



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 Year C: Vol.50 No.01

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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)



PARISH STAFF:

Fr. Kevin Redmond sm,
Fr. Floyd Gatana sm,
Fr. Lauro Arcende sm.
Maria Hyson
(Sacramental Coordinator)
Merlinda (Merly) Generalao,
Michelle Sultana &
Joe Clemson
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PARISH OFFICE:

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

PARISH SCHOOLS:

ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY

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
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

Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care's Houses to Homes

This Christmas, will you help homeless mothers and children find a safe place to call home and rebuild their lives? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provide homeless mothers and their children with practical and emotional support, and a safe haven to call home.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at:

parracatholic.org/appeal or scan this QR code

to give your gift of a new beginning today.

Thank you.



parracatholic.org/appeal

Your Redemption is at Hand

We begin a new Liturgical Year today with the celebration of the First Sunday of Advent. You may have noticed that the banners and decorations in our church have been changed to purple. Purple is a color that symbolizes spiritual transformation and growth. It represents the Christian journey toward righteousness and holiness, while also expressing a spirit of penitence and remorse for our sins.

At the same time, purple during Advent represents hope—hope that as we examine our lives and prepare for a journey of transformation, we are also preparing to receive the new life we so deeply desire. It is a reminder that we look forward to the fulfillment of God's promise: a life in full communion with Him.

In every celebration of the Holy Mass, the Church prays, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of Your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." The first two weeks of Advent focus on the anticipation of Christ's second coming. In the Gospel of Luke (21:25-28), we hear that before His return, there will be signs in the sky, the sea, and on the earth—signs that will bring fear and trembling. Yet, when these events occur, Jesus reminds us to "stand erect and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." As God's people, awaiting the Lord's return, we are called to be filled with hope and not fear.

Life can often feel discouraging, especially when the path ahead is unclear and the difficulties seem overwhelming. But we are called to remain hopeful, trusting that God will bring justice and set things right in His perfect timing. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that "the virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every person; it takes up the hopes that inspire our human activities and purifies them, ordering them toward the Kingdom of heaven; it keeps us from discouragement, sustains us in times of abandonment, and opens our hearts in expectation of eternal happiness" (CCC 1818). Hope is the confidence that God has something better in store for us, and it strengthens us to persevere.

May this Advent season bring you renewed hope and a deeper sense of God's presence as we wait in joyful anticipation for the coming of our Savior.

.....Fr. Lauro Arcede SM

30th November & 1st December 2024		LITURGY ROSTER			[1st Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Myles Anderiesz Romeo Gapud	John Fernandes Rubin Bables	Olan Cruise Joy Kakodkar	Jacob Chin Ferdinand Chin (B)	
COMMENTATOR	Linda Bravo	Donna Ison	Melvina Vaz	Therrie Chin	
FIRST READER	Ema Ferrer	Zenaida Bables	Martin Zammit	Joyce Vincent	
SECOND READER	Edward Yin	Fely Perez	Vinetta Lobo	Socorro Amos	
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, Nenette Gapud, Christine Zammit Mary Ann Zammit	Anthony Culbert, Suzanne Daniels Geraldine Pereira	Joshua Daly, Rose Rotik, Deric Elogious, Braedon Monteiro, Estrellita Viola	Maria, Carpio, Merlie & Honorio Domingo, Anna Amos, Linda Rane	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert			
MUSIC	Lorraines's Group	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Mafi Family Choir	

7th & 8th December 2024		LITURGY ROSTER			[2nd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Nayana Menezes Lobo Myles Anderiesz	Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz	Deric Elogious Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan	
COMMENTATOR	Primrose Fernandes	Donna Ison	Vinetta Lobo	Socorro Amos	
FIRST READER	Mirza Alata	Lewis Manalili	Connie Reyes	Lita Picart	
SECOND READER	Myra Estrera	Maryse Pereira	Rose Rotik	Jay Illagan	
PROJECTIONIST	Demayrah 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	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam, Henryka Ogrodniczek, Maria Webb, Anne Marie Moriarty	Maurice Pereira, Luz Tiqui, Agnes Zabala	Estrellita Viola, Julieta Pareme Salve Gatchalian, Sam Cassar Connie Cassar	Luke Binny, Mario Picart, Brenda Payne, Rittarina Reay, Virginia Salom, Maria Carpio	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert			
MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus and Mary	NO Music Mass	Praise & Glory	Couples for Christ Australia	



PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Youth Coordinators: — Anna Amos: 0429 530 755 — Zain Chaudry: 0470 321 967
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PLEASE SUPPORT THE SAINT ANDREW PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP'S SALE OF CHRISTMAS GIFT ITEMS MADE BY OUR REFUGEE FAMILY. CAKES AND OTHER BAKED PRODUCTS MADE BY SJ MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE ON SALE. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO OUR REFUGEE FAMILY TO HELP PROVIDE FOR THEIR BASIC NEEDS.

IT WILL ALSO BE YOUR CHANCE TO MEET AND ONCE AGAIN WELCOME OUR REFUGEE FAMILY



8TH DEC AFTER 8:30 & 10:30AM MASS

CHRISTMAS ITEMS AND BAKED GOODS SALE



St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal *good works*

Next weekend Vinnies launches our usual Christmas Appeal and as in previous years we again ask for your donations of gift vouchers preferably Coles and Woolies.

The vouchers, along with a Christmas hamper will distributed to needy families in our community so they can enjoy the love the joy and the peace of Christmas. We would like to thank St Andrews college for their generous donation of Christmas hampers. Please leave your donations of gift vouchers in the box next to the giving tree in front of the church or you can leave them at the parish office. We thank in advance for your generosity - SVdP Marayong Conference.



SRE CATECHIST MINISTRY

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and the parish of St Andrews would like to acknowledge the commitment and contribution of 35yrs service from Frances Vassallo and Cathy Delaney who received a Papal Blessing for 20yrs of serve to the SRE Ministry.

Thank You...

Frances and Cathy for you dedication to the children in our parish over many years.

MOST REVEREND BISHOP VINCENT LONG VAN NGUYEN OFM CONV Bishop of Parramatta Cordially invites you on the Memorial of Saint Ambrose to the Ordination Mass of a Deacon

Mr Charles Phillip Hyson

Saturday 7 December 2024 at 10:30am St Patricks Cathedral 1 Marist Place PARRAMATTA

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of Mass



MASS READINGS -YEAR C

THIS SUNDAY:

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm: Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14
Second Reading: 1 Thess 3:12 - 4:2
Gospel: Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

NEXT SUNDAY:

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9
Psalm: Ps 125
Second Reading: Phil 1:3-6. 8-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1- 6

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

Fausto & Marcelina Afuang, Cipriana Alata, Leonida Altamarino, Jesiree Batula, Lucas & Josephine Béche, Rosita Belista, Zane Belista, Clare Castellino, Euariste & Alexandra Bouquet, Joseph & Irene Bouquet, Anita Christy, Paul Clemson, Rogelio 'Odjie' Cruz, Mary Cumbo, Tianah Jasmine Del Rosario, Virginia Dela Cruz, France Falzon, John Falzon, Marie Falzon, Joseph Gatana, Narciso Ignacio, Dot Kaster, Carmelita Licalalde, Bruna Manduci, Joseph Martyris, Sr. Alice Marytyris, Graciano Menezes, Maria Regina Menezes, Carmen Mercieca, Teresa Misquita, Lal Motha, Angelito Magsino Nalapo, Lilia Magsino Nalapo, Marilyn Macabulos Nalapo, Emelita Perez, Lee Ann Rocha, Helen Webb, Nancye Van Der Linden, Walter Van Der Linden, Francis Xavier Van Doan Nguyen, Jim Webb, John Webb, Paul Webb, Aeldred & Riolene Weber, Mary Zammit, Stella & Felic Zammit, Besterwitch & Hyson Families, Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, All Souls in Purgatory.

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

Christmas Nativity, Carols & Family Fete 2024

Join us this Saturday after the 5:00pm Vigil Mass.

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>1st Sunday of Advent Catholic Foundation Appeal Counters: Group 9</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass 11:45 Baptism 17:30 Youthworks SAYA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Monday of the 1st week of Advent</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Saint Francis Xavier, Priest</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Wednesday of the 1st week of Advent Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor</p> <p>09:00 Mass SAP yr4 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Thursday of the 1st week of Advent</p> <p>09:00 Mass</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Friday of the 1st week of Advent Saint Nicholas, Bishop First Friday</p> <p>09:00 Mass 09:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 15:30 Inr Legion of Mary Music Practice 17:00 Fresh in Faith Youth Choir 19:00 Mass 20:00 Church Cleaning HJM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor</p> <p>09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary 10:30 Ordination to Deacon Charles Hyson 14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 16:00 Inr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass</p>
<p>8</p> <p>2nd Sunday of Advent Counters: Group 10</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 Choir Practice CFCA 10:30 Mass</p>	<p>9</p> <p>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SVdP Meeting 19:00 SRE Orientation session</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Tuesday of the 2nd week of Advent Our Lady of Loreto</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Wednesday of the 2nd week of Advent Saint Damasus I, Pope</p> <p>09:00 Mass SAP yr2 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Thursday of the 2nd week of Advent Our Lady of Guadalupe</p> <p>09:00 Mass 11:30 SRE Catechist luncheon</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 20:00 Choir Practice HJM</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor</p> <p>7:00 Church Cleaning CFC 09:00 Mass 09:30 Parish Reconciliation 09:40 Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:00 Prayer Meeting HJM 19:00 Music Practice Fresh in Faith Youth Choir</p>
<p>15</p> <p>3rd Sunday of Advent Counters: Group 11 Marriage Blessing - All Masses</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass 11:00 LoM P2 Christmas Party 11:45 Baptism</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Monday of the 3rd week of Advent</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass Graduation SAP Yr6</p>	<p>17</p> <p>17-Dec Fr Byrne - Anniversary of Death</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>18</p> <p>18-Dec</p> <p>09:00 Mass SAC staff 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Group</p>	<p>19</p> <p>19-Dec</p> <p>09:00 Mass</p>	<p>20</p> <p>20-Dec</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary Music Practice 17:00 Fresh in Faith Youth Choir 17:30 Family Choir</p> <p>Last Day of term</p>	<p>21</p> <p>21-Dec Commemoration of Saint Peter Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor</p> <p>09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary 10:00 Church Cleaning LoM P2 14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:00 SAYWAT</p>
<p>22</p> <p>4th Sunday of Advent Counters: Group 12</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 Choir Practice CFCA 10:30 Mass</p>	<p>23</p> <p>23-Dec Saint John of Kęty, Priest</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SVdP Meeting</p> <p>School Holidays commence</p>	<p>24</p> <p>24-Dec</p> <p>09:00 Mass 18:00 Family Mass 20:00 Vigil Mass 23:15 Carols</p> <p>Midnight Mass</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day Public Holiday</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Saint Stephen, the first Martyr Boxing Day Public Holiday</p> <p>09:00 Mass</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 18:00 Adoration - Youth 19:00 Choir Practice HJM</p>	<p>28</p> <p>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</p> <p>09:00 Mass for the Sick 09:40 Legion of Mary 15:00 Music Practice Childrens Choir 16:00 Music Practice Worship Hymn 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:00 Prayer Meeting HJM</p>
<p>29</p> <p>The Holy Family Counters: Group 11</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6th day within the octave of Christmas</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary</p>	<p>31-Dec</p> <p>7th day within the octave of Christmas Commemoration of Saint Silvester I, Pope</p> <p>09:00 Mass 18:00 Vigil Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>1-Jan</p> <p>Mary, Mother of God Public Holiday</p> <p>09:00 Mass</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>2-Jan</p> <p>Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors</p> <p>09:00 Mass</p>	<p>3-Jan</p> <p>3-Jan The Most Holy Name of Jesus First Friday</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary Music Practice 17:00 Fresh in Faith Youth Choir 19:00 Mass 20:00 Church Cleaning HJM</p>	<p>4-Jan</p> <p>4-Jan</p> <p>09:00 Mass 09:30 Parish Reconciliation 09:40 Legion of Mary 14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass</p>

ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH, MARAYONG

invites you to...

Come And Celebrate

with us at the...

**CHRISTMAS NATIVITY, CAROLS &
FAMILY FETE**



SATURDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 6.15PM - 8.45PM.

AT: 36-40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong NSW 2148

Nativity Enactment 

Carol Singing 

Meet SANTA 

GAMES TO PLAY 

Dessert Delights 

**SHARE-A-PLATE
SUPPER** 

**Christmas
Karaoke**



...and more!

Contact Us: (02) 9622 0817



Jubilee Biblical Pilgrimage of St Paul

Pope Francis proclaimed 2025 a Jubilee year with the theme **Pilgrims of Hope**.

It is a Holy Year for the remission of sins, hope for the suffering world, care of creation, and solidarity with our brothers and sisters. The Jubilee year calls us to set out on a journey and to cross boundaries.

We travel not only to change place physically but to change ourselves.

St Andrew the Apostle Parish invites you to an unforgettable pilgrimage with Fr Kevin on 11-28 November, 2025 (18 days) to:

Turkey

Istanbul, Bursa, Thyatira, Izmir, Smyrna, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea, Pamukkale, Ephesus, Kusadasi, Pergamon, Canakkale, Kavala

Greece

Thessaloniki, Vergina, Veria, Kalambaka (Meteora), Anicent Corinth, Athens

Rome

Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, St Peter Basilica, Pantheon, Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, Piazza Espana, St Mary Majors Basilica, St Paul Outside the Walls Basilica, St John Lateran Basilica

Package Cost: approx \$7,700-\$8,000 (instalment option available). Register your interest in the parish office by 30 November 2024 and obtain further details!

Experience a sojourn of deep faith and lively hope!



**DIOCESE of
PARRAMATTA**

MOST REVEREND VINCENT LONG VAN NGUYEN OFM CONV,
BISHOP OF PARRAMATTA
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU
ON THE MEMORIAL OF SAINT AMBROSE
TO THE ORDINATION MASS OF A DEACON

Mr Charles Philip Hyson

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 2024 AT 10:30 A.M.

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
1 MARIST PLACE
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT THE CONCLUSION OF MASS