Thi Tran, Virgulio Malaluan, Mary Rose & James George Parsons, Francisca Peeters, Alex Rickards, Carmelo Schembri, Mary Shrume, Bernard Sultana, Tomas G Tan Sr., Peter Vaughn, Victor & Maryanne Vella, Aeldred & Riolen Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory*Please remember in your prayers*