



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.



## 25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year B: Vol.46 No.43 19th September 2021

### PARISH STAFF:

Monsignor Ron McFarlane  
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Monday to Friday  
9.30am to 12.30pm  
After hours phone: 9671 5793

### 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

[@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

Phone: 9626 4000

#### **Campus -**

##### **JUNIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 7-10)**

Address: 116 Quakers Road  
Marayong 2148

##### **SENIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 11-12)**

Address: 50 Breakfast Road  
Marayong 2148

## BUILDING SAFE PARISHES TOGETHER

### OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING OFFERING ONLINE TRAINING TO KEEP OUR PARISHES SAFE...

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The team are currently offering accompanied online training courses throughout September and October. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office at:

[safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) or [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

#### **To all the volunteers in St Andrew the Apostle Parish:**

As you are aware, all those who work in child-related ministries by law need to undergo safeguarding training. While we had hoped this year to be able to have this training done on site, unfortunately due to the Covid situation this has become impossible. Consequently, I do encourage you, if you have access to a computer, to do the online course. To be enrolled in one of these courses you may go directly to the addresses listed above or contact Joe in the parish office and he will be able to help.

As a lot of parishioners have been wonderful in accepting the invitation and consequently the previously advertised dates for zoom training are now full.

We have now scheduled some new training dates for the Mandatory Safeguarding Training.

#### **Zoom dates for Mandatory Safeguarding Training in November:**

Module 1 - Introduction to Safeguarding: *Tuesday 9th November at 9.30am or 2.00pm*

Module 2 – Understanding Child Abuse and Reportable Conduct: *Tuesday 16th November at 9.30am or 2.00pm*

Module 3 – Safeguarding Adults at Risk: *Tuesday 23rd November at 9.30am or 2.00pm*

## *From Monsignor Ron ...*

What we learn today is that there are two kinds of wisdom. There is Worldly wisdom and there is heavenly wisdom. Worldly wisdom can be bitter, arrogant, ambitious, selfish, envious, petty and so on, causing disharmony in our world and in the lives of people. Heavenly wisdom on the other hand is true, gentle, just, peaceable, full of mercy, and sincere, causing an environment of harmony, happiness, peace, justice and good things of every kind.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the Good News which brings to us the peace of Jesus which allows us to grow into harmony within ourselves, with God, with all others and with all creation. This is true wisdom, the wisdom we need to strive to acquire. It will involve us in many cases living differently than the values of the world in which we live propose. I hope we realise that if Christian men and women had consistently lived in this way of what we describe as heavenly wisdom our world today would be completely different. In other words, we all need to improve by trying to grab hold of this heavenly wisdom that Jesus offers to us, a fact that is emphasised in our reading this weekend from St James. We need to show in our lives that we wish to live in charity and in unity with all peoples.

It is important for us to see how Jesus describes a good person. To Jesus this is the person who sees himself as a servant of all others. This person is the person who treats every person with respect that flows from the inherent dignity that this person is created by God, is family and is equal to each and every other person.

I find it interesting in today's gospel that while Jesus is talking about his impending death and resurrection and trying to get his disciples to understand his message and mission, these same disciples are arguing about which of them was more important. At this moment in time they simply were not receptive to the message of Jesus. The reality is if we are too busy worrying about our own status and justifying our own way of life and our own importance we too might miss out on the message of Jesus.

All of us have to learn the very important lesson that Jesus is at the centre of the universe and that it is only in our relationship with him that we will find true meaning and purpose of life.

### **REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK**

I welcome this new day – it is mine to shape and to mould.

This is a new day, mine to use, to feel, to live as I see fit. How it unfolds is up to me. The choice is mine.

I can be miserable, or I can have a great day.

I can doubt, or I can have faith.

I can feel depressed, or I can express the joy that is inherent within me.

I can fear, or I can trust myself, others, God.

I can complain about aches and pains or I can affirm God's perfect life within me.

I can dwell on loss, or I can seek new interests, new joy in living.

I can criticise others, or I can accept and bless them and enjoy happy and harmonious relationships.

I can harbour grudges, or I can forgive.

I can speak of lack of or I can affirm God's never failing supply.

I can give up, or I can make a fresh start.

I can go it alone, or I can depend on God.

Each of us can continue this list as we feel we need to do so in our daily lives.

### **THANK YOU FOR CARING FOR OUR RETIRED CLERGY**

Thanks to your kind and compassionate support, the [Clergy Support Foundation](#) can continue to ensure our priests' physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing is nurtured. And, where needed, support our ageing priests' daily living, health care and medical expenses; along with home comforts and essentials for living well. Donations for the Father's Day Appeal can be made at:

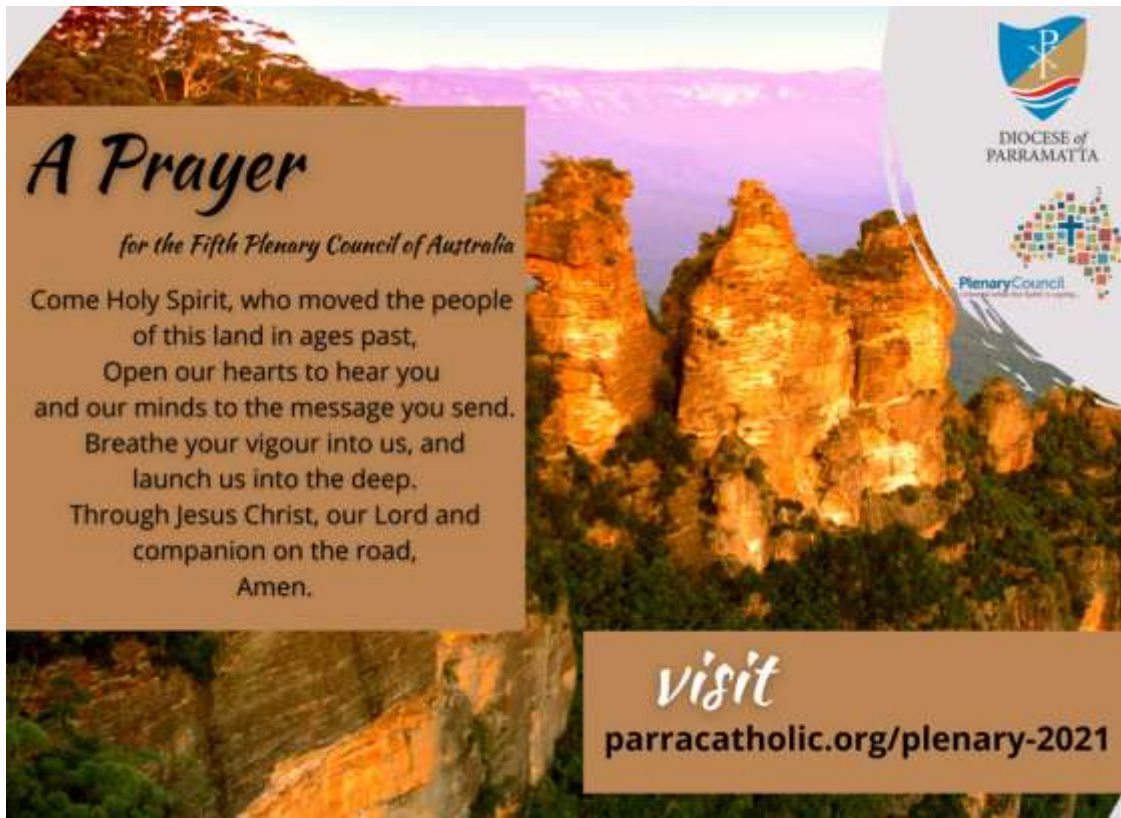
[parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or call (02) 8838 3482

### **'The Well' offers spiritual nourishment during lockdown**



Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Our latest offerings include Worship Wednesday led by friend of the Diocese, Gen Bryant, and the At the Well podcast reflects on 'A Mother's Love'.

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



# A Prayer

for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia

Come Holy Spirit, who moved the people of this land in ages past,  
 Open our hearts to hear you and our minds to the message you send.  
 Breathe your vigour into us, and launch us into the deep.  
 Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and companion on the road,  
 Amen.

visit  
[parracatholic.org/plenary-2021](http://parracatholic.org/plenary-2021)

## Fan the Flame Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

**'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me'**

Mark 9:30-37



Our parishes in particular are challenged to renew the formation of children, young people and families who may not be strongly connected to the Church but who still have an 'instinct for the faith' which prompts them to seek the sacraments or engage in part with of the Church's life. .  
*(Instrumentum Laboris #133)*

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/)

### Diocese of Parramatta launches

#### PLENARY COUNCIL RESOURCE WEBSITE

A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like.

The first assembly starts in October, so visit [parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/](http://parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/) to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more.



#### MASS READINGS -YEAR B

##### THIS SUNDAY:

##### 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12. 17-20  
 Psalm: Ps 53:3-6. 8  
 Second Reading: James 3:16 - 4:3  
 Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

##### NEXT SUNDAY:

##### 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29  
 Psalm: Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14  
 Second Reading: James 5:1-6  
 Gospel: Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

**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.**

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

Thomas Carvalho, Regina Castelino,  
 Maria - Khen Thi Tran, Sr Alice Mary Martyris ,  
 Graciano Menezes, Helen Tuscano, Peter Vaughn,  
 Victor & Maryanne Vella, Aeldred & Riolenne Weber, ,  
 Stella & Felic Zammit, Collins & Quinn Families,  
 All Souls in Purgatory  
 .....**Please remember in your prayers**

<b>Sunday</b>
19-Sep
<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Counters: Group 11
9:30 Mass - live stream only
<b>Monday</b>
20-Sep
Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest & Paul Chong Hasang, & their Companions, Martyrs School Holidays commence
9:00 Mass - live stream only
<b>Tuesday</b>
21-Sep
Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr
9:00 Mass - live stream only
<b>Wednesday</b>
22-Sep
Wednesday of week 25 in Ordinary Time
9:00 Mass - live stream only
<b>Thursday</b>
23-Sep
Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
9:00 Mass - live stream only
13:30 Funeral - Joseph GUILLAUMIER
19:00 Social Justice group meeting via zoom ?
<b>Friday</b>
24-Sep
Friday of week 25 in Ordinary Time Last day of term
9:00 Mass - live stream only
<b>Saturday</b>
25-Sep
Saturday of week 24 in Ordinary Time, Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 Mass - live stream only




**We are WITH YOU**

Resources for young people in the Diocese of Parramatta during these difficult times

[parracatholic.org/withyou](http://parracatholic.org/withyou)

**"I am with you always" – Matthew 28:20.**  
 The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people.  
 The website [parracatholic.org/withyou](http://parracatholic.org/withyou) contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.




**A DIOCESAN Conversation WITH REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING PROTECTION**

*Find out more about this important issue & the situation in Afghanistan first hand*

**3.00pm - 4.15pm**  
**Sunday 26th September on Zoom**

**RSVP: [www.bit.do/diocesan-refugee](http://www.bit.do/diocesan-refugee)**

*Hear personal stories from a refugee seeking protection  
 Questions answered by an expert working in the field*



**Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth Online Discernment Retreat: 25 September**

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are inviting single women aged 18-35 to an online discernment retreat on Saturday 25 September from 4pm. The retreat will include a reflection and talk, a Q&A session and Evening Prayer. If you would like to participate in the Zoom meeting, or for more information, please contact Sr Paula on 0449 656 406 or [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com)

**2021 Abraham Conference – Women Leaders in the Abrahamic Traditions: 10 October**

The Abraham Conference plays an important role in bringing Jews, Christians and Muslims together to discuss contemporary issues of concern for the members of the three religions and for the wider society. This year's conference, which will discuss 'Women Leaders in the Abrahamic Traditions: Role Models for Our Time', will be livestreamed for free via Zoom on Sunday 10 October from 2.30pm to 4pm.

To register, please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/2021-abraham-conference>

**Campion College Virtual Open Day: 28 September**

Campion College, the Australian liberal arts college based in Toongabbie are holding a virtual open day on Tuesday 28 September from 10am to 5pm. This is the perfect opportunity for prospective students to find out more about the College and their liberal arts degree.

For more information, and to register, please visit <https://www.campion.edu.au/virtual-open-day/>

**For more events, please go to: [parracatholic.org/events](http://parracatholic.org/events)**



**Season of Creation 2021**

Join Pope Francis and Christians around the globe in praying and taking action for our common home during Season of Creation (1 Sept – 4 Oct). For more information, resources, and activities in the Diocese of Parramatta, visit , visit [parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation](http://parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation)