



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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year B: Vol.4 No.24

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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>

~ 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
Saturday: 9.00am

PARISH SCHOOLS:

ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY

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

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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

TAP TO GIVE – ANOTHER WAY OF SUPPORTING OUR PARISH FINANCIALLY:

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 an 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.

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 ...

- MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING
- DEVOTION TO MARY IN THE MONTH OF MAY
- FAITH FORMATION 'THE BIBLE'
- SCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR 2022
- UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

A few weeks ago, when we celebrated Holy Week, at the Mass of the Lord's Supper we had Jesus giving us the commandment to love one another as he has loved us. What is being emphasised here is that being loving is a response to God loving us first and following his example with his help we are to love others. In other words, it is because we are loved by our God that we are able to reach out into love to others. In fact, the love of God shown us in Jesus should inspire us to love others and in that to have no exceptions.

I would go so far as to say that our Christian vocation is to become more and more deeply loving people. To me this is the focus of the teachings of Jesus. As we have been told often enough our hearts were made for God and we will never find what we are looking for until being a person full of love we are connected fully to our God. In this, it is important to remember we are in the presence of God in every moment through every person we meet, through every experience we have, and in every situation we find ourselves. So, it seems to me that if we want to have a vibrant relationship with our God and if we want to have constant contact with him we need to be loving people.

Finally, being a Christian finds expression in our whole way of life. It is based on a deep gratitude for having received the gift of faith and it also involves an eagerness to share that gift with others.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We have now commenced the program to prepare more of our young people to receive Holy Communion. I do encourage parishioners during this time to pray for their intentions and also the intentions of their families. I also believe that a time like this provides good motivation for us to reflect on the importance of the Mass and our reception of Holy Communion.

FACILITATORS MEETING

The Sacramental Facilitators meeting for this program will take place at 7pm on Monday 17th May 2021 in the Fr Byrne Centre.

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 15 th / 16 th May 2021 [3rd 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 Joe Doyle	Gus Kaster Candido Velasco	Olan Cruise Anh Kuziak	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 Rane
PROJECTIONIST	Jerome Chin			Jaden Victoria		
ALTAR SERVERS	Jacob Chin	Isabelle & Jasmine Metcalfe			A & R Hyson M Nguyen Janelle K	
WARDENS	Myles Anderiesz Bill Ebejer Robert Falzon Paul Vella	Spiro Cumbo Fred Desira Maya Lobo	Pines Bonifacio Spiro Cumbo Suzanne Daniels Jamie Sultana	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	NO Music Mass

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Third Sunday of the Month



On this day each year we remember in particular the opportunity for life that we received from our parents. Today we focus on our mothers.

One of the unfortunate facts of life is that too often we take for granted the people who are closest to us and the people who are actually most important in our lives.

Today is a special day, but I hope it is a reminder that is not limited just to today of finding ways to say thank you and show our appreciation to our parents. Certainly, no parent is perfect, but then, neither are we. There are so many things that our parents have had to sacrifice for us and we, as their children, have certainly changed their lives greatly.

Blessing

For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord. R. Lord hear our prayer.

For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord. R. Lord hear our prayer.

For mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom, we pray to the Lord. R. Lord hear our prayer.

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

And may Almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

UPDATE ON CHURCH MAINTENANCE:

As you would have noticed we have concluded the replacement of the ceiling throughout the Church with the feature ceiling over the sanctuary. It has been an expensive exercise but one that needed doing. The response of parishioners so far has been very positive. Hopefully, this will be the last of the major maintenance works for the time being as repairing the roof and replacing the ceiling has been quite expensive in a time where our income is somewhat limited.



MASS READINGS -YEAR B

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY:

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Psalm: Ps 46:2-3. 6-9

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

During the week prayers have been requested for.....

Lourdes Alava, Giuseppa Bellomo,
Asenaca & John Bonnar, Adolf Castellino, Errol D Souza,
Seraphine D'Lima, Mini Dominic, Dr Bertha D'Souza,
Michael D'Souza, Maria Fernandes, Emily Geronimo,
Eric Hyson, Eunice Hyson, Maria - Khen Thi Tran,
Kissun Krishna, Patricia McPherson, Cosmos Menezes,
Graciano Menezes, Albert Muscat, Georgina Muscat,
Vicente (Titing) Nunez, Danny Ofrecio, Ivy Paes,
Harold & Cordelia Pereira, Philomena Sequeira,
Peter Vaughn, Victor & Maryanne Vella,
Aeldred & Riolen Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit,
Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory

.....***Please remember in your prayers***

Sunday	
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6th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day Blessings Counters: Group 6 07:30 Mass 08:30 Mass 09:30 Mass - live stream 10:30 Mass 11:45 Baptism	
Monday	
	10
<i>Monday of the 6th week of Eastertide</i> 9:00 Mass - live stream 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SvDP Meeting	
Tuesday	
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<i>Tuesday of the 6th week of Eastertide</i> 09:00 Mass - live stream 19:00 Legion of Mary 20:00 Music Committee Meeting	
Wednesday	
	12
<i>Wednesday of the 3rd week of Eastertide</i> 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	
Thursday	
	13
<i>Thursday before Ascension Sunday</i> 9:00 Mass - live stream	
Friday	
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Saint Matthias, Apostle 9:00 Mass - live stream 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary	
Saturday	
	15
<i>Saturday before Ascension Sunday</i> 9:00 Mass - live stream 09:40 Jnr Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning Legion of Mary 11:00 Legion of Mary 17:00 Mass 18:00 Mass	

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 Venue: Church
Six Sessions commencing 5th May 2021 Facilitator: Fr Flor



A Reflection... I suspect that the sin which most commonly afflicts us and is not much mentioned in spiritual literature is wrath, that is, anger and hatred. I venture to say that most of us operate, however unconsciously, out of anger and this shows itself in our constant criticism of others, in our cynicism, in our jealousy of others, in our bitterness, and in our inability to praise others. And unlike most of our other sins, anger is easy to camouflage and rationalize as virtue.

But our unhappy cynicism isn't the biggest problem here. More seriously, anger too often parades itself as Godly-virtue, as righteousness, as prophecy, as a healthy, divinely-inspired militancy for truth, for cause, for virtue, for God. And so we define ourselves as "holy warriors" and "vigilant defenders of truth", taking justification in the popular (though false) conception that prophets are angry people, on passionate fire for God.

A cynic, it's said, is someone who has given up, but not shut up! He's also someone who has confused one of the seven deadly sins, wrath, with virtue.

(Father Ron Rolheiser)



MAY, A MONTH OF DEVOTION TO MARY

As an act of religion, our devotion to Mary in all its many forms is one of the many expressions of our Catholic faith. Devotion to Mary is not merely an invention of Mary's devotees; it is rooted on scriptures and Catholic doctrine. Finally, I encourage you not just to have devotion to Mary but to have a living vibrant relationship with her and to see her not only as a God-given helper but also as a God-given teacher who has lived life in all its circumstances.



School Enrolments for 2022

There have been a number of requests for information on school enrolments for 2022. The reality is that these have been taking place since the beginning of the year. Consequently, I would strongly recommend that if families wishing to enrol their children for kindergarten in 2022 that they do so as soon as possible as the remaining spaces for enrolment are very limited at this time.

ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY 27TH MAY 2021 from 10 until 10.30am

Please register your interest at standrewsprimary@parra.catholic.edu.au or 88696700

KINDERGARTEN 2022

Is your child turning 5 and school ready?

We have been overwhelmed with applications for Kindergarten 2022, if your child is ready to start kindergarten in 2022 please contact the school for an application form and organise an interview before 30th June 2021

Application forms are available from the school office Monday to Friday 8.30 - 3pm or online
<https://www.standrewspsmarayong.catholic.edu.au>

HELP FOR MARRIAGES UNDER STRESS:

The BreakThrough Online Course created by SmartLoving will enable you to identify your conflict triggers, learn strategies to de-escalate an argument and find constructive ways to re-establish connection. Restore hope for your relationship's future.

Visit: smartloving.org/breakthrough Divine Mercy Discount - 50% | until May 10, 2021.

Marriage Anniversary Blessings

For those celebrating anniversaries of their marriages during the month of May, you are invited to receive a blessing to celebrate your anniversary. This will take place at all our Masses on Sunday, May 16.

If you are interested, please contact the parish office in advance with your details.