



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.



## 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year A: Vol.48 No.08

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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: 9.00am  
Novena Mass: 7.00pm  
Thursday: 9.00am  
Friday: 9.00am  
Saturday: 9.00am

### PARISH SCHOOLS:

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

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

Principal: Yvette McGowen

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

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

*The Sacrament of First Penance Program will take place in Term 1  
for children in Years 3 & above who have been baptised.*

**Registration Forms may be collected from the Parish Office from Monday 30th January 2023**

[Forms may also be collected on Sundays 5th & 12th February 2023 between 9.30 and 11.30am]

**Registration Evening: Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 7.00pm in the Church**

**Classes: Sundays 26th February, 5th March and 12th March 2023**

[Classes begin with 8.45am Mass and conclude at approximately 11.30am]

**Sacrament of First Penance will be celebrated on :**

**Saturday 18th March (9:30 am) and/or Saturday 25th March (9:30 am) 2023**



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FACILITATORS

Current facilitators as well as people interested in becoming facilitators for our Sacramental Programs in 2023 are asked to complete an Expression of Interest Form available from the Parish Office by the end of January.

### 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 ...**

- ♦ SAFEGUARDING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
- ♦ WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK RENEWALS
- ♦ WHY DO WE HAVE 'ORDINARY' SUNDAYS?
- ♦ SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FIRST PENANCE 2023
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

## “HERE AM I, LORD; I COME TO DO YOUR WILL.”

Psalms 39 from this Sunday's reading calls us to do the will of God. As we start the new year of 2023 and during this Second Sunday of Ordinary Time of our liturgical journey, may we resolve as Christian individuals and communities to discern and to do God's will. We may ask why we bother to know and do the will of God? We need to understand that we are God's creation. We are part of the vast creation of God. But we are not just any part of God's creation. Human beings are special and unique in the eyes and in the heart of our Trinitarian God. God has created human beings in God's own image and likeness. "God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27). Our God has gifted human beings with intellect and will. Our sense of identity and sense of meaning are rooted in God. And our purpose and goal in life are grounded in God and His divine plan for us. Our journey and final destination are with our God.

Saint Augustine writes in his Confessions, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." This realization deeply articulates the human person's deep longing and need to be with God. There is a deep restlessness within our hearts that only God can satisfy and fulfil. Our restlessness comes from our identity as God's creation. Since God is our creator, searching and doing God's will is our vocation and the true source of meaning, inner peace, joy and harmony.

As God's creation, we may experience the profound sense of being loved by God. With great love and trust, God invites us to be in friendship with Him.

..... from Fr Kevin

### THE SUNDAY MASS – ... Why Do we Have 'Ordinary' Sundays?

In between all the special festive occasions that occur in the life of a family there are many days which we might call 'ordinary'. Filled with daily rituals – preparing meals, fronting up for work, dropping the kids at footy practice, Little Athletics and music and swimming lessons – these are an essential dimension of family life.

Our Church Calendar, too, has periods called '*Sundays in Ordinary Time*' or '*Sundays of the Year*' which are numbered consecutively. In between all the 'special occasions' (the various Christian Feasts and Seasons) they are the sustaining celebrations of our life together as a faith family.

#### THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

#### [3rd Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]

MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Myles Anderiesz, Christine Zammit	Elvie Clark Charles Hyson	Maria Hyson, Joy Kakodkar	Morie Balisbisan, Joanel Dela Cruz
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Erna Ferrer	Julie Nunez	Antonette Elogious	Peter Maw
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Bernardo Rivera	Sharmali Perera	Revathi Hyson	Socorro Amos
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Mercy Aquino	Agnes Zabala	Delia Crisostomo	Linda Rane
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Abigail Chin, Evelyn Moras, Demmyfrah Desouza			
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Aidan & Brianna D'Silva, K Vaz, C Anderiesz Isabelle & Jasmine Metcalfe		Aradhana Hyson, Janelle Kakodkar	
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH</b> Ministers of Communion roster is still being formulated - apologies for the delay!				
<b>WARDENS</b>	Maurice Apap, Bill Ebejer, Paul Vella	Pines Bonifacio, Spiro Cumbo, Suzanne Daniels, Maurice Perera	Paul Battikha, Michael Portelli	
<b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>	Henryka Odrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert		Aileen Dela Cruz
<b>MUSIC</b>	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	No Music Mass	No Music Mass

#### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

#### [4th Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]

MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Ike Enriquez Primrose Fernandes	Joanel Dela Cruz Gus Kaster	Rudy Fu Mario Picart	Noe Adan
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Nenette Gapud	Anthony Pereira	Lita Picart	Peter Maw
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Mirza Alata	Elvie Clark	Felix Villamarin	Socorro Amos
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Doris Barrios	Julie Nunez	Lydia Villamarin	Linda Rane
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Yaqueline Metcalfe			Abigail & Amber Chin
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	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!				
<b>WARDENS</b>	Maurice Apap, Bill Ebejer, Paul Vella, Myles Anderiesz	Pines Bonifacio, Spiro Cumbo, Suzanne Daniels, Maurice Perera	Paul Battikha, Michael Portelli	
<b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>	Henryka Odrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert		
<b>MUSIC</b>	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	CD Music Mass ?	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir

## For Parishioners Working with Children

As well as the safeguarding training (details on the back page) it is vital that all parishioners involved in ministries obtain a working with children check 'WWCC' (these need to be renewed every five years) and register it with the diocese through the parish office. This would include: Catechists and Catechist Helpers, Sacramental Program Facilitators, Youth Leaders... along with all those volunteers working in ministries which may involve interaction with children. For help contact the Parish Office.

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from the



## Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2023

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February. This formation is for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office or the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or visit their website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

## Marriage Preparation Courses in 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view weekend course dates for 2023, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website.

For more information, email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

## Faith & formation for Catholic Healthcare professionals

You are invited to a faith and formation session for those who work and volunteer in the health care ministries of the Church on -

Saturday 11 February, from 9am to 10.30am

at the All Saints of Africa Centre, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown.

Join us afterwards for the World Day of the Sick Mass at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown.

Please RSVP for catering purposes by 6 February to [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org). For enquiries, please contact Michael.Tan@parracatholic.org

## The Parish Office will be closed

On Monday 16th & 23rd of January 2023 also for the Australia Day public holiday on January 26th.



### MASS READINGS -YEAR A

#### THIS SUNDAY:

#### **2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

Psalm: Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

#### NEXT SUNDAY:

#### **3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

Psalm: Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

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

Raul Abela, Kingsbury Alagaratnam, Tessie Borg,  
 Florencia Cabrales, Paul Clemson, Maralyn Cruz,  
 Mary Cumbo, Della Delange, Michael Delange,  
 Peter Delange Snr, Anh Minh Doan, Edwin Dosado,  
 Alberto (Bert) Gumogda, Teofista Herrera,  
 Abelardo Hipolito, Salome Hipolito, George Kitney,  
 Juanita Terrado Logan, Peter Manch , James Parsons,  
 Pauline Parsons, Audrey Rodrigues, Auriel Rita Senn,  
 Margaret Sills, Tomas Tan Sr, Victor & Maryanne Vella,  
 Aeldred & Riolenne Weber, Kathleen Willings,  
 Edward Xavier, Stella & Felic Zammit,  
 Duchenne & Farla Families, Spiteri Family,  
 Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory.

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

### Sunday

15-Jan

#### **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Counters: Group 3

Marriage Blessing - All Masses

**07:30** Mass

**08:45** Mass

**10:30** Mass

### Monday

16-Jan

Monday of week 2 in  
Ordinary Time

**09:00** Mass

**15:30** Jnr Legion of Mary

**19:00** SvDP Meeting

*Office Closed*

### Tuesday

17-Jan

Saint Antony, Abbot

**09:00** Mass

**19:00** Legion of Mary

### Wednesday

18-Jan

Wednesday of week 2 in  
Ordinary Time

**09:00** Mass

**19:00** Novena & Mass

### Thursday

19-Jan

Thursday of week 2 in  
Ordinary Time

**09:00** Mass

### Friday

20-Jan

Friday of week 2 in  
Ordinary Time

Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr,

Saint Sebastian, Martyr

**09:00** Mass

**15:30** Jnr Legion of Mary

**19:00** HJM Core Meeting

*Music Practice*

**19:00** Fresh in Faith Youth Choir

### Saturday

21-Jan

Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

**09:00** Mass

**09:40** Legion of Mary

**10:00** Church Cleaning LoM

**16:00** Jnr Legion of Mary

**17:00** Vigil Mass



# CONTINUING TO BUILD SAFE PARISHES TOGETHER IN 2023

*An Update from the Office for Safeguarding:*

## "NEW YEAR'S DASH" TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES!...

April 2023 marks the first two years of our Mandatory Safeguarding Training Program. This year over 700 people across the Diocese participated in Face-to-Face Training and achieved their 6 points of mandatory Safeguarding Training as volunteers in parish ministry. Have you had a chance to complete your Safeguarding Training yet?

**Please take advantage of these 'New Year's dates in readiness for ministry in 2023.**

The Office for Safeguarding is offering a range of opportunities across the Diocese to complete your Safeguarding Training to kick off 2023.

Please choose one of the following options and venues and register for your Safeguarding Modules.

▪ **Weekday Training** (All Modules) -

***Mary Immaculate Parish – 125 Barnier Drive Quakers Hill*** Monday 13th February: 9.30am - 2.30pm

▪ **Weekday Morning Training** – ***St Bernadette's Lalor Park (Parish Office) – Wheeler Street Lalor Park***

- Module 1: Monday 20th February (10.15am-11.15am)

- Module 2: Monday 27th February (10.15am-11.45am)

- Module 3: Monday 6th March (10.15am-11.45am)

▪ **Weekday Evening Training** – ***St Finbar's Glenbrook - 46-52 Levy Street Glenbrook***

- Module 1: Tuesday 7th February (7.30pm-8.30pm)

- Module 2: Tuesday 14th March (7.30pm-9.00pm)

- Module 3: Tuesday 9th May (7.30pm-9.00pm)

***— St Aidan's Rooty Hill – 9 Adelaide Street Rooty Hill***

- Module 1: Thursday 9th February (7.00pm-8.00pm)

- Module 2: Thursday 16th February (7.00pm-8.30pm)

- Module 3: Thursday 23rd February (7.00pm-8.30pm)

***— St Oliver Plunkett's Harris Park – 35 Wigram Street Harris Park***

- Module 1: Tuesday 21st February (7.00pm-8.00pm)

- Module 2: Tuesday 28th February (7.00pm-8.30pm)

- Module 3: Tuesday 7th March (7.00pm-8.30pm)

▪ **Saturday Training** (All Modules) — ***St Thomas Aquinas Springwood – 168 Hawkesbury Road Springwood***

Saturday 11th February (All Modules: 10am - 3pm)

***— St Joseph's Kingswood – 12 Richmond Road Kingswood***

Saturday 25th February (All Modules: 10am - 3pm)

***— St Bernadette's Castle Hill – 367 Old Northern Road Castle Hill***

Saturday 4th March (All Modules: 9am - 2pm)

Please register for one of these options (Parish and Date/s) by emailing: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

If you would like to complete the training online 'Sign Up' by clicking on this link: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

If you have any questions, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at:

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

