



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.



26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year B: Vol.46 No.44

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PRESBYTERY:

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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:

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

Principal: Yvette Baird

Phone: 8869 6700

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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

UPDATES CONCERNING RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS

Unfortunately, Baptism: unfortunately we are still in the situation where we cannot have public gatherings in our Church. As soon as we have access to the Church, we will issue an invitation to all those who have had to delay the Sacrament of Baptism so that they may choose a date.

Reconciliation: what we have been doing in this regard is to ask people who would like to receive this sacrament at this time contact the parish office and make an appointment. The sacrament will be administered in the piazza area, following all the recommended health requirements.

Communion to the Sick and Sacrament of Anointing: if you are in need of these sacraments, you are asked to contact the parish office.

Program for the Sacrament of Confirmation: As soon as school attendance recommences, we will invite families to come to the parish office to collect the booklets to be used in the program. At this stage, the plan is to follow what we did last year. This was to invite parents in small groups to come to a parent session and then ask families to conduct the program at home. As far as a date for the Sacrament, that will depend on circumstances as they develop.

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 or maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

From Monsignor Ron ...

Today we are asked to reflect on how we live out our faith in practice. In doing this we should also look at the effect our lives have on the people around us and in particular the members of our families, especially our spouses and children. We can add to that, the various communities we are involved with, whether they be through the Church, or through our places of work, or through our social and/or our sporting life. We need to ask ourselves what affect our lives have on these communities.

I think is important to accept that the way we live our lives affects the lives of those around us for better or for worse. Whether we like it or not, we are stumbling blocks to others or we are steppingstones to them on the road to salvation. This is an important lesson for us to realise and it applies to all of us no matter our age or status in life.

We might briefly look at some examples where we can be a scandal to another person. We are a scandal to another when we are unkind or unjust to them, whenever we make them feel small or damage their self-confidence. We are a scandal to another when we write people off as a result of their weaknesses, faults or mistakes. We are a scandal to others when we humiliate others for not living up to our expectations. We are a scandal to others when we discourage them, keep them down, or hold them back, or make them feel inferior. We are scandal to others when we do not accept people or exclude and ignore them.

On the other hand, we can be steppingstones, good examples and helps to others. We can offer support in moments of weakness and doubt. We can boost self-confidence in people. We can help them to discover the special talents that God has given to them. We can help people grow to their full potential. We can make sure we accept each and every person as important. We can make sure we encourage rather than condemn people because of their mistakes. We can be forgiving people like Jesus forgives us and others. We can be steppingstones when we strive to understand and listen to others. These are the type of things we should be striving to do.

Today Jesus says to all of us – “a new commandment I give you: love one another as I have loved you. All people will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.”

A SHORT PRAYER FOR THIS DIFFICULT TIME

As we transition through this time we pray:
One day at a time sweet Jesus.
That's all that I ask of you.
Lord help me today.
Show me the way.
One day at a time.

**We are
WITH YOU**

“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 contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK – HELPFUL IDEAS FOR TRYING TIMES

1. Take one day at a time. Sometimes one hour at a time.
2. Be easy and gentle with yourself. You would be with a friend under similar circumstances.
3. Keep your expectations moderate. You are not Superman or Superwoman.
4. Take time to make decisions. Find your options and the pros and cons of each option before making a decision.
5. List your good points. Refer to them on the days when you feel down.
6. List your blessings. We all have some of these. Refer to them when things are at rock bottom.
7. Take good care of your health.
8. Pray. It does not have to be a long prayer. You do not have to be in the Church. Let God know your good times and your bad, your needs for help.
9. Try to keep things as normal as possible.
10. Make a list of things that you need to get done each day. In Mark those that are most important. Do those first. Rejoice that you are able to get those done.

Most of all – be good to yourself.

Feast Days this Week:

ST VINCENT DEPAUL - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

St Vincent DePaul founded the Societies of Charity in many parts of France to look after poor people who were ill. These eventually evolved into the Sisters of Charity of St Vincent DePaul. In 1625, St Vincent and some other priest pledged themselves to live in the community and to devote themselves to the salvation of the poor. This was the beginning of the Vincentian Fathers.

This feast day is an important reminder of the need for our commitment to bring the Good News of Jesus to our fellow humans through loving service. This is also a reminder to us to generously participate in the activities of the St Vincent DePaul Society in whatever way we can. We need to remember that the St Vincent DePaul Society are actually our preservatives in outreach to those families in need in our community.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 29 - STS MICHAEL, GABRIEL
AND RAPHAEL, THE ARCHANGELS

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 30 - ST JEROME

FRIDAY OCTOBER 01 - ST THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 02 - THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

Vinnies Support Centres are still available to those in need:

St Vincent de Paul Support Centres across Greater Sydney are still available and taking calls to arrange for food vouchers or other items to be provided to those in need. If you need assistance, call the Support Centres in -

Blacktown on 8861 9777, Harris Park on 8861 9757 and Penrith on 8861 9770.

To find out more about what support is available, visit

<http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>

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/ to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more.



MASS READINGS -YEAR B

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY:

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm: Ps 127

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

**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.....

Sweetheart Stephannie Gader, Joseph Guillaumier,
Cornel Rotik, Antonio Samson, Peter Vaughn,
Victor & Maryanne Vella, Aeldred & Riolen Weber,
Stella & Felic Zammit, Collins & Quinn Families,
All Souls in Purgatory

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

Sunday

26-Sep

**26th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
Counters: Group 12

9:30 Mass - live stream only

Monday

27-Sep

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

9:00 Mass - live stream only

Tuesday

28-Sep

Tuesday of week 26
in Ordinary Time,
Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr,
Saints Laurence Ruiz &
Companions, Martyrs

9:00 Mass - live stream only

Wednesday

29-Sep

Saints Michael, Gabriel
and Raphael, Archangels

9:00 Mass - live stream only

Thursday

30-Sep

Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor

9:00 Mass - live stream only

Friday

1-Oct

Saint Thérèse of the Child
Jesus, Virgin, Doctor
First Friday

9:00 Mass - live stream only

Saturday

2-Oct

The Holy Guardian Angels

9:00 Mass - live stream only

Daylight Savings - starts on Sunday, 3rd October. Clocks go *forward* one hour. 🕒➡🕒

Parish Finances

This weekend we are providing the parish financial statement for the last financial year which concluded on June 30, 2021.

Currently, we are once again going through the Covid situation where our parish income is extremely low. We are thankful for those who contribute online on a regular basis or on a one-off occasion. As well we are thankful to the New South Wales government for the limited financial support which enables us to continue to employ our parish staff.

While we are fortunate in that we have finances to fall back on, we are also very much aware that we are eating into our reserves which are there for major expenses in regard to maintenance which are always unexpected. You would be also aware that in the last year we have replaced all the internal ceiling in the church and carried out major repairs on the roof of the church. As well there are also the ongoing expenses which are associated with every household and every office. In fact, we will be spending a few thousand dollars in the next couple of weeks with annual maintenance expenses.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have contributed in this difficult time either by credit cards, direct debit, or by simply dropping their envelopes into the parish office. This has been a great help.

St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church Marayong Parish Financial Report for year ending June 30, 2021

Gross income	\$440,773.36
Total expenditure	<u>\$313,509.62</u>
Operating Surplus	\$127,263.74

Major expenditure during this period:

Altar and Church Requisites	\$ 9,471.23
Insurance	\$ 25,283.61
Repairs & Maintenance (sound system)	\$ 76,268.44
Wages	\$105,521.53

Fully audited Financial records for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 are available upon request. During this period, we have had special expenditure in the following areas: -

- Up grade of the security system
- Replace ceiling tiles in Church
- Repair roof tiles on Church
- Installation of solar panels to Presbytery
- Up grade the live streaming equipment

We have been able to remain in surplus because of the following:

- By paying off the Church loan, in April 2020, we did not have to meet loan repayments for this financial year of \$102,000.00.
- Government assistance of \$37,000.00.

But most important of all is the continued financial support, even with reduced attendance, by our Parish Community through donations via envelopes, credit cards and direct debit payments. It is hoped that this support will continue and allow the Parish to remain in surplus.

Fred Inglis
Chairperson Parish Finance Committee



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

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 or call (02) 8838 3482

Migrant & Refugee Sunday 2021:

On 26 September, the Catholic Church around the world celebrates the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (also known as Migrant and Refugee Sunday). Pope Francis invites us to work Towards an ever wider "we" and embrace the resilience and contribution of Migrants and Refugees to the church and society. The "Diocesan Journey... Walking with Refugees" team invites you to a

Virtual Diocesan Conversation with Refugees on 26 September from 3pm – 4.15pm.

RSVP via www.bit.do/diocesan-refugee.

Find more information and resources at

migrants-refugees.va and acmro.catholic.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

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

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

Logos at the bottom: Caritas, CHRC, Sydney Alliance, JRS, St Vincent de Paul Society, Diocese of Parramatta, HW.

Fan the Flame Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

"If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward." Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48



The healing hands and support offered by a humble and merciful community are at the heart of a response to trauma and woundedness. Many need and yearn for full integration into the life of a loving community, where one is known and belongs.

(Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper p. 12)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/