



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.



**BAPTISM
of the LORD**

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year B: Vol.46 No.07

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PARISH STAFF:

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Monday to Friday

9.30am to 3.30pm

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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 &

Monday to Saturday 9:00am



<https://bit.ly/SAAPM>

~ 90min after conclusion

PARISH SCHOOLS:

ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY

www.standrewspsmarayong.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Yvette Baird

Phone: 8869 6700

Address: 36 Breakfast Road

Marayong 2148

ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE

www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au

College Principal:

Stephen Kennaugh

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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

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

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.

In light of the restrictions announced on 02/01/2021 we will continue to live stream weekday Masses from Monday to Saturday at 9:am; this will be reviewed again when restrictions ease.

Parish Office When open and when closed

Monday, January 11 to Friday January 15 OPEN: 9.00am — 2.00pm

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 ... At the second Vatican Council there was written:

"Our understanding of Christian living must be renewed. This demands the return to Scripture. There we will discover the nobility of our baptismal vocation in Christ and a consequent obligation to live in love for the life of the world."

What does your baptism mean to you? Do you see it as an event only? If so, bad luck! You have missed the point. You have also probably wasted your life.

Today is the day of your baptism. Every moment and in every situation, you are celebrating and living your baptism. If you are not striving to do this, then it looks as though Jesus wasted his time coming to meet you and touch you on the occasion that you were baptized.

The way we choose to respond to the call of every situation is the way we respond to Jesus. St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians says we must live in a manner worthy of the call we have received. To live in Christ Jesus every day, through the grace of our baptism, is, in every way, to be a Catholic.

The onus is on us to assume full membership in the family of God. In the case of baptism, however, it does not become fully effective until, at some future date, we personally decide that, yes, this is what we really want. We cannot go on living on a promise made for me by someone else. The time must come when we take ownership of that decision.

What we need to realise is that our baptism was not just some nice social event. It was and is a work of God. It defines who we are: a Christian. It describes how we live following Jesus. Our baptism challenges us to be true to our calling. It challenges us to follow Jesus daily with the help of the Spirit, to live every day to the glory of the Father, to live every day as a member of the Church, thus, to be a Catholic.

To be a Catholic is to seek to become fully human. As St. Irenaeus said in the early church, "the glory of God is the human person fully alive." It is Jesus, as human, who helps us to become ever more human, and thus to discover the mystery of our calling to share divine life.

THANKYOU *From the Marayong Conference of the St Vincent de Paul and the people we serve.*

The work of SVDP is made possible through the generosity of the St Andrews Community. Each year and all year you continue to support us especially during the winter and Christmas appeals. In 2020 because of COVID we asked for donations of Christmas gift cards instead of the usual hampers. The response was overwhelming, your generosity is much appreciated and has been of great benefit to families and individuals in particular needy circumstances. and we thank you.

Pope Francis writes, "Life is good when you are happy but much better when others are happy because of you." We would like to thank Monsignor Ron for his continued assistance and Fr Luis who was our spiritual advisor. We would also thank Joe and Michelle from the parish office.

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 09th / 10th January 2021 [2nd 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 Romy Gapud	Gus Kaster Candido Velasco	Morie Balisban	Charles Hyson Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan
COMMENTATOR	Therrie Chin	Nenette Gapud	Claire Blunt	Antonette Elogious	Vinetta Lobo	Socorro Amos
FIRST READER	Mercy Aquino	Mirza Alata	Perla Billedo	Belinda Elogious	Maria Hyson	Joyce Vincent
SECOND READER	Myra Estrera	Doris Barrios	Pauline Sultana	Rose Rotik	Elvie Clark	Maria Carpio
ALTAR SERVERS	Jacob Chin Cooper Anderiesz	Isabelle Metcalfe Jasmine Metcalfe			A & R Hyson M Nguyen, Janette K	
WARDENS	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	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek Janine Wheeler	Yaqueline Metcalfe	Claire Blunt Anthony Culbert			Maricor Espinosa
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Second Sunday of the Month						

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 16th / 17th January 2021 [3rd Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]						
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	6.00pm	7.30am	8.30am	9.30am	10.30am
ACOLYTES	Morie Balisban Ferdinand Chin	Ruben Bables Joe Doyle		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 Cooper Anderiesz	Isabelle Metcalfe Jasmine Metcalfe			A & R Hyson M Nguyen Janette K	
WARDENS	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	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek Janine Wheeler	Yaqueline Metcalfe	Claire Blunt Anthony Culbert	Denise Farla		Maricor Espinosa Peter Maw
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Third Sunday of the Month						

AN INVITATION CONCERNING YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

As we move into a new year it is important to consider what contribution we can make to the parish community. We are grateful for the many people who have already committed themselves but there are so many yet to do so and we would ask these people to consider becoming involved in the parish.

We are a parish family, and it is hoped that all of us will contribute in so far as we are able to do so to building up this family and community.

Some of the areas where we might like to become involved:

- **Liturgy:** Reader, Minister of Communion, Altar Server, Warden, Welcomer.
- **Sacramental Programs:** Preparation for Baptism, Reconciliation Communion, Confirmation.
- **General Areas:** Church Cleaning, Property Maintenance, Counters for Finance, Parish Pastoral Council.
- **Parish Groups and Ministries:** St Vincent DePaul Society, Social Justice Group, Legion of Mary (adults and juniors), H JM Prayer Community, Couples for Christ, Lenten discussion/reflection groups.

Ongoing Faith Formation: this is very open and we would welcome suggestions from parishioners on what areas they would like to have faith formation.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are in need of extra helpers in a number of areas. They are as follows:

- people who might be available to help on a Sunday morning with sorting the collections.
- Volunteers to be involved in the baptism preparation program which would entail a couple of hours once every couple of months. Training and preparation will be provided.
- Acolytes to help with the baptismal ceremonies which are currently taking place weekly. The more volunteers we have the easier will be the commitment on these people.

Pope Francis:

Patris corde

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021..

Extract from Apostolic Letter on year of St Joseph

"Get up, take the child and his mother" (Mt 2:13), God told Saint Joseph. The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal. Indeed, the proper mission of the saints is not only to obtain miracles and graces, but to intercede for us before God, like Abraham[26] and Moses[27], and like Jesus, the "one mediator" (1 Tim 2:5), who is our "advocate" with the Father (1 Jn 2:1) and who "always lives to make intercession for [us]" (Heb 7:25; cf. Rom 8:34). The saints help all the faithful "to strive for the holiness and the perfection of their particular state of life".[28] Their lives are concrete proof that it is possible to put the Gospel into practice.

Jesus told us: "Learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart" (Mt 11:29). The lives of the saints too are examples to be imitated. Saint Paul explicitly says this: "Be imitators of me!" (1 Cor 4:16).[29] By his eloquent silence, Saint Joseph says the same.

Before the example of so many holy men and women, Saint Augustine asked himself: "What they could do, can you not also do?" And so he drew closer to his definitive conversion, when he could exclaim: "Late have I loved you, Beauty ever ancient, ever new!"[30]

We need only ask Saint Joseph for the grace of graces: our conversion.



MASS READINGS -YEAR B

THIS 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.

NEXT SUNDAY:

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10. 19
Psalm: Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10
Second Reading: 1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20
Gospel: John 1:35-42

Sunday	10
The Baptism of the Lord	
Counters: Group 2	
07:30 Mass	
08:30 Mass	
09:30 Mass - live stream	
10:30 Mass	
11:45 Baptism	
Monday	11
<i>Monday of week 1</i>	
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	
09:00 Mass - live stream	
19:00 SVdP Meeting	
Tuesday	12
<i>Tuesday of week 1</i>	
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	
09:00 Mass - live stream	
Wednesday	13
<i>Wednesday of week 1</i>	
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	
Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor	
09:00 Mass - live stream	
Thursday	14
<i>Thursday of week 1</i>	
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	
09:00 Mass - live stream	
Friday	15
<i>Friday of week 1</i>	
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	
09:00 Mass - live stream	
Saturday	16
<i>Saturday of week 1</i>	
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	
Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
09:00 Mass - live stream	
10:00 Church Cleaning - Legion of Mary	
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 **Wed 27th Jan 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: To be confirmed, Saturdays or Sundays between 27th Feb & 14th Mar 2021

**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 **Mon 19th Apr 2021**

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office on Sunday 25th April and Sunday 2nd May 2021 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 8.30am 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 & 15th August 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**



OUR PARISH FAMILY – HOW CAN I HELP

As you are aware the COVID-19 has impacted many in our Parish family – either through loss of employment or reduced hours. Getting children provided with back to school needs can be difficult for some. On next weekend **16th/17th January** we will be collecting **basic stationery items** for our Primary school. This will create a stock from which teachers can draw when they see a need. Your generous response will be appreciated. Collection bins will be in the Parish office during the week and at the entrance to the Church at weekend Masses.

Basic items – rulers, lead pencils, pens, crayons, coloured pencils, textas, erasers, sharpeners, pencil cases.
St Andrew's Social Justice Group

POSITIONS VACANT - MARY IMMACULATE PARISH QUAKERS HILL / SCHOFIELDS

PARISH SECRETARY / BOOKKEEPER . This is a permanent full-time position (5 days a week).

SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR This is a permanent part time position (14 hours a week).

To apply - request full details by email to: Fr. Oliver Aro: oliver.aro@parracatholic.org

Applications Close: Friday, 15th January 2021

During the week prayers have been requested for.....Eingene Addenbroke, Emmanuel Canonizado, Antonia Cardona, Josephine Deguara, Alby Fry, Leslie Graham, Maria - Khen Thi Tran, Francisca Peeters, John & Joyce Sutari, Peter Vaughn, Monico Vilaray, Aeldred & Riolene Weber, Lourdes Zaballa, Stella & Felic Zammit, Dunlop Family, Mercieca & Muscat Families, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in PurgatoryPlease remember in your prayers