



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.



## FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year A: Vol.48 No.01

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### PARISH STAFF:

Fr. Kevin Medilo, SM  
Fr. Kevin Redmond SM  
Fr. Floyd Gatana SM  
Maria Hyson  
(Sacramental Coordinator)  
Michelle Sultana &  
Joe Clemson (Office staff)

### Parish Office:

**Phone: 9622 0817**

40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong 2148  
[PO Box 4345]

Email Address:

[saapm@bigpond.com](mailto:saapm@bigpond.com)

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

9.00am to 3.30pm

**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  
each month at 11:45am

### **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.

### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday:

Vigil 5.00pm

Sunday:

7.30am, 8.45am  
& 10.30am

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday: 9.00am

Tuesday: 9.00am

Wednesday: 9.15am

*Novena Mass:* 7.00pm

Thursday: 9.00am

*Mass:* 7.00pm

Friday: 9.00am

Saturday: 9.00am

### PARISH SCHOOLS:

#### **St. Andrew's Primary**

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



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CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

## No one should be without a place to call home.

## BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

for Catholic Care's Assistance with  
Care and Housing Service.

No one should be homeless or without support. Your Christmas gift today will enable Catholic Care to give homeless people practical and emotional support, and a safe place to call home. Please stretch out your hand to the poor and give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal envelopes or at:

[yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or scan this QR Code.



Thank you for your prayers, heart-felt compassion, and help to end homelessness.

## “LET US BEGIN AGAIN AS WE PREPARE TO MEET JESUS AT CHRISTMAS”

We celebrate this weekend the beginning of a new liturgical year, with the First Sunday of Advent, Year A. Our readings ask us to reflect on the difference that the coming of Christ into our world makes for us. Because God loved the world so much, he sent Jesus, his Son, to be like us in all things, but sin. Jesus reveals to us how much God loves us and how we are invited to be witnesses of the Good News by words and deeds.

By following God’s commandments our lives are transformed and we become a new creation and we are challenged to live in accordance with the truth of the power and love of God for us and all creation. The ‘normal’ ways of living are not sufficient any longer, the prophet Isaiah even declares that “Nation will not lift sword against nation,” and that instruments of war will be transformed into tools to help things grow and flourish.

As we begin our Advent journey, we are invited to see this time of preparation for Christmas as an opportunity to be even more open to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Jesus warns that it is not automatic that people will recognise the difference that the Good News makes for ourselves and our world. Just like the people in Noah’s time, people can be oblivious to the reality of God’s love for us and how we are invited to respond. As individuals, especially at this time of year, we can be so caught up in wrapping up the year, getting presents, planning events around Christmas and the January period, preparing for Christmas and so much more that we are blind to the opportunities given to us to be loving, kind, compassionate and even more basically, of being of service to those around us.

We could imagine that God could have come among us in many different ways, but Jesus came as a baby and I believe this reality invites us to recognise our responsibility to look after the most vulnerable in our lives and world. Belief in God changes our perspective and so our Advent journey invites to be more open to the transforming power of God in our lives.

..... from Fr Redmond

### RECEIVING COMMUNION BY TONGUE

As we start the new liturgical calendar and with less Covid-19 restrictions, we permit holy communion by tongue for those who are interested. Only the priest gives communion by the tongue. During communion, please come forward to the priest at the end of the communion line.

THIS WEEK’S ROSTER: 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2022		[4th Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]		
Ministries	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
Ministers at the Altar	Ike Enriquez Primrose Fernandes	Joanel Dela Cruz Gus Kaster	Rudy Fu Mario Picart	Noe Adan
Commentator	Nenette Gapud	Anthony Pereira	Lita Picart	Peter Maw
First Reader	Mirza Alata	Elvie Clark	Felix Villamarin	Socorro Amos
Second Reader	Doris Barrios	Julie Nunez	Lydia Villamarin	Linda Rane
Projectionist	Yaqueline Metcalfe			Abigail & Amber Chin
Altar Servers	Aidan & Brianna D'Silva, K Vaz, C Anderiesz Isabelle & Jasmine Metcalfe		Aradhana Hyson, Janelle Kakodkar	Jacob, Amber, Abigail & Jerome Chin
<b>Ministers of Communion - 4th Sunday of the Month</b> Ministers of Communion roster is still being formulated - apologies for the delay!				
Wardens	Maurice Apap, Bill Ebejer, Paul Vella, Myles Anderiesz	Pines Bonifacio, Spiro Cumbo, Suzanne Daniels, Maurice Perera		Maricor Espinosa
Usher s/ Welcomers	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert	Paul Battikha, Michael Portelli	
Music	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Couples For Christ Australia

NEXT WEEK’S ROSTER: 04 <sup>th</sup> December 2022		[1st Sunday of the Month - Even Month]		
Ministries	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
Ministers at the Altar	Joe Doyle Kartiko Effendy	John Fernandes	Olan Cruise Derica Elogious	Ferdi Chin
Commentator	Erna Ferrer	Perla Billedo	Vinetta Lobo	Therrie Chin
First Reader	Ralph Vaz	Anthony Culbert	Martin Zammit	Maricor Espinosa
Second Reader	Edward Yin	Fely Perez	Christina Monteiro	Joyce Vincent
Projectionist	Yaqueline Metcalfe	Claire Blunt		Abigail Chin
Altar Servers	Aidan & Brianna D'Silva, K Vaz, C Anderiesz Isabelle & Jasmine Metcalfe		Aradhana Hyson, Janelle Kakodkar	Jacob, Amber, Abigail & Jerome Chin
<b>Ministers of Communion - 1st Sunday of the Month</b> Ministers of Communion roster is still being formulated - apologies for the delay!				
Wardens	Maurice Apap, Bill Ebejer, Paul Vella, Myles Anderiesz	Pines Bonifacio, Spiro Cumbo, Suzanne Daniels, Maurice Perera		Maricor Espinosa
Usher s/ Welcomers	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert		
Music	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Mafi Family Choir

## Advent Wreath

The wreath's symbolism of the advent (coming) of Light into the world is clear. The gradual lighting of the four candles, one on each Sunday of the Advent season, combined with the liturgical colours of the candles (purple is the penitential color used during Advent and Lent; rose is a liturgical colour used only on Gaudete Sunday in Advent and Laetare Sunday in Lent) help to symbolize not only our expectation and hope in Our Saviour's first coming into the world, but also in his Second Coming as Judge at the end of the world.



## Blessing and Prayer

*Priest: Let us pray (pause for silent prayer)*

Father, all powerful Lord of Light, bless + our wreath. May the increasing light of these candles brighten our minds and hearts to be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love, so that we are ready again to receive in true peace Jesus, the Light of the World, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*[Sprinkling follows. The first candle is lit, and the prayer for the first week is said.]*

*Priest: Let us pray. Stir up your might, we beg you, O Lord, and come, so that we may escape through your protection and be saved by your help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. We ask this of you who lives and reigns for ever and ever. All: Amen.*

## St Andrew our Patron Saint

On Wednesday, November 30, we have the feast day of St. Andrew, the patron saint of our parish.

When St. Andrew was made the patron of this parish, this was a decision to place this parish under the protection of St. Andrew and to see in him a model for our Christian living.

*Masses for the feast of St Andrew: Wednesday, November 30, at 9:15am and 7:00pm.*

## PRAYER TO ST. ANDREW

O Glorious St. Andrew, you were the first to recognize and follow the Lamb of God. With your friend St. John you remained with Jesus for that first day, for your entire life, and now throughout eternity.

As you led your brother St. Peter to Christ, and many others after him, draw us also to Him. Teach us to lead others to Christ solely out of love for Him, and dedication in His service.

Help us to learn the lesson of the Cross and to carry our daily crosses without complaint so that they may carry us to Jesus. **Amen.**



### MASS READINGS -YEAR A

#### THIS SUNDAY:

##### **First Sunday of ADVENT**

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm: Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

#### NEXT SUNDAY:

##### **Second Sunday of ADVENT**

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm: Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12



## Mass Times Christmas



### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

*Saturday, 24th December*

**9:00 am (Mass of the 24 Dec)**

**5:00 pm & 8:00 pm**

**(Christmas – Vigil Masses)**

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

*Sunday, 25th December*

**Midnight 12:00am**

**7:30am, 8:45am & 10:30am.**

**(Christmas Morning Masses)**

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Second Rite of Reconciliation which involves a communal preparation before we have the opportunity to individually go and confess our sins will be celebrated on Saturday morning at 9:30am on 03rd December.



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Positions Vacant:

**Parish Office Coordinator – St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong**

Applications close 10pm Sunday 4 December 2022

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27-Nov</p> <p><b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> Counters: Group 8 <i>Bishop's Christmas Appeal</i></p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass</p>	<p>28-Nov</p> <p>Monday of the 1st week of Advent</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SVdP Meeting</p>	<p>29-Nov</p> <p>Tuesday of the 1st week of Advent</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>30-Nov</p> <p><b>Saint Andrew, Apostle</b></p> <p>09:15 Mass SAP 19:00 Novena &amp; Mass</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>1-Dec</p> <p>Thursday of the 1st week of Advent</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Social Justice group meeting</p>	<p>2-Dec</p> <p>Friday of the 1st week of Advent First Friday</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass 19:30 Music Practice Worship Hymn 20:00 Church Cleaning HJM</p>	<p>3-Dec</p> <p>Saint Francis Xavier, Priest</p> <p>09:00 Mass 09:30 Parish Reconciliation 09:40 Legion of Mary 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 17:45 Youthworks event</p>
<p>4-Dec</p> <p><b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> Counters: Group 9</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass BVL 10:30 Mass 11:45 Baptism</p>	<p>5-Dec</p> <p>Monday of the 2nd week of Advent</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting</p>	<p>6-Dec</p> <p>Tuesday of the 2nd week of Advent Saint Nicholas, Bishop</p> <p>09:00 Mass 11:45 Mass SAP yr2 19:00 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>7-Dec</p> <p>Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena &amp; Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation</p>	<p>8-Dec</p> <p>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Mass 19:00 RCIA</p>	<p>9-Dec</p> <p>Friday of the 2nd week of Advent or Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 20:00 Choir Practice HJM</p>	<p>10-Dec</p> <p>Saturday of the 2nd week of Advent Our Lady of Loreto</p> <p>7:00 Church Cleaning CFC 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 16:00 Music Practice Fresh in Faith Youth Choir 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:30 Prayer Meeting HJM</p>
<p>11-Dec</p> <p><b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> Counters: Group 10</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass</p>	<p>12-Dec</p> <p>Monday of the 2nd week of Advent Our Lady of Guadalupe</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass Graduation SAP Yr6 19:00 SVdP Meeting</p>	<p>13-Dec</p> <p>Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>14-Dec</p> <p>Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena &amp; Mass 20:00 Combined Christmas Choir &amp; Music Practice</p>	<p>15-Dec</p> <p>Thursday of the 3rd week of Advent HSC RESULTS &amp; ATAR</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 RCIA 19:30 Music Practice CFC</p>	<p>16-Dec</p> <p>Friday of the 3rd week of Advent <i>Last day for students</i></p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Music Practice Fresh in Faith Youth Choir 19:30 Music Practice St Andrew's Family Choir</p>	<p>17-Dec</p> <p>Fr Byrne - Anniversary of Death</p> <p>09:00 Mass 09:30 SVdP Meeting 09:40 Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning LoM 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass</p>
<p>18-Dec</p> <p><b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> Counters: Group 11 Marriage Blessing - All Masses</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass 11:45 Baptism</p>	<p>19-Dec</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary</p>	<p>20-Dec</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary</p> <p><i>Last day of term</i></p>	<p>21-Dec</p> <p>21-Dec Commemoration of Saint Peter Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor <i>School Holidays commence</i></p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena &amp; Mass 20:00 Combined Christmas Choir &amp; Music Practice</p>	<p>22-Dec</p> <p>22-Dec 09:00 Mass - Fr Artur 14:00 Church Cleaning Group 4</p>	<p>23-Dec</p> <p>23-Dec Commemoration of St John of Kęty, Priest</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 20:00 Choir Practice HJM</p>	<p>24-Dec</p> <p>24-Dec 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 20:00 Vigil Mass 23:15 Carols <b>Midnight Mass</b></p>
<p>25-Dec</p> <p><b>Christmas Day</b> Counters: Group 12</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass</p> <p>Public Holiday <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>26-Dec</p> <p>Saint Stephen, the first Martyr Boxing Day</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary</p> <p>Public Holiday <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>27-Dec</p> <p>Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary</p> <p>Public Holiday <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>28-Dec</p> <p>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</p> <p>09:00 Mass</p> <p><i>no evening Mass</i></p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>29-Dec</p> <p>5th day within the octave of Christmas Commemoration of Saint Thomas Becket Bishop, Martyr)</p> <p>09:00 Mass</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>30-Dec</p> <p>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary</p>	<p>31-Dec</p> <p>7th day within the octave of Christmas</p> <p>09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass</p>





HOSTED BY YOUTHWORKS!

# Holly Jolly Youth Event!

JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST YOUTH EVENT!

**WHAT?** Youthworks will be holding their first youth event this year! This is an event to gather the young people and welcome them into a community.

We'll be having a Christmas-themed event, drawing us to reflect on Christmas in a fun way.

We will be having a night full of Christmas games and creative Christmas stations. We will be decorating cards and ornaments to be donated.

**WHEN** Saturday December 3, after the 5pm mass

**WHERE** Father Byrne Centre

**WHO** Young people from years 4+

**RSVP** Youthworksadmin@gmail.com

EXCITED? CONTACT US!



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# DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

## FOR WOMEN 18-35

WITH  
**FR GEOFFREY  
PLANT**



Author, Youtube  
Content Creator,  
Speaker

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth  
116-132 Quakers Road, MARAYONG

**DEC**

**10<sup>th</sup>**

**2022**

**JOIN US!  
FREE**

**10:30AM - 3PM**

**RSVP: SR CHRISTINE 0426 092 699**





# *Memorial Mass*

FOR THOSE BEREAVED BY SUICIDE

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CATHOLIC CARE WESTERN SYDNEY  
AND BLUE MOUNTAINS TOGETHER WITH THE  
DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA INVITE THOSE  
BEREAVED BY SUICIDE, TO A CELEBRATION OF  
MASS TO HONOUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE  
TAKEN THEIR LIVES

*LIGHT SUPPER PROVIDED AFTER MASS*

**DATE: MONDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2022 at 7.30pm**

**PLEASE ARRIVE AT 7:15PM FOR 7.30PM START**

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

1 MARIST PLACE, PARRAMATTA

RSVP FOR CATERING PURPOSES AND MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT RITA CHATER ☎ (02) 8843 2500

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*“Come to me, all you who are weary  
And burdened, and I will give you rest.”*

– MATTHEW 11:28

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