



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.



## 15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year B: Vol.4 No.33

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### PARISH STAFF:

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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>

~ 30min after conclusion

### WEEKEND MASSES:

Sunday: 9.30 am

*LIVE-STREAM ONLY*

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday: 9.00am

Tuesday: 9.00am

Wednesday: 9.00am

Thursday: 9.00am

Friday: 9.00am

Saturday: 9.00am

*ALL LIVE-STREAM ONLY*

### PARISH SCHOOLS:

#### **ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY**

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

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

## THE BROWN SCAPULAR

The enrolment ceremony for the Brown Scapular which we usually hold around the feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Friday, July 16. – **has been cancelled because of the lockdown.**

## PRAYER IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

Lord Jesus, give us the grace to hear your voice, and the strength to continue working for your kingdom in this time of pandemic. Do not allow us to be indifferent to those who today suffer the loss of a loved one, or who suffer from the absence of work. But give us the courage to accompany and side with those who suffer violence or injustice. Amen.

## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

**Will be re-scheduled when the prevailing Covid situation and restrictions permit.**

### 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 ...

- ♦ PRAYER TO JOSEPH
- ♦ CURRENT PLANS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
- ♦ FINANCIAL WELL-BEING OF OUR PARISH
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

## *From Monsignor Ron ...*

This weekend we have the opening of St Paul's letter to the Ephesians, and it begins with a very important message. St Paul commences by claiming apostolic authority in which Paul states he belongs to Christ, he is chosen by Christ, he is sent by Christ, and he speaks with the power of Christ. Then there is a song of praise in which we are asked to contemplate the wonder of God's personal love for us as well as the wonder of God's eternal plan for our salvation.

I stated it is a very important message because it reminds us that we are precious in the eyes of God and that he is always present with us and for us. It reminds us that God's plan of salvation is each day continuing to develop and we are part of those chosen for salvation because we are totally loved by our God. But, I believe it goes a step further. We too, like St Paul, belong to Christ, are chosen by Christ, are sent by Christ and we too speak with the power of Christ due to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. This is where we find our meaning in life. This is where we find our dignity.

Of course, we wonder how this can be true because we are such ordinary people, and we don't see ourselves as especially gifted. To help us with this let us go to our reading from the prophet Amos. We have Amos protesting that he was not a prophet and that he did not make a living by prophecy, which means teaching on behalf of God. But he also accepts that in spite of his apparent limitations he has been called by God and sent to be the representative of God to his people. He has been called to do good. The same is true of us. We do need to remember we were created to live by God as his gifts to the world and as representatives of Jesus in this particular moment of history. What is needed is the dedication of who we are and what we have to do in the service of God.

Everything I have said is reinforced in our gospel passage where we are reminded that it is God who takes the initiative, and he chooses who he wants even if they don't think they have the necessary qualities. So let us accept, God has chosen us before the foundation of the world, and he has blessed us and made us holy in Christ. So, it is a wonderful empowering message: we belong to Christ, we are sent by Christ and we are filled with the power of Christ to speak and act for him. So, let us ask: how can we bear witness to this gospel in our own lives today is to ask how can we help others to experience this gospel in their lives today?

**FORTHCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES:** The truth of the matter is we have no idea what is going to happen in the next few weeks or even for the remainder of the year. This is a lesson that we have been constantly learning from the outbreaks of Covid 19. What we can do is try to plan tentatively on some of the things that we would like to see happen.

For example, we are due to start the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Currently, if the restrictions are eased, we are planning to continue according to our schedule. If this does not happen then we will look at alternative ways similar to what we did in 2020.

As far as meetings taking place in the parish, their continuation will depend on the restrictions that are in effect at the time of the meetings. The same is of course the case in regard to attendance and participation in the celebration of the Mass. Certainly, we will continue with the live streaming of the Sunday Mass at 9:30am and on weekdays at 9:00am. While this is not the same as attending the Church, we do encourage parishioners to make use of this live streaming. In regard to personnel attendance in the church, that does depend on the restrictions. I would suspect that we will have to follow the one per 4 m<sup>2</sup> rule which means our numbers will be quite limited and more so than we have had for most of this year so far. I would bring to your attention the following notice from the Diocese of Parramatta as it contains a very important message for all of us.

**DUE TO COVID-19, PUBLIC  
MASSES AND CHURCH BUILDINGS ARE  
CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**CHURCHES ARE NOT BEING CLOSED.  
BUILDINGS ARE BEING CLOSED.  
YOU ARE THE CHURCH!  
YOU ARE TO REMAIN OPEN.**



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## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2021



Currently we are planning to commence the program for the *Sacrament of Confirmation* during term 3.

In regard to this program it is important to remember that this is a parish based program. To be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at this time, the candidates must be in at least year 5 and have received their First Holy Communion. The details of the program are as follows.

Expression of interest via Registration Forms will be available online after Tuesday 13th July 2021 by following this link:

[2021-Confirmation-Form.pdf \(standrewsmarayong.org.au\)](https://standrewsmarayong.org.au/2021-Confirmation-Form.pdf)

*[These forms may also possibly be collected from the Parish Office if a lifting of the current restrictions allow.]*

**Please note this and or the details below could change with the prevailing Covid situation and associated restrictions.**

Registration Evening: Tuesday 27th July at 7.00 pm in the Church.

Classes: Saturdays 7th August & 14th August 2021

[Classes begin at 10.00am or 3.00pm - Mass is at 9.00am or 5:00pm]

Sacrament of Confirmation Ceremony:

28th August at 6 pm, 31st August and / or 1st September 2021 at 7 pm

## SUPPORTING THE FINANCIAL WELL-BEING OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We are very grateful to those people who have collected their planned giving envelopes for the financial year that began on July 1. However, there are still many people yet to collect the envelopes and it would be appreciated if they could do so as soon as possible. It is preferable that people start with a new set up envelopes at the beginning of the financial year.



We also encourage people to make use of regular credit card or direct debit contributions to the parish. If you happen to be in the Church and have no cash with you there are the "tap and go" machines available to help you. There is also a link which can be found on the web page or an icon in the parish bulletin where you can select what collection you want your money directed to be placed.



### MASS READINGS -YEAR B

#### THIS SUNDAY:

#### 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Psalm: Ps 84:9-14

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

#### NEXT SUNDAY:

#### 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm: Ps 22

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

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

Crispin Andrade, Ronald Andrade, Felepe Asumbrado, Anthony Cardinale, Thomas Carvalho, Regina Castelino, Juan & Maria Concepcion, Florise Corette, Gamini de Silva, Fabiana Dela Cruz, Jan Kajstura, Maria - Khen Thi Tran, Ricardo Lumanta, Sr Alice Mary Martyris, Helen McGuirk, Graciano Menezes, Anania N. Mibulos, Federico Mibulos Sr, Crisostomo Mila, Melchora Bana Nola, Eduardo Pangilinan, Helen Tuscano, Peter Vaughn, Victor & Maryanne Vella, Tony Wanigaratne, Aeldred & Riolenne Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Collins & Quinn Families.

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

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| <b>Sunday</b>                                |  |
| 11-Jan                                       |  |
| <b>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>          |  |
| 9:30 Mass - live stream                      |  |
| <b>Monday</b>                                |  |
| 12   |  |
| Registrations Open - Confirmation            |  |
| School Resumes Term 3                        |  |
| 9:00 Mass - live stream                      |  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                               |  |
| 13   |  |
| Saint Henry                                  |  |
| 9:00 Mass - live stream                      |  |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                             |  |
| 14   |  |
| St Camillus of Lellis, Priest                |  |
| 9:00 Mass - live stream                      |  |
| <b>Thursday</b>                              |  |
| 15   |  |
| St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor               |  |
| 9:00 Mass - live stream                      |  |
| <b>Friday</b>                                |  |
| 16   |  |
| Our Lady of Mount Carmel                     |  |
| 9:00 Mass - live stream only                 |  |
| <b>Saturday</b>                              |  |
| 17-Jan                                       |  |
| Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary |  |
| 9:00 Mass - live stream                      |  |



**“Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.  
**Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.”**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 August. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded.

More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace,  
[www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or Tel (02) 6201 9845.

**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>

**ANNULMENT INFORMATION WEBINAR**

Each year the Catholic Tribunal Office, Diocese of Parramatta and CatholicCare WSBM Solo Parent Services present an Information Session to help people understand the process of Annulments in the Catholic Church. Questions are answered in detail on all aspects of the Annulment process. The event will be held online via Zoom. **Date: Wednesday 21st July Time: 7pm -9pm**

*Registration is Essential and will be handled by the Tribunal Office: For further details and to register, please call the Tribunal Office PH: 8838 3480 or email [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org)*

**RE: COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) UPDATE—JULY 9**

NSW Health has today (July 9) revised the COVID-19 guidelines. The following are effective immediately, unless otherwise stated, across Greater Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

**CHURCH BUILDINGS** Church buildings are not available for private prayer or religious services (except funerals). NSW Police have visited parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta to check on the use of buildings during this time. Fines and other infringements can be issued to each person who is in attendance if a breach has been identified.

**FUNERALS** Effective Sunday, 11 July 2021, funerals are permitted with a maximum number of 10 attendees only. If the funeral takes place in a church building the physical distancing rule of 1.5 metres must be observed. As a reminder that during this period, it is recommended that a simple grave side service be held or using the crematorium chapel with a small number of mourners (very immediate family) only. A memorial Mass when the current crisis is declared over can be held later. NSW Health continues to mandate that face masks are to be worn at all indoor venues, including places of worship.



**‘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.

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



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