



# 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.



## The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year C: Vol.50 No.05 29th December 2024

### 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 Arcede sm.  
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(Sacramental Coordinator)  
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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  
*Vigil Mass 6.00pm*  
Wednesday: 9.00am  
Thursday: 9.00am  
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 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



## PARISH YOUTH GROUP

**Youth Coordinators:** — Anna Amos: 0429 530 755 — Zain Chaudry: 0470 321 967  
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## In Appreciation.

As we come to the end of 2024 I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those groups and individuals who have made such a contribution to the life of our Parish. It would not be the Parish that it is without the selfless giving and generosity of so many people. My prayer is that our generous God will abundantly bless all those who have made such a difference this year.

Kevin Redmond sm

#### 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 ...

- ♦ LITURGY ROSTER FOR JANUARY 2025
- ♦ SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES FOR 2025
- ♦ NEW YEARS MASSES
- ♦ PARISH OFFICE RE-OPENS THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

# My child, why have you done this to us?

This weekend the Church celebrates the Feast Day of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Gospel this Year C is from Luke and it is the account of Jesus being found in the Temple, after three days by Mary and Joseph. The family had, as usual, gone down to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover but as Mary and Joseph headed back to Nazareth, Jesus stayed behind. When they eventually found him, Mary said to Jesus, "My child, why have you done this to us?"

It is very difficult to try and compare suffering, but surely, a parent searching for a lost child must be one of the most traumatic experiences that someone can go through? In part it is an incident that shows that Jesus was growing, humanly speaking, in understanding of his special vocation in life. But it also shows that even in the Holy Family, there was misunderstandings and stress. After being found, we are told that Jesus returned to Nazareth and lived under the authority of Mary and Joseph, growing in wisdom, stature and in favour with God and human beings.

We know that God is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, all merciful and so much more. Every perfection is found in God, but I believe this can lead to a mistaken idea, that God can only be found when things are perfect. The reality is that in our world, perfection is very rarely experienced and if it is experienced it is fleeting. That Jesus was lost, gives us an opportunity to reflect on the idea of finding God in the mess of life, not just when things are going well or 'perfectly'.

Can we see God as an active agent in our lives? Are we aware of the graces God gives us? An important example is given in our Gospel this weekend. Mary, we are told "stored up all these things in her heart". Mary was willing and able to reflect on her life, to store things in her heart. To come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the meaning of all the different things that happened to her. How can we and how do we follow Mary's example?

May God bless you, all those you love and all who love you, at this special time of year.

..... *Fr Kevin Redmond sm*

<b>Sunday</b>
29-Dec
<b>The Holy Family</b> Counters: Group 11
07:30 Mass
08:45 Mass
10:30 Mass
<b>Monday</b>
30-Dec
6th day within the octave of Christmas
09:00 Mass
15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary
<b>Tuesday</b>
31-Dec
7th day within the octave of Christmas Commemoration of Saint Silvester I, Pope
09:00 Mass
18:00 Vigil Mass
19:00 Legion of Mary
<i>Office Closed</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>
1-Jan
Mary, Mother of God <i>Public Holiday</i>
09:00 Mass
<i>Office Closed</i>
<b>Thursday</b>
2-Jan
Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors
09:00 Mass
<b>Friday</b>
3-Jan
The Most Holy Name of Jesus First Friday
09:00 Mass
15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary
<i>Music Practice</i>
17:00 <i>Fresh in Faith Youth Choir</i>
20:00 Church Cleaning HJM
<b>Saturday</b>
4-Jan
4-Jan
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

## NEW YEAR EVE MASS

Tuesday, 31st December 2024

6:00 pm (Vigil Mass)



## NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

Wednesday, 1st January 2025

9:00am



## The Parish Office will be closed

from noon on Tuesday 24th December 2024  
then re open on Thursday 2nd January 2025

(except for Monday 30th December - Skeleton staff only)



### MASS READINGS -YEAR C

#### THIS SUNDAY:

#### THE HOLY FAMILY

First Reading: 1 Sam1:20-22. 24-28

Psalm: Ps 83:2-3. 5-6. 9-10

Second Reading: 1John 3:1-2. 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

#### NEXT SUNDAY:

#### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm: Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13

Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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

Fausto & Marcelina Afuang, Cipriana Alata, Lourdes Amato, Josie Azzopardi, Rosita Belista, Zane Belista, Mary Bonanno, Leonora Bonifacio, Winifred Bullimore, Nieves Gulapa Cano, Clare Castelino, Paul Clemson, Anthony Cullen, Mary Cumbo, Ana D'Antonio, Frank Falzon, John Falzon, Marie Falzon, Giuliana Fenech, Rodney John Flewitt, John Galea, Wilfredo Garcia, Joseph Gatana, Sabina Geronimo, Nathan E. Gopiao, Narciso Ignacio, Dot Kaster, Melenie Khoury, Carmelita Licalalde, Lorica Lim, Matthew Emanuel Linhart, Norma Lorenzo, Joseph Martyris, Sr. Alice Marytyris, Graciano Menezes, Maria Regina Menezes, Carmen Mercieca, Teresa Misquita, Jerome Pace, Raymond Peppin, James George Parsons, Harold & Cordelia Pereira, Emelita Perez, L E Quinn, Ana Maria Rivera, Teresa & Lawrence Santimano, Ma Sarah Sicut, Solon Sicut, Bernard Sultana, Chris Sultana, Monty Sultana, Dominic Nguyen Thanh Trung, Grace Xavier, Aeldred & Riolene Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Mafi Family, Besterwitch & Hyson Families, Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, All Souls in Purgatory .

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

28th & 29th December 2024		LITURGY ROSTER			[5th Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Joe Doyle Ferdie Chin	Bernardo Rivera	Derica Elogious Nayana Menezes Lobo		
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>		Julie Nunez		Socorro Amos	
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Sony Cuaycong	Donna Ison		Maricor Espinosa	
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Nenette Gapud	Nila Mangona	Joshua Daly	Elizabeth Abbey	
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Victoria Bravo		Jeremy Portelli	Clare & Chrus Manu	
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	K Vaz, C Anderiesz Isabelle & Jasmine Metcalfe			Abigail, Amber & Jerome Chin, Bradley D'Cruz	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Ralph Vaz, Maria Webb, Mary Ann & Christine Zammit	Maryse Pereira, Anthony Culbert, Maurice Perera	Rose Rotik, Joshua Daly, Braedon Monteiro, Estrellita Viola, +1	Peter Maw, Anna Amos, Linda Ranee, Maria Carpio, Virginia Salom, Socorro Amos	
<b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert			
<b>MUSIC</b>	Hearts of Jesus and Mary	NO Music Mass	Children's choir	Rondalla Group	

4th & 5th January 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[1st Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Myles Anderiesz Romeo Gapud	John Fernandes Rubin Bables	Olan Cruise	Jacob Chin Ferdie Chin (B)	
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Erna Ferrer	Julie Nunez		Therrie Chin	
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Bernardo Rivera	Elizabeth Abbey	Christina Monteiro	Maricor Espinosa	
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Nila Mangona	Isabelle Metcalfe	Joyce Vincent	
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Victoria Bravo	Claire Blunt	Jeremy Portelli Keith Vaz	Abigail Chin	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Myra Estrera, Nenette Gapud, Steiner Desouza, Maria Webb	Agnes Zabala, Maurice Perera, Maryse Pereira	Joshua Daly, Rose Rotik, Derica Elogious, Braedon Monteiro, Estrellita Viola	Maria Carpio, Peter Maw Merlie & Honorio Domingo, Anna Amos, Linda Ranee	
<b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert			
<b>MUSIC</b>	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	Mafi Family Choir	

11th & 12th January 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[2nd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Nayana Menezes Lobo Myles Anderiesz	Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz	Derica Elogious	Noe Adan	
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Nenette Gapud	Julie Nunez		Maricor Espinosa	
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Mirza Alata	Anthony Culbert	Joshua Daly	Peter Maw	
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Mercy Aquino	Luz Tiqui	Nerissa Toong	Vicky Ilagan	
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Demaiyah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Clare Manu, Chris Manu	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Monica Desira, Ralph Vaz, Honorio & Merlie Domingo	Geradine Pereira, Suzanne Daniels, Julie Nunez	Braedon Monteiro, Julieta Pareme, Salve Gatchalian, Sam Cassar, Connie Cassar	Luke Binny, Mario Picart, Brenda Payne, Maria Carpio Socorro Amos, Virginia Salom,	
<b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert			
<b>MUSIC</b>	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	

18th & 19th January 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[3rd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Romeo Gapud, Primrose Fernandes	Elvie Clark	Mario Picart	Mauricio Balisbisan (B)	
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Erna Ferrer	Julie Nunez		Socorro Amos	
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Melvina Vaz	Nila Mangona	Delia Crisostomo	YouthWorks	
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Sony Cuaycong	Maryse Pereira	Martin Zammit	YouthWorks	
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Demaiyah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Linda Bravo, Cesar Estrera, Christine Zammit, Mary Ann Zammit, Nenette Gapud	Agnes Zabala, Anthony Culbert, Maurice Perera	Derica Elogious, Rose Rotik, Henrietta D'Sa, Estrellita Viola, +1	Aida Jamolin, Therrie Chin, Merlie & Honorio Domingo, Prue Saunig, Maricor Espinosa	
<b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert		Aileen Dela Cruz	
<b>MUSIC</b>	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir	

25th & 26th January 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[4th Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Kartiko Effendy	Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz	Joy Kakodkar Maria Hyson	Noe Adan	
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Nenette Gapud	Julie Nunez	Donna Ison	Lita Picart	
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Elvie Clark	Bernardo Rivera	Linda Ranee	
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Myles Anderiesz	Anthony Culbert	Felix Villamarin	Elizabeth Abbey	
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Victoria Bravo		Brianna Monteiro		
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Steiner Desouza, Dolette Enriquez, Merlie & Honorio Domingo,	Maryse Pereira, Maurice Perera, Suzanne Daniels	Rose Rotik, Annette Morales, Joshua Daly, Braedon Monteiro, Estrellita Viola	Anna Amos, Brenda Payne, Socorro Amos, Therrie Chin Mario Picart, Virginia Salom,	
<b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert			
<b>MUSIC</b>	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	Couples For Christ Australia	

# Sacramental Program Dates for 2025

## 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 3rd February 2025**

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office  
on Sundays 9th February and 16th February 2025 between 9.30 and 11.30am]

**Registration Evening:**

**Tuesday 18th February 2025 at 7.00pm in the Church**

**Classes:**

**Sundays 2nd March, 9th March and 16th March 2025**

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



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

**Saturday 29th March (9:30 am) and/or Saturday 5th April (9:30 am) 2025**

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

*This Program will commence in Term 2 for children in Years 3 and above who have received the Sacrament of Penance.*

**Registration Forms** may be collected from the Parish Office starting  
**Monday 28th April 2025**

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office  
on Sunday 4th May and Sunday 11th May 2025 between 9.30 and 11.30am]

**Registration Evening:**

**Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 7.00pm in the Church**



**Classes: Sunday 1st June & Sunday 8th June 2025**

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

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion:**

**Saturday 21st June (5pm) , Sunday 22nd June (8:45am)  
Saturday 28th June (5pm) and Sunday 29th June (8:45 am)**

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

*This Program will commence in Term 3 for children in Years 5 & above who have made their First Holy Communion.*

**Registration Forms** may be collected from the Parish Office  
**from Monday 21st July 2025**

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office  
on Sunday 27th July and Sunday 3rd August 2025 between 9.30 and 11.30am]

**Registration Evening:**

**Tuesday 5th August at 7.00 pm in the Church**

**Classes: Sunday 17th August & Sunday 24th August 2025**

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

**Sacrament of Confirmation Ceremony:**

**Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 7 pm**

