



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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year B: Vol.4 No.23

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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>

~ 30min 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
Mass: 7.00pm
Saturday: 9.00am

PARISH SCHOOLS:

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Marayong 2148

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY

Today, we choose you, Mary, standing before all the saints, to be our mother and our Queen. We dedicate ourselves to you in humility and love; our bodies and our souls, our gifts and our possessions, the merit of good deeds, those present, past, and still to come. We freely give you the right to deal with us and everything we have as you see fit, for the greater glory of God, both now and for eternity. Amen. (St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort)

GET VACCINATED FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but **Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available.**

More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

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 ...

- ♦ CALENDAR FOR MAY 2021
- ♦ FAITH FORMATION 'THE BIBLE'
- ♦ REPORT FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
- ♦ MOTHER'S DAY NEXT WEEKEND
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

From Monsignor Ron ...

When I read this weekend's second reading from St John the predominant question that occurred to me was "what would a loving person do?" John's letter presents a rule of life which repeats the formula of Jesus for a happy and effective life: "Our love is not just to be words or mere talk, but something real and active." He also gives us directions which come down to living by love in all that we do. To be a loving person for a Christian is not about feeling good but it is a whole way of being and living and constantly asking ourselves what would a loving person do at this moment?

So how does this happen? In this weekend's gospel Jesus tells us we cannot follow him to eternal life at this moment for we have to learn how to be loving persons and in practice to love as he has loved us. Jesus then went on to talk about the necessity of pruning which means dying to self and learning to be more loving. "Unless the grain of wheat, falling into the ground, dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it brings forth much fruit."

When we talk about dying to self it is important to understand what we mean. I think that the first thing we need to do is to have an honest look at ourselves. We need to accept the gifts we have been given, to accept them fully and to use them for the glory of God. We also need to accept our limitations and areas where we need to grow. I do believe that when we are prepared to accept ourselves as the wonderful person each of us is even with our own personal limitations and points of failure, then we are in a position to grow.

When this happens, I think we do discover the areas in which we need to grow and for all of us I think that this will include dying too many areas of selfishness that exist in our lives. When we discover these areas of selfishness, it is important to ask ourselves what positive virtues or approach to life do I need to put in place and to practice. One of the tools that can help us in this is to develop a willingness to not just look at things from my own personal point of view but to look at it from the point of view of how can I be loving, God centred and other centred in this situation?

Forthcoming Event

Forthcoming Event It is Mother's Day next weekend. This is a day where we remember our parents and particularly our mothers. It is also an occasion where we celebrate the fact that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is also our Mother and helper specially given to us by our loving God.

At all our Masses next weekend we will remember our parents and there will be a special blessing for Mothers.

Thought for the Week... during the week I read a very beautiful quotation which I would like to share with you: “Over the past few years I have exchanged devotion to Mary for a relationship with Mary. I can honestly say that she is now my Mother. This has been a gradual process, but a very worthwhile one.”

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 01 st / 02 nd May 2021			[1st Sunday of the Month - <i>Odd Month</i>]			
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	6.00pm	7.30am	8.30am	9.30am	10.30am
ACOLYTES	Morie Balisban Ferdinand Chin	Ruben Bables Romy Gapud	Ged Oblea Rufino Oblea	Anh Kuziak Olan Cruise	Charles Hyson Joy Kakodkar	Ike Enriquez Edward Yuliardhyanto
COMMENTATOR	Therrie Chin	Nenette Gapud	Perla Billedo	Antonette Elogious	Vinetta Lobo	Peter Maw
FIRST READER	Ralph Vaz	Edward Yin	Anthony Culbert	Nerissa Toong	Maria Hyson	Joyce Vincent
SECOND READER		Doris Barrios	Julie Nunez	Martin Zammit	Elvie Clark	Donnie Velasco
PROJECTIONIST		Yaqueline Metcalfe		Belinda Elogious		
ALTAR SERVERS	Jacob Chin Jerome Chin	Isabelle Metcalfe Jasmine Metcalfe Keith Vaz			A & R Hyson M Nguyen Janelle K	
WARDENS	Maurice Apap Bill Ebejer Paul Vella	Spiro Cumbo Fred Desira Michael Portelli	Pines Bonifacio Spiro Cumbo Suzanne Daniels	Paul Battikha		
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek Janine Wheeler		Claire Blunt Anthony Culbert			Maricor Espinosa
MUSIC	NO Music Mass	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - First Sunday of the Month						

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 08 th / 09 th May 2021			[2nd 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	Gus Kaster Anh Kuziak	Morie Balisbisan Mario Picart	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
PROJECTIONIST		Yaqueline Metcalfe				
ALTAR SERVERS	Jacob Chin Jerome Chin	Isabelle & Jasmine Metcalfe			A & R Hyson M Nguyen Janelle K	
WARDENS	Myles Anderiesz Maurice Apap Bill Ebejer Paul Vella	Spiro Cumbo	Pines Bonifacio Spiro Cumbo Suzanne Daniels	Paul Battikha Michael Portelli		
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek Janine Wheeler		Claire Blunt Anthony Culbert			Maricor Espinosa
MUSIC	NO Music Mass	Hearts	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Second Sunday of the Month						

St Joseph Yesterday on May 1, we celebrated the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. There is a beautiful prayer that we might like to use as we face our daily labours.

"Glorious Saint Joseph, in your diligent daily labour, you provided for the household of the Holy Family. Patron of all workers, you model how work is a participation in God's own activity. Our Lord Jesus Christ declared, "my food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work" (John 4:34). I pray for the sanctification of all human labour. Through it, God never ceases to perfect and govern the immense work of creation.

We are called to contribute by our diligent industry to the unfolding of the Creator's plan in history. We are called to protect the rights of all workers. We are called to enable people to find work that befits their dignity. May I approach my work as an act of worship."

REPORT from the **Parish Pastoral Council, April 2021**



Unfortunately, we are still a bit limited in regard to some of our activities and this will be the case until restrictions on worship services are lifted. It would be nice if we could be included in the lifting of restrictions and other places, but, for now, this is not the case. Consequently, this has a negative effect on some of our special devotions for the month of May. However, we do encourage parishioners to **pray the rosary** in the home and wherever else they find themselves during this month.

We would also encourage **singers and musicians** to offer their services at the available Masses for using a choir. Due to the timeframe between Masses, this is limited at present to music at 6:00pm Saturday evening and 10:30am on Sunday morning. Any parishioner would like to be involved in the music ministry, please let us know through the parish office.

FAITH FORMATION *'The Bible is the Word of God in words of men'*

'How shall we read, understand and interpret the Bible?'

- ★ Come and share the discussions on the 'General introduction to the Bible towards effective Bible sharing'

Wednesday Evenings following the 7:00pm Mass

Six Sessions commencing 5th May 2021

Facilitator: Fr Flor

Venue: Church

- ★ Sign up sheet at the doors of the church near the front main door & the door closest to the sacristy.



UPDATE ON RENOVATIONS TO THE CHURCH:

During the past week the maintenance people concluded their work on replacing the ceiling in the Church. The last stage of this was over the sanctuary area and in replacing the panels with a different coloured panel and putting in new lighting.



MASS READINGS -YEAR B

THIS SUNDAY:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Psalm: Ps 21:26-28. 30-32

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

NEXT SUNDAY:

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

Psalm: Ps 97:1-4

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

During the week prayers have been requested for Bishop Bede Heather, Fr Michael O'Callaghan, Sr Cyrilla, Isabel C. Asumbrado, Pedro Asumbrado, Anania Bana Nola, Melchora Bana Nola, Romeo Biala, Bill & Tess Burn, Milagros B. Castillo, Andree Farla, Maria - Khen Thi Tran, Alejandra Lentejas, Bernabe Lentejas Sr, Consuelo Mangona, Mary McShane, Vincent Mercieca, Federico Mibulos, Jillian Muscat, Paulino G. Tan, Peter Vaughn, Joseph John Vella, Victor & Maryanne Vella, Milagros Vergara, Ignacio Waraga, Aeldred & Riolen Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Baptist Family, Roberts Family, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory **.Please remember in your prayers**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2 5th Sunday of Easter Counters: Group 5 7:30 Mass 8:30 Mass 9:30 Mass - live stream 10:30 Mass 11:30 Baptism	3 Saints Philip & James, Apostles 9:00 Mass - live stream 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary	4 9:00 Mass - live stream 19:00 Registration Evening First Holy Communion 19:00 Legion of Mary	5 9:00 Mass - live stream 19:00 Novena & Mass <i>Faith Formation- Understanding The Bible</i>	6 9:00 Mass - live stream	7 First Friday 9:00 Mass - live stream 10:30 Mass - Regional SRE MQOTF St Pat's Blacktown 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass	8 9:00 Mass - live stream 9:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning CFC 11:00 Legion of Mary 17:00 Mass 18:00 Mass
	9 6th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day Counters: Group 6 7:30 Mass 8:30 Mass 9:30 Mass - live stream 10:30 Mass	10 9:00 Mass - live stream 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SVdP Meeting	11 09:00 Mass - live stream 19:00 Legion of Mary 20:00 Music Committee Meeting	12 Saints Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs, or Saint Pancras, Martyr 9:00 Mass - live stream 19:00 Novena & Mass <i>Faith Formation- Understanding The Bible</i> 19:30 Baptism Preparation	13 Our Lady of Fatima 9:00 Mass - live stream	14 Saint Matthias, Apostle 9:00 Mass - live stream 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary	15 9:00 Mass - live stream 9:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning Legion of Mary 11:00 Legion of Mary 17:00 Mass 18:00 Mass
	16 The Ascension of the Lord Marriage Blessings Counters: Group 7 7:30 Mass 8:30 Mass 9:30 Mass - live stream 10:30 Mass 11:30 Baptism	17 9:00 Mass - live stream 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Sacramental Facilitators Meeting	18 Saint John I, Pope, Martyr 9:00 Mass - live stream 19:00 Legion of Mary	19 9:00 Mass - live stream 19:00 Novena & Mass <i>Faith Formation- Understanding The Bible</i>	20 St Bernardine of Siena, Priest 9:00 Mass - live stream	21 St Christopher Magallanes & his Companions, Martyrs 9:00 Mass - live stream 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary	22 Saint Rita of Cascia 9:00 Mass - live stream 9:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 FHC Class 1 11:00 Legion of Mary 15:00 FHC Class 1 17:00 Mass 18:00 Mass
	23 Pentecost Counters: Group 8 7:30 Mass 8:30 Mass 9:30 Mass - live stream 10:30 Mass 11:45 Baptism	24 Our Lady, Help of Christians (The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church) 9:00 Mass - live stream 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SVdP Meeting	25 Saint Gregory VII, Pope Saint Mary Magdalen of Pazzi, Virgin, Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor 9:00 Mass - live stream 19:00 Legion of Mary	26 Saint Philip Neri, Priest National Sorry Day 9:00 Mass - live stream 19:00 Novena & Mass <i>Faith Formation- Understanding The Bible</i>	27 Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop 9:00 Mass - live stream 14:00 Church Cleaning Group 4 19:00 Social Justice group meeting 19:30 Commissioning Mass for Liturgical Ministers 2021 St Patricks Cathedral	28 9:00 Mass - live stream 10:00 Catechist Meeting 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary	29 Saint Paul VI, Pope Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00 Mass - live stream 9:30 Reconciliation 2nd Rite 9:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 FHC Class 2 11:00 Legion of Mary 15:00 FHC Class 2 Good Shepherd Appeal 17:00 Mass 18:00 Mass
	30-May The Most Holy Trinity Good Shepherd Appeal Counters: Group 13 7:30 Mass 8:30 Mass 9:30 Mass - live stream 10:30 Mass 11:30 Baptism	31-May The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00 Mass - live stream 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary	1-Jun Saint Justin, Martyr 9:00 Mass - live stream 19:00 Legion of Mary	2-Jun Saints Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs 9:00 Mass - live stream 19:00 Novena & Mass <i>Faith Formation- Understanding The Bible</i>	3-Jun Saints Charles Lwanga and his Companions, Martyrs 9:00 Mass - live stream	4-Jun Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr First Friday 9:00 Mass - live stream 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass	5-Jun Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr FHC Ceremony - All Masses 9:00 Mass - live stream 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning HJM 11:00 Legion of Mary 17:00 Mass 18:00 Mass



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Pastoral letter to the pastors, parents and the faithful of the Diocese of Parramatta on the proposed Parental Rights Bill

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta recently made a submission to the NSW Legislative Council's inquiry into the *Education Legislation Amendment (Parental Rights) Bill 2020* (introduced by the Hon. Mark Latham, NSW State Leader of Pauline Hanson's One Nation party). I felt it was important to write to reassure you that the decision to oppose the Bill was guided both by our strong Catholic faith and teachings, and concern for the wellbeing of our students and their families.

Our Catholic schools remain resolutely committed to our Catholic values which are at the heart of teaching children and young people. This means approaching these matters with sensitivity, compassion and truth, acknowledging at all times the dignity of each person. Dedicated staff respond to the needs of each student in an age-appropriate way.

As the Bishop of Parramatta, with oversight of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, I take seriously the trust you have placed in us to educate your children and will uphold that trust with an education based on Catholic Scripture, Tradition and Values. Parents' role in education is vital, necessary and sought after at all times because parents are their children's first teachers (Canon 793 §1). This is made very clear in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta's submission to the parliamentary inquiry.

At issue is whether or not certain sensitive or challenging topics such as consent, sexuality, gender et cetera can be discussed in the classroom. Some have quickly made a judgment that our Catholic education system panders to dangerous ideology. I can assure you that we take all the vital questions of our culture seriously and reflect on them through the prism of Jesus' solidarity with the marginalised.

As a Catholic community, we believe that all students - including those who identify as gender diverse - should have the opportunity to reach their potential, to learn with their peers and feel a sense of belonging in their school. The Bill prohibits the schools from affirming and supporting these children who are already at risk of marginalisation. We have to remember that at times the teachers are the only people these children might trust in helping them in these sensitive matters. By banning their discussion, the school community is unable to address unhealthy and discriminatory attitudes that may exist in their learning environment.

I emphatically reject the notion of gender ideology. What I advocate for is a compassionate, respectful, inclusive, Gospel-centred learning environment and a deep commitment to the wellbeing of all students, particularly those at risk. Their lives must not be made more intolerable by unjust laws such as elements of the “Latham” Bill that I have articulated above.

We have nothing to fear from a respectful and intelligent dialogue with our sons and daughters, with our deeply committed teaching staff, and in a caring Catholic environment. Life can be complex; but the Church is not a cult that refuses to engage and challenge our contemporary culture. I believe when faced with a choice, we need to acknowledge and stand with those who are ostracised rather than consigning them to the margins of society.

Catholics believe all people are made in the image and likeness of God. As our Holy Father, Pope Francis, reminds us, the Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to accompany all people. As the parable of the Gospel’s Good Samaritan tells us, we are called to walk with and care for everyone in our community.

As always, I welcome respectful discussion and acknowledge the good intentions of many of those with an interest in this important issue. Yet I ask that the dignity of each person be maintained at all times, regardless of the view being expressed. Thank you for working with us in partnership for the best outcomes for children and young people.

Yours in Christ,



**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
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*Given at Parramatta on 27 April 2021
Tuesday of the 4th Week of Easter*