



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.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy)

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year B: Vol.46 No.20

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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

### 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

### PARISH SCHOOLS:

#### ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY

[www.standrewspmrayong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.standrewspmrayong.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:

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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



## The Well' offers new refreshment in 2021 –

The Well' is back in 2021. The team are hoping to drip-feed new and relatable content every 72 hours that supports your ministry with family, friends, students, colleagues and strangers. A range of new resources for Holy Week and Easter will be uploaded this week, including a full re-enactment of the Passion of the Lord.

Check it out at [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

## CORONAVIRUS AND MASS ATTENDANCE

- ❖ Masks are highly recommended, if you require one please ask. Those exercising ministry are to wear a mask.
- ❖ All People are to sanitise their hands.
- ❖ All people are to sign or check in.
- ❖ You may only sit in the seats designated by yellow dots.
- ❖ You are asked to keep your distance when lining up for Holy Communion.
- ❖ Please help with sanitising the seats at the conclusion of Mass.
- ❖ Please do not attend if you are unwell, have visited or been in contact with anyone from a Covid hot spot area. *Your cooperation with regard to these matters is truly appreciated.*

### 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 ...

- ♦ SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
- ♦ MASS TIMETABLE FOR WEEKENDS
- ♦ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
- ♦ PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

*From Monsignor Ron ...*

What we see in our first reading this week from the Acts of the Apostles is how the Holy Spirit influenced the early followers of Jesus. What happened was that they reorganise their lives so that they might be able to offer one another love and support as they faced the problems that came their way, not individually, but as a community. We see how they constantly helped each other and especially so when a person or a family was in need. I find this reminiscent of what happens in our parish at Christmas time, when we provide the means for the St Vincent DePaul Society to reach out to families and individuals in need. I do think though that we have to take it a little bit further and make sure that we are supportive of each and every one of our parish family. In fact, we can take it even further and that means being loving and caring for every person we encounter in our journey of life.

What I see happening after the resurrection of Jesus among the apostles is a great commitment to act with loving concern for each other. The reality is we are all members of one family for we are all created by God and created to be loving people. If we truly believe this, we need to treat every person we encounter as family and in doing this, I believe, we will grow towards our potential and in our relationship with our God.

This weekend we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. It does raise the question of just how much our God loves us. Yet the reality is many of us do not believe that God loves us personally for we believe that we are unworthy and have not lived up to what God has asked of us. This is understandable as it is the way the world in which we live works. For example, if you ignore someone, they ignore you. If you oppose someone, they oppose you. It is here that I think Thomas, the apostle, is very important to us. It is possible that the problem that Thomas had was in believing that Jesus could forgive him for his lack of faith and failure to live up to his potential. I like to think that what impacted on Thomas was the realisation of just how loving and merciful our God is to each and every one of us. I would also like to hope that God's mercy and love for us will be reflected in our approach to every person we meet.

## Mass T imetable for Weekends:

**Saturday Evening VIGIL MASSES: 5:00 PM & 6:00 PM**

Where possible there will be singing at the 6:00 PM Mass.

**SUNDAY MORNING MASSES: 7:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 9:30 AM (*live streamed*) & 10:30 AM**

Where possible we will have singing at the 10:30 AM Mass.

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER:      10 <sup>th</sup> / 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2021      [2nd Sunday of the Month - <i>Even Month</i> ]						
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	6.00pm	7.30am	8.30am	9.30am	10.30am
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Ferdinand Chin Ike Enriquez	Joe Doyle Romy Gapud	Gus Kaster Candido Velasco	Morie Balisbisan	Charles Hyson Anh Kuziak	Noe Adan
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Therrie Chin	Nenette Gapud	Claire Blunt	Antonette Elogious	Maria Hyson	Socorro Amos
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Mercy Aquino	Mirza Alata	Perla Billedo	Belinda Elogious	Clare Healy	Joyce Vincent
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Myra Estrera	Doris Barrios	Pauline Sultana	Rose Rotik	Elvie Clark	Maria Carpio
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Jacob Chin Jerome Chin	Isabelle& Jasmine Metcalfe			A & R Hyson M Nguyen Janelle K	
<b>WARDENS</b>	Myles Anderiesz Maurice Apap Bill Ebejer Paul Vella	Spiro Cumbo	Pines Bonifacio Spiro Cumbo Suzanne Daniels	Paul Battikha Michael Portelli		
<b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>	Henryka Ogradniczek Janine Wheeler		Claire Blunt Anthony Culbert			Maricor Espinosa
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</b> - Second Sunday of the Month						

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 17 <sup>th</sup> / 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 [3rd Sunday of the Month - <i>Even Month</i> ]						
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	6.00pm	7.30am	8.30am	9.30am	10.30am
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Morie Balisban Ferdinand Chin	Ruben Bables Joe Doyle	Gus Kaster Candido Velasco	Anh Kuziak Olan Cruise	Charles Hyson Joy Kakodkar	Ike Enriquez
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Therrie Chin	Erna Ferrer	Pauline Sultana	Jane Cauchi	Vinetta Lobo	Peter Maw
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Ralph Vaz	Melville Fernandez	Fely Perez	Perla Billedo	Maria Hyson	Maria Carpio
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Doris Barrios	Edward Yin	Laurinda Atienza	Alicia Cianflone	Elvie Clark	Linda Ranee
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Jacob Chin Jerome Chin	Isabelle& Jasmine Metcalfe			A & R Hyson M Nguyen Janelle K	
<b>WARDENS</b>	Myles Anderiesz Bill Ebejer Robert Falzon Paul Vella	Spiro Cumbo Fred Desira Maya Lobo	Pines Bonifacio Spiro Cumbo Suzanne Daniels Jamie Sultana	Paul Battikha		
<b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>	Henryka Ogrodniczek Janine Wheeler		Claire Blunt Anthony Culbert			Maricor Espinosa
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</b> - Third Sunday of the Month / <i>Acolytes needed to fill gaps</i>						



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way their hearts may be more fully aware of the mercy of God for them personally and for the sake of the world

LET US PRAY: *For those who have become lukewarm and indifferent*  
Most Compassionate Jesus, You are Compassion Itself. I bring lukewarm souls into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart. In this fire of Your pure love let these tepid souls, who like corpses, filled You with such deep loathing, be once again set aflame. O Most Compassionate Jesus, exercise the omnipotence of Your mercy and draw them into the very ardour of Your love, and bestow upon them the gift of holy love, for nothing is beyond Your power.

Eternal Father turn Your merciful gaze upon lukewarm souls, who are nonetheless enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Father of Mercy, I beg You by the bitter Passion of Your Son and by His three-hour agony on the Cross: Let them, too, glorify the abyss of Your mercy. Amen.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This program will be commencing shortly after the beginning of the 2nd term of the scholastic year. When schools recommence, the registration forms will be available from the parish office. This program is for children in year 3 and above who have received the sacrament of Reconciliation.

The registration forms may be collected from the parish office starting on Monday 19th of April 2021. The registration evening will take place on Tuesday May 4th, 2021, at 7 PM in the Church. The events of this evening are for parents only. It is not for the children. Under the current legislation, those entering the church will have to sign in.

The classes will be held on the weekends of May 22-23 and May 29-30. Precisely how this will happen in practice will be explained at the parent night when we are clearer on what the rules are for Covid 19 in New South Wales.

The dates for First Holy Communion are currently scheduled for June 5 & 6 (so long as there is no tightening of restrictions). Currently, we are planning on having a 12 noon Mass at which we should be able to accommodate approximately 28 candidates. There would be a cap on the number of family members able to attend. It is planned that the other candidates would go to one of the other Masses on that weekend. Of course, there would be limited numbers at each Mass and we would probably include the 9 am Saturday morning Mass.



### MASS READINGS -YEAR B

#### THIS SUNDAY:

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm: Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24  
Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6  
Gospel: John 20:19-31

#### NEXT SUNDAY:

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15. 17-19  
Psalm: Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9  
Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5  
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

### FACILITATORS FOR THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Facilitators are extremely important for the education and formation of children and their parents in this program. We are looking for volunteers to help with the sacramental program and it would be appreciated if you are able to help that you contact the parish office as soon as possible.

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

Sunday	
11	Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter) Counters: Group 2 07:30 Mass 08:30 Mass 09:30 Mass - live stream 10:30 Mass 11:45 Baptism
Monday	
12	Monday of the 2nd week of Eastertide 9:00 Mass - live stream 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SvdP Meeting
Tuesday	
13	Tuesday of the 2nd week of Eastertide Saint Martin I, Pope, Martyr 09:00 Mass - live stream 19:00 Legion of Mary
Wednesday	
14	Wednesday of the 2nd week of Eastertide 9:00 Mass - live stream 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation
Thursday	
15	Thursday of the 2nd week of Eastertide 9:00 Mass - live stream
Friday	
16	Friday of the 2nd week of Eastertide 9:00 Mass - live stream 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary
Saturday	
17	Saturday of the 2nd week of Eastertide 9:00 Mass - live stream 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning - LoM 11:00 Legion of Mary Catechist Commissioning 17:00 Mass 18:00 Mass

# MEETING

## Parish Pastoral Council

Monday, April 19 at 7:15pm



At this meeting we need to do some serious planning for the remainder of 2021.

It would be helpful if every ministry and organisation in the parish were able to give a report on how they have been travelling and then more importantly on what plans they have for the remainder of 2021.

We will have an update on the current financial situation in the parish and what has been happening and will happen in regard to major maintenance works that are necessary at this time.

We also encourage all those involved in the Parish Pastoral Council to talk with people around the parish to ascertain what they see are the needs for all of us at this time. We do need representatives from every organisation, ministry and group in the parish to participate at these meetings.

If there is any issue that a parishioner would like to be discussed or some area which you think might be helpful to the ongoing development of our parish, it would be appreciated if you let the parish office know the weekend before the meeting.

### Role of a Pastoral Council

A Pastoral Council consists of the Pastor together with a group of parishioners chosen by the parish community. The Pastoral Council's role is to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in our world. The Pastoral Council shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of the faith community, working together with parishioners to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ.

### Functions of a Pastoral Council **A Pastoral Council seeks to:**

\* Enrich the quality of parish life.

#### ***In order to fulfill its role, the Pastoral Council will:***

\* Search out and respond to the hopes, ideas, needs and concerns of parishioners.

\* Grow in knowledge and awareness of what is already happening in the parish.

\* Encourage and support the good work of existing groups within the parish.

\* Evaluate carefully information gathered in order to contribute towards the making of decisions that reflect the values of the gospel and the teachings of the Church.

\* Set long-term and short-term pastoral goals for the parish.

\* Provide opportunities for parishioners to grow in their relationship with God and with each other.

\* Develop, implement & improve parish initiatives to assist parishioners' continuing efforts to live as effective Christians in society.

#### ***By way of explanatory note, pastoral issues, the core concern of the Parish Pastoral Council, are those that impact on the life of parishioners in the areas of:***

\* *Integration of their faith* into everyday life – home, work, community.

\* *Nourishment and support of their faith* as they strive to live as faithful disciples of Jesus.

\* *Outward focus* for the development of an alive Christian community, actively engaged in Jesus' mission of service and influence in the wider world.

***During the week prayers have been requested for .....***Bishop Bede Heather ,  
Fr Michael O'Callaghan , Edgardo Aman Snr, Kiah Ashcroft-Tiritiri, Hermogenes Bravo,  
Jose Cabral Jr., Lydia Carpio, Alison Cash, Teresita Espino, Rodney Flewitt, Emilia Loyola,  
Antonio Magistrado, Claudio Magistrado Jr, Antonio Palmares Sr, Ernesto Pastolero,  
Thelmo Provido, Tony Roldan, Erlinda Songcuan, Elisabeta Sister, Peter Vaughn,  
Joseph John Vella, Victor & Maryanne Vella, Aeldred & Riolene Weber,  
Stella & Felic Zammit, Dhanesh , Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory  
***.....Please remember in your prayers***



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### HOME VISIT

Would you like a visit from a priest or parishioner?

Name .....

phone .....

### SICK OR HOUSEBOUND

Do you know someone who would like Holy Communion or a visit?

Name .....

phone .....

### PLANNED GIVING

Would you like to support our parish?

Name .....

phone .....

**PLEASE PLACE ON COLLECTION PLATE AND YOU WILL BE CONTACTED**