



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.



29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year B: Vol.46 No.47

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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

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Marayong 2148

SENIOR CAMPUS (YRS. 11-12)

Address: 50 Breakfast Road

Marayong 2148

FR. FLORITO (FLOR):

Fr. Florito (Flor) will be departing from St Andrews Parish sometime the week following next Sunday. It is impossible at this stage to have a proper farewell to express our gratitude to Fr. Flor for the work he has done in our parish. Hopefully, maybe optimistically, we will be able to have Public Masses by Sunday, October 24. If this is the case we will let you know what Mass Fr. Flor will be celebrating that weekend.

Father Flor will be moving to exercise his ministry in South Mount Druitt Parish, and he will be living at the parish of Emu Plains.

DELAYED

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



Our next meeting is still in doubt as we found in the letter from the diocese:

"Parish office and other facilities (meeting rooms) will continue to be subject to the people's vaccination status at this stage. Due to this, it may be prudent for parishes to continue to delay face-to-face meetings and gatherings until the next stage of the reopening."

While saying this, it would be appreciated if the prayer groups and other ministries in the parish would provide the names of two representatives at least to take part in the Parish Pastoral Council meetings when they take place. I am also hopeful that when we do recommence, it will be possible to have a parish meeting with Fr. Kevin Medilo and Fr. Kevin Redmond so that parishioners will have the opportunity to get to know them.

From Monsignor Ron ...

I think it is a fair thing to say that most of us like to be in charge, but I would also admit that there are different reasons for that desire. Some like bossing others around because it makes them feel important which means they like power. Others simply like the prestige that is attached with being in charge. Others like the top job because of the salary that goes with it. There is one thing in common about all these reasons, and that is that in each case authority is seen as an opportunity to promote oneself and one's own interests. It is an attitude of what's in it for me. I think this was probably the problem that James and John had in approaching Jesus.

What we learn from the response of Jesus is that he sees authority as an opportunity to serve, an opportunity which promotes the good of others rather than about building up oneself. Anyone can look after number one, but to look after others is much more challenging, demanding and I would strongly suggest, fulfilling. And let us remember, this is the example that Jesus gave to all of us. In the light of our first reading this weekend from the prophet Isaiah, we have the description of a person who takes upon himself all the sins and sorrows of the world in order to free people, and as well to free us. Now this is the example we are called to follow.

It is important to see how this brings together the two themes of today's readings. These themes are suffering and service which always seem to go together. In the first place, service always involves suffering for we cannot help others without some sacrifice in our own part. We need to put the other person before ourselves. Secondly, we are invited to use suffering that comes our way in a positive manner which is to unite ourselves to the sufferings of Jesus and to use our sufferings as a prayer for others. Thirdly, and I would suggest very obviously, when we help others, we reduce the burden of their sufferings.

It seems to me that the overall message for today is that we will serve God best by helping others. We are called to service after the example of Jesus in his life and on the cross.

REOPENING OF OUR CHURCH

When the vaccination target in NSW reaches 80% of the double dose of vaccination, our churches will be open to the entire community. There is no requirement then from the government to check the vaccination status of people attending our churches. We do expect this target to be reached in the next couple of weeks which means from either October 18, 24 or 31 we will recommence Masses and other timetabled activities in relation to worship with the one person per 4 m².

When this happens, for the time being we will continue with the **timetabling of Masses** that we had before the lockdown. This will mean two Saturday evening Masses and four Masses on Sunday morning. This will be announced on our website along with a **proposed roster** (based on the last draft) once the government makes the announcement.

We will continue with the live streaming of Mass for the time being. During the week this will be at 9:00 AM and on Sundays at 9:30 AM. We do understand that people who are especially vulnerable and even those who are vaccinated but remain anxious may not be prepared to attend Mass in person.

Baptism: In regard to Baptisms, we do ask that all those who had their children's reception of Baptism postponed because of the lockdown to contact the parish office and reschedule. We will celebrate this Sacrament on Saturday mornings at 10:30 AM and on Sunday mornings at 11:45 AM. The 4 m² rule will apply.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): The timetable for this will be published next weekend. At the moment, until we reach 80%, this Sacrament is received by appointment.

Meetings: At the 80% of vaccination rate, the parish office and other facilities such as our meeting rooms will continue to be subjected to people's vaccination status. Due to this, it has been decided to continue to delay face-to-face meetings and gatherings until the next stage of the reopening which is expected to be December 1, 2021.

Masks: *Please note*- until at least December 1, 2021 masks still have to be worn in the church. As well, going to the parish office and going to the Church, will require that people do sign in. What happens after December 1 is that it seems that masks will not be compulsory. However, people are encouraged to consider wearing masks while in the Church.

Vaccination: While we do respect the right of people to make a decision in conscience about the vaccination, we do also expect them to make an informed decision about the possible consequences of not being vaccinated for themselves and for other members in the community.



'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. Catch up on our recent Catholic Youth Parramatta LIFTED Studio Sessions and learn some new creative skills as we head out of lockdown. Check it out at www.thewell.org.au

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CONFIRMATION 2021



Due The Sacrament of Confirmation: With the reopening of the Church, it is proposed to go ahead with the administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation within the limits required by the NSW Government. The proposed dates are Monday, November 8 and Tuesday, November 9. Due to numbers this may be changed to one evening. It is also proposed to have a parent evening, with one parent and no children present, on Monday, October 25 at 7 PM or approximately 40 minutes. The program itself will be conducted by the parents at home.

If you are registered already, you should have received this information. If you would like to register, remembering that the candidate must be in year 5 or above and also have made their First Holy Communion, please contact the parish office or using the registration form found on our parish website and also linked below as soon as possible and before the parent evening.

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



Sunday
17-Oct
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 3
9:30 Mass - live stream only
Monday
18-Oct
Saint Luke, Evangelist
09:00 Mass - live stream
Tuesday
19-Oct
Tuesday of week 29 in Ordinary Time Saints John of Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests, & their Companions, Martyrs Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest
09:00 Mass - live stream
Wednesday
20-Oct
Wednesday of week 29 in Ordinary Time
09:00 Mass - live stream
Thursday
21-Oct
Thursday of week 29 in Ordinary Time
09:00 Mass - live stream
Friday
22-Oct
Friday of week 29 in Ordinary Time Saint John Paul II, Pope
09:00 Mass - live stream
Saturday
23-Oct
Saturday of week 29 in Ordinary Time Saint John of Capistrano, Priest Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 Mass - live stream only

PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS

“The devotion to the memory of the dead is one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit.” – Pope St. John XXIII

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. During this entire month we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, especially those whom we have known and loved.

November Mass Offering Envelopes are available at the doors of the church, with your parish envelopes or from the parish office for those who wish to use them. The recommended offering for these Masses is \$20. You are requested to print the name/s of the deceased clearly so that it can be easily read.

Available NOW

\$19.95

Young people of the Diocese –



“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.

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

Mary Anne Camelleri, Thomas Carvalho, Regina Castelino, Connie Cullen, John Galea, Natividad Gonzales, John Honor, Sr Alice Mary Martyris, Graciano Menezes, Zilda Noronha, Julita J. San Jose, Fortunata San Jose Felix, Jack Shrum, Eva Taylor, German Toong, Helen Tuscano, Peter Vaughn, Victor & Maryanne Vella, Aeldred & Riolen Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory.....**Please remember in your prayers**



MASS READINGS -YEAR B

THIS SUNDAY:

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11
Psalm: Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22
Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16
Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

NEXT SUNDAY:

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11
Psalm: Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22
Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16
Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

DEVOTION TO MARY

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.

MARY, OUR MOTHER
AND MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER,
GATE OF HEAVEN AND STAR OF THE SEA,
COME TO THE AID OF YOUR PEOPLE,
WHO HAVE SINNED,
YET ALSO YEARN TO RISE AGAIN!
COME TO THE CHURCH'S AID,
ENLIGHTEN YOUR DEVOTED CHILDREN,
STRENGTHEN THE FAITHFUL THROUGHOUT THE WORLD,
LET THOSE WHO HAVE DRIFTED
HEAR YOUR CALL,
AND MAY THEY WHO LIVE AS PRISONERS OF EVIL BE CONVERTED. [Pope JP11]

FOR WE CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what **WE HAVE SEEN & HEARD** *October IS World Mission Month*
ACTS 4:20

Catholic Mission 2021 Partnering with the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand.

Thank you for choosing to support the work of Catholic Mission this year, and for sharing the important and vital work of missionaries around the world with your parishioners.

This year, we invite you to partner with the essential work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies, and children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Normally, in October we have our annual appeal for the Catholic Missions.

However, it is impractical to do so this year due to all the restrictions. You are encouraged to go to the website for Catholic missions Australia and if you so desire you can make a contribution online.



catholic mission



catholicmission.org.au/thailand



This coming Sunday, 17 October 2021, dioceses around the world will launch local preparations for the XVI Synod of Bishops. The Synod, themed "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission", was solemnly opened in Rome last week by Pope Francis. If you haven't already done so, you may be interested to watch the Mass and read Pope Francis' homily as published on *Catholic Outlook* [here](#).

For parishes in Australia, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has provided us with a [prayer](#) for the Synod.

This Sunday at 10am, I will be celebrating a livestreamed Mass at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith to mark the opening of the Synod of Bishops in the Diocese of Parramatta. This Mass will be broadcast on the St Nicholas of Myra Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/SNOMPenrith>) and shared to the Diocesan Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic>) Because of the overlap of the Synod with the Australian Plenary Council, I have also attached the [timeline](#) summarising key milestones for both events.

For this weekend, I look forward to including the Diocese of Parramatta in a journey that will see the entire Church reflecting on a process which Pope Francis has described as 'walking on the same road, walking together.'

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv Bishop of Parramatta

Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen.

