



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.



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year B: Vol. 49 No. 40

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THE PARRAMATTA WAY OF SAFEGUARDING IS TO...

Act with Justice, and state that we have a zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person; ensure that laws and obligations are upheld, and safety is paramount.

"This is what the Lord asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)



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

PARISH SCHOOLS:

ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY

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Principal: Yvette McGowen
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ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE

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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



SUPPORT OUR RETIRED PRIESTS

who never stop giving their lives in service to our Catholic community

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal (31 August & 1 September)

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal supporting our retired priests. This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. They have dedicated their lives to guiding us spiritually and emotionally, often at great personal sacrifice. Your compassionate donation cares for our clergy's health and wellbeing during sickness and retirement.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan this QR code.

Thank you.



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YOU PUT ASIDE THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD TO CLING TO HUMAN TRADITIONS

We have come to the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year B and have resumed taking the Gospel passages from the Gospel of Mark after the five week period of the Gospels coming from chapter 6 of John's Gospel. In the Gospel passage we hear this weekend, Jesus is challenged by the religious leaders of the day and in his response we get to the heart of what it means to truly follow the commandment of God.

The disciples of Jesus were not following the Jewish traditions around washing of hands and food preparation and the Pharisees objected. But Jesus responds that nothing external makes a person unclean, it is what comes from a person, from their heart that makes a person unclean.

There is a strong temptation, and I certainly know that I do, to following rules. Rule following makes things easy. The road rules for example are pretty black and white—I can know when I am obeying the rules and when I am not—there is not too much ambiguity. The issue however is that when we think about God, then God's rules are not about minimums but are invitations to generosity and largeness, if you will. When we consider justice, mercy, compassion and above all love, then there is no limit, there is no minimum standard that we can meet and satisfy the commandment.

Jesus' issue with the religious leaders of his day, was that they tended to focus on the external rules and not try and practice or be open to a conversion of heart.

Jesus challenges us to know that we have to be open to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit to change our hearts. For when we are tempted to be selfish or self-serving then the invitation to take up our cross and serve leads us to a change of heart. And the remarkable thing is that as we respond to the Holy Spirit in our lives and grow in our capacity to be loving, merciful, compassionate or just then we can recognize that true happiness comes not from looking after ourselves but in serving others. It might be 'easier' to follow the rules but real or true freedom comes from a true conversion of heart.

May God bless you, all those you love and all who love you.

Fr. Kevin Redmond sm

| 31st August—1st September 2024 | | LITURGY ROSTER | | | [1st Sunday of the Month-August] |
|--------------------------------|---|--|--|--|----------------------------------|
| MINISTRIES | 5.00pm | 7.30am | 8.45am | 10.30am | |
| MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR | Myles Anderiesz Romeo Gapud | John Fernandes | Olan Cruise Joy Kakodkar | Jacob Chin Ferdi Chin (B) | |
| COMMENTATOR | Linda Bravo | Donna Ison | Vinetta Lobo | Therrie Chin | |
| FIRST READER | Bernardo Rivera | Elizabeth Abbey | Christina Monteiro | Maricor Espinosa | |
| SECOND READER | Mariyam Wijeyaratnam | Nila Mangona | Maria Hyson | Joyce Vincent | |
| PROJECTIONIST | Victoria Bravo | Claire Blunt | Jeremy Portelli Keith Vaz | Abigail Chin | |
| ALTAR SERVERS | Aidan & Brianna D'Silva, K Vaz, C Anderiesz Isabelle & Jasmine Metcalfe | | Janelle Kakodkar | Jerome & Amber Chin Bradley D'Cruz | |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Myra Estrera, Nnette Gapud, Steiner Desouza Maria Webb | Agnes Zabala Maurice Perera Maryse Pereira | Joshua Daly, Rose Rotik Derica Elogious, Braedon Monteiro, Estrellita Viola | Maria Carpio, Merlie & Honorio Domingo, Anna Amos, Linda Rane, Peter Maw | |
| USHERS/ WELCOMERS | Henryka Ogrodniczek Janine Wheeler | Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert | | | |
| MUSIC | Lorraine's Group | NO Music Mass | Worship Hymn | Mafi Family Choir | |

| 7th & 8th September 2024 | | LITURGY ROSTER | | | [2nd Sunday of the Month] |
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| MINISTRIES | 5.00pm | 7.30am | 8.45am | 10.30am | |
| MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR | Nayana Menezes Lobo Myles Anderiesz | Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz | Derica Elogious Joy Kakodkar | Noe Adan | |
| COMMENTATOR | Nnette Gapud | Donna Ison | Maria Hyson | Maricor Espinosa | |
| FIRST READER | Mirza Alata | Anthony Culbert | Joshua Daly | Lita Picart | |
| SECOND READER | Mercy Aquino | Luz Tiqui | Nerissa Toong | Vicky Ilagan | |
| PROJECTIONIST | Demaiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras | | Jeremy Portelli | Clare Manu Chris Manu | |
| ALTAR SERVERS | Aidan & Brianna D'Silva, K Vaz, C Anderiesz Isabelle & Jasmine Metcalfe | | Aradhana Hyson Janelle Kakodkar | Bradley D'Cruz | |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Monica Desira, Honorio & Merlie Domingo Ralph Vaz | Geraldine Pereira, Suzanne Daniels, Julie Nunez | Braedon Monteiro, Julieta Pareme, Salve Gatchalian, Sam & Connie Cassar | Luke Binny, Mario Picart, Brenda Payne, Socorro Amos, Virginia Salom, Maria Carpio | |
| USHERS/ WELCOMERS | Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler | Claire Blunt Anthony Culbert | | | |
| MUSIC | Hearts of Jesus & Mary | NO Music Mass | Praise & Glory | Couples for Christ Australia | |

Come... Join... Celebrate...



*The Nativity
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*
Saturday, 7th September

- Procession 3:45pm
- Holy Rosary
- Flower Offering
- Holy Mass 5:00pm
- Meal Sharing

*Come along with your family
and friends and bring flowers
to offer to our
Blessed Mother Mary.*

COUPLES FOR CHRIST AUSTRALIA

On the **8th September, 2024**

Couples for Christ Australia (CFCA) will commence its parish based **Christian Life Program (CLP)** at Fr. Byrne Centre from **1pm to 4pm**. Everybody is welcome, especially husband and wife (you may bring your children).

The program is free of charge and the only investment required is your time and openness.

For details, please contact anyone of our CFCA brothers and sisters:

Melvin & Beth Mediana
0447 042 909 / 0447 052 909

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Efren & Myrna Adrales
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Glenn & Tess Macaraeg
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NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2024: The Theme for the week is **“Every Conversation Matters”** During this week, in our prayer, conversations and our actions, let us always show our commitment to actively promote the dignity and rights of all persons and, let our ministry and service actively support the voices and wellbeing of children in our Parish and local community.

Bishop Vincent’s Statement of Commitment <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/statement-of-commitment/>

The Parramatta Way: <https://parracatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/The-Parramatta-Way.pdf>

Other Resources from Australian Catholic Bishops Conference: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

PEOPLE’S CHOICE:

You have an opportunity to cast your vote for the People’s Choice award for the recent children’s Art Competition in our Diocese. The online voting closes this Sunday 1st September.

Please go to the link provided opposite:



Thankful and grateful!!!

The Social Justice Group expresses its gratitude for your generosity to the raffle draw fund raiser. Special thanks to all the donors, and Fr. Kevin for your continued support. All winners have been notified.

Congratulations!!

MASS READINGS -YEAR B



THIS SUNDAY:

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy: 4:1-2, 6-8

Psalm: Ps 14:2-5. R.v.1

Second Reading: St. James 1:17-18, 21-22,27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23

NEXT SUNDAY:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Psalm: Ps 145:7-10, R.v.1

Second Reading: St. James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37

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

Fausto & Marcelina Afuang, Cipriana Alata, Alex B Bandola, Irene Bouquet, Joseph Bouquet, Ferdinand Bueno, David Buttigieg, Paul Clemson, Mary Cumbo, Pablo Estrera, Aloysius Fernandes, Santhya Francis, Ethan K. Garcia, Eugenio Goboy, Anthony Grima, Narciso Ignacio, Juanita Limsico, Bibiana Malaluan, Gregory Menezes, Ramon Moraleda, John Motha, Harold Pereira, Cordelia Pereira, Andy Sto Tomas, Avito Sto Tomas, Dominic N Thanh Trung, Anthony Victoria, Aeldred & Riolene Weber, Charles Xavier, Manjula J Xavier, Stella & Felic Zammit, Farla & Duchenne Families, Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, Besterwitch & Hyson Families, All Souls in Purgatory.

Please remember in your prayers

September 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1-Sep 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 9 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass 11:45 Baptism 17:30 SAYA | 2-Sep Monday of week 22 in Ordinary Time St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor 09:00 Mass 18:30 Legion of Mary 19:00 Legion of Mary P1 | 3-Sep Wednesday of week 22 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 <i>Music Practice</i> Lorraine's Group | 4-Sep Thursday of week 22 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 10:00 Catechist Meeting | 5-Sep Friday of week 22 in Ordinary Time First Friday 09:00 Mass 09:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:30 <i>Music Practice</i> Fresh in Faith Youth Choir 19:00 Mass and Adoration 20:00 Church Cleaning HJM 20:30 Choir Practice HJM | 6-Sep Saturday of week 22 in Ordinary Time Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass 09:30 Parish Reconciliation 09:40 Legion of Mary P2 13:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 14:00 CFC Training 15:45 Nativity of BVM 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass | 7-Sep The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 7:00 Church Cleaning CFC 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary P2 15:00 Music Practice Childrens Choir 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:00 Prayer Meeting HJM 19:00 Music Practice Fresh in Faith Youth Choir |
| 8-Sep 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 10 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 Music Practice CFCA 10:30 Mass 12:00 CFCA Christian Life Program | 9-Sep Tuesday of week 23 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 18:30 Legion of Mary 19:00 Legion of Mary P1 19:00 Confirmation | 10-Sep Wednesday of week 23 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 19:00 Confirmation 19:30 Baptism Preparation | 11-Sep Thursday of week 23 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass | 12-Sep Friday of week 23 in Ordinary Time St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Choir Practice HJM | 13-Sep Saturday of week 23 in Ordinary Time The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 7:00 Church Cleaning CFC 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary P2 15:00 Music Practice Childrens Choir 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:00 Prayer Meeting HJM 19:00 Music Practice Fresh in Faith Youth Choir | 14-Sep Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary P2 10:00 Church Cleaning LoM 13:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:00 SAYWAT |
| 15-Sep 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 11 Marriage Blessing - All Masses 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass 11:45 Baptism 12:00 CFCA Christian Life Program | 16-Sep Tuesday of week 24 in Ordinary Time Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 09:00 Mass 18:30 Legion of Mary 19:00 Legion of Mary P1 | 17-Sep Wednesday of week 24 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 <i>Music Practice</i> Lorraine's Group | 18-Sep Thursday of week 24 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 16:30 Finance Committee Meeting | 19-Sep Friday of week 24 in Ordinary Time St Andrew Kim Taegon and Companions 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 <i>Music Practice</i> Fresh in Faith Youth Choir | 20-Sep Saturday of week 24 in Ordinary Time Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary P2 10:00 Church Cleaning LoM 13:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:00 SAYWAT | 21-Sep The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 7:00 Church Cleaning CFC 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary P2 15:00 Music Practice Childrens Choir 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:00 Prayer Meeting HJM 19:00 Music Practice Fresh in Faith Youth Choir |
| 22-Sep 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 12 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 Music Practice CFCA 10:30 Mass 12:00 CFCA Christian Life Program | 23-Sep Tuesday of week 25 in Ordinary Time Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SVdP Meeting | 24-Sep Wednesday of week 25 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Music Practice CFCA 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Group | 25-Sep Thursday of week 25 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 10:45 Church Cleaning Group 4 19:00 SJG Meeting 19:00 SVdP Regional Meeting | 26-Sep Friday of week 25 in Ordinary Time Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 18:00 Adoration - Youth 19:00 <i>Music Practice</i> HJM | 27-Sep Saturday of week 25 in Ordinary Time Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass for the Sick 09:00 Retreat Junior Legion 09:40 Legion of Mary P2 16:00 Music Practice Worship Hymn 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:00 Prayer Meeting HJM | 28-Sep The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 7:00 Church Cleaning CFC 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary P2 15:00 Music Practice Childrens Choir 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:00 SAYWAT |
| 29-Sep 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 13 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass 12:00 CFCA Christian Life Program | 30-Sep Tuesday of week 26 in Ordinary Time St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor 09:00 Mass 18:30 Legion of Mary 19:00 Legion of Mary P1 | 1-Oct Wednesday of week 26 in Ordinary Time The Holy Guardian Angels 09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Group | 2-Oct Thursday of week 26 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass | 3-Oct Friday of week 26 in Ordinary Time St Francis of Assisi 09:00 Mass 09:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:30 <i>Music Practice</i> Fresh in Faith Youth Choir 19:00 Mass and Adoration 20:00 Church Cleaning HJM | 4-Oct Saturday of week 26 in Ordinary Time Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska 09:00 Mass 09:30 Parish Reconciliation 09:40 Legion of Mary P2 13:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass | 5-Oct The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 7:00 Church Cleaning CFC 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary P2 15:00 Music Practice Childrens Choir 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass |