



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.



## 3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year A: Vol.48 No.09

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### PARISH STAFF:

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### 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  
Education Mass: 10.00am  
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

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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

## MASS FOR THE SCHOLASTIC YEAR OF 2023

On Friday, January 27, at 10:00am there will be a Mass celebrated for the intentions of all those all those involved in education in our parish community. We encourage parishioners to come along and join with teachers, members of staff, and catechists of our Primary and Secondary Schools as we pray for a successful year for our students and all those involved in their education.

## PRAYER FOR THE SCHOLASTIC YEAR

Father, We thank you for the opportunity to begin this new school year, and we ask that you bless the students, faculty, and student families that make our schools a great place. We pray that you will guide us in your ways, and strengthen our school community, so that we will seek your will in everything that we do, and love others as you love us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

David Bennett

### 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 ...**

- **Feast Days this Week**
- **Reflection for Australia Day**
- **Sacramental Program First Penance 2023**
- **Safeguarding Training Opportunities**
- **Upcoming Parish and Diocesan Events**

## “FOLLOW ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”

In today's gospel of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time we hear from St Matthew the calling of the first disciples of Jesus. They were ordinary people living their ordinary lives as fishermen. When Jesus was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw them and called them to follow him. Jesus said to them, *“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”* An invitation of Jesus to discipleship is a call to a new life and a new way of doing things.

Discipleship means to follow Jesus and fashion one's conduct on His, to listen to His lessons, and to conform one's life to that of the Saviour. To follow Jesus, one must detach himself or herself to attach to Jesus. To be a disciple of Jesus does not mean one has to be of superior calibre. Jesus called ordinary fishermen to be his disciples. Jesus sees through our hearts. He knows what we can do. But the challenge for us is how open and ready are we to detach ourselves from earthly attractions and attach ourselves to Jesus. This is what we as individuals need to reflect on.

The message for us this Sunday is to reflect on our calling as Christians or specifically as Catholics. In the Sacraments, we have accepted to be part of Jesus Christ. This means we are part of Christ's mission here on earth. Jesus invites us to go out and fish for men. We have a task to draw people to Jesus. But first, we must attach ourselves to Jesus and learn from him. Only then we will be more productive and successful. Jesus is calling each of us and sending us to be fishers of men. Let us go therefore and be a disciple of Jesus in our families, communities, and Society as a whole.

.....*from Fr Floyd*

### *Reflection for the Week.....*

Psychologist Abraham Maslow has an interesting response to the question of why so few people "leave all" to follow a dream or to pursue a noble goal in life. He says they are afraid to become what they are capable of being. They thrill at the possibility but shudder at it.

*How do I respond to the thought of stepping out in faith and following Jesus more closely?*

*How do I react to the idea of embarking upon a noble goal with Jesus?*

*What I am is God's gift to me. What I become is my gift back to God.*

[Mark Link SJ in *Vision 2000*]

THIS 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
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 Ranee
Projectionist	Yaqueline Metcalfe		Jeremy Portelli	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</b> - 4th Sunday of the Month 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	Paul Battikha, Michael Portelli	
Usher/ Welcomers	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert		
Music	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir
NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2023			[5th Sunday of the Month - Odd Month]	
Ministries	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am
Ministers at the Altar	Ferdi Chin, Romy Gapud	Gus Kaster Bernardo Rivera	Joy Kakodkar	Morie Balisbisan
Commentator	Therrie Chin		Antonette Elogious	Joyce Vincent
First Reader	Nenette Gapud	Anthony Culbert	Alicia Cianflone	Maricor Espinosa
Second Reader	Erna Ferrer	Perla Billedo	Felix/Lydia Villamarin	Monique Ravanello
Projectionist	Abigail & Amber Chin			Clare Manu Chris Manu
Altar Servers	A&B D'Silva, J.A.A & J Chin K Vaz, C Anderiesz, Isabelle & Jasmine Metcalfe			
<b>Ministers of Communion</b> - 5th Sunday of the Month 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		
Usher/ Welcomers	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt Anthony Culbert		
Music	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	Couples For Christ Australia

## COMING FEAST DAYS:

This coming week we have a couple of very special feast days.

### FEAST DAY OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES

On Tuesday we celebrate the Feast day of St Francis de Sales a Bishop, a Doctor of the Church, a spiritual director, author, preacher, co-founder of the Order of the Visitation. He is also the patron of journalists. His most famous writing was the "Introduction to the Devout Life." One of his great teachings is the importance of the present moment, not living in the past or the future because this is the place where we come to know and live God's will.

### FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

On Wednesday we celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul which is regarded as a major feast day. This conversion was a great moment in the life of St Paul and a great moment in the life of the Church. What strikes me most about this feast day is that it shows us we can always begin again with the Lord. We can always begin to walk a new path. Our past is not matter what matters is the present and the future all based on our decisions.

### Reflection for Australia Day

On this occasion of Australia Day, we as a nation take rest from our labours to consider our many blessings. We thank you for our freedoms, and for the opportunity to contribute our skills, our attributes and our values toward the good of society.

We thank you for the mixture of our cultures, blending us into one people under God. Help us to be a light unto other nations, and to further the cause of freedom and justice all over the world.

We remember those who are less fortunate than we. We lift up in prayer the victims of poverty and racism, and all those who suffer from forms of political and economic oppression. Let the word that goes forth from our mouths speak of your peace, and let us proclaim our hope in Christ as Savior of all humankind.

We pray that you will bless all those who gather here, as we have come to experience your presence among us. Give us your guidance, O God, and empower us for your work. For we claim nothing for ourselves, but return all honour and glory unto you, and offer our thanks and praise.

Amen.



## The Parish Office will be closed

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



### MASS READINGS -YEAR A

#### THIS 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

#### NEXT SUNDAY:

#### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13

Psalm: Ps 145:7-10

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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

Rev Fr Manuel Lipardo, Raul Abela, Rosa Ballesteros, Susana Fonseca Barrios, Joseph & Irene Bouquet, Florencia Cabrales, Paul Clemson, Mary Cumbo, Thomas Darmanin, Della Delange, Michael Delange, Peter Delange Snr, Norman Drew, John Falzon, Malou Fernandez, Alberto (Bert) Gumogda, Juanita Terrado Logan, Gregorio Mesa Sr, Nora Monasterio, Angelina Palmares, Albina Panelo, Iluminada Ronquillo, Auriel Rita Senn, Margaret Sills, Tomas Tan Sr, Victor & Maryanne Vella, Roberto Vilorio, Aeldred & Riolen Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Farla & Duchenne Families, The Baptist Family, Quinn Family, The Roberts Family, Collins & Quinn Families, All Souls in Purgatory.

.....Please remember in your prayers

Sunday
22-Jan
<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Counters: Group 4
07:30 Mass
08:45 Mass
10:30 Mass
11:45 Baptism
Monday
23-Jan
Monday of week 3 in Ordinary Time
09:00 Mass
15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary
19:00 SvDP Meeting
19:00 RCIA
Office Closed
Tuesday
24-Jan
Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor
09:00 Mass
19:00 Legion of Mary
Wednesday
25-Jan
The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle
09:00 Mass
19:00 Novena & Mass
Thursday
26-Jan
Australia Day
09:00 Mass
14:00 Church Cleaning Group 4
19:00 Social Justice group meeting
Public Holiday
Office Closed
Friday
27-Jan
Friday of week 3 in Ordinary Time
Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops, Saint Angela Merici, Virgin
First day of term
09:00 Mass
10:00 Mass SAP&SAC Staff, SREs
15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary
20:00 Choir Practice HJM
Saturday
28-Jan
Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor
09:00 Mass
09:40 Legion of Mary
16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary
16:00 Music Practice Worship Hymn
17:00 Vigil Mass
18:30 Prayer Meeting HJM



## 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.

## 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** ▪ **Saturday Training** also available—see last weekends bulletin.

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)



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**14 - 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2023**

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Avila, the Birthplace of Saint Teresa
- Join the procession of Our Lady of Fatima
- St James Cathedral, Santiago de Compostela
- Pray at the Lourdes Grotto
- Pray at the tomb of St Antony
- See the tomb of St Francis in Assisi
- Guided tour of Catacombs & Colosseum
- Pray at the tomb of St Padre Pio
- Vatican Museum & Sistine Chapel



#### INCLUSIONS

- ◆ Return Economy Class Airfare
- ◆ Accommodation in Premium Hotels
- ◆ Breakfast and Dinner
- ◆ Transfers on Deluxe A/C Coach
- ◆ Entrance Fees
- ◆ Services of Professional Guides

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