



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 BAPTISM of the LORD

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year C: Vol.50 No.07

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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,
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Fr. Lauro Arcede sm.
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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
Thursday: 9.00am
Friday: 9.00am
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



PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Youth Coordinators: — Anna Amos: 0429 530 755 — Zain Chaudry: 0470 321 967
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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

You are my Son, the Beloved

A psychotherapist friend once confided in me that many people undergo a loss of identity or an identity crisis. Most of these individuals identify themselves with their work, property, or reputation. Once these are gone, they no longer know who they are. One thing that may help is developing a consciousness of who we truly are.

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the last day of Christmas, we are given a solid anchor for our inner selves. Luke's Gospel recounts that as Jesus emerged from the water after His baptism, a voice was heard from heaven: "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on you" (cf. Luke 3:21-22). Jesus had a clear identity. He is the Son of God. He is the Beloved. God's favor rests on Him. Jesus did not create that identity; it is simply who He is. He approached His mission with that identity.

At our own baptism, we share that common identity with Jesus: we are God's children, loved by Him, and in relationship with Him. This identity is freely given to us. As St. Paul tells Titus, "It is not because of any righteous deeds we had done, but according to His mercy" (Titus 3:4-7).

Now, with the beginning of Ordinary Time—after receiving the infant Jesus in the manger—we are called to step out into the world, following behind the adult Jesus and embracing His mission. For some, it means the holiday is over; it's back to work, studies, and the usual routines of life. We will soon wrestle again with the ordinaries of life and the demands of daily living. But we can live differently, being more conscious that we are children of the Father, beloved by God, and favored by the Almighty. Perhaps then, the ordinary will not be ordinary at all.

.....Fr. Lauro Arcede SM

11th & 12th January 2025		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	Derica Elogious	Noe Adan	
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud			Maricor Espinosa	
FIRST READER	Mirza Alata	Anthony Culbert	Joshua Daly	Peter Maw	
SECOND READER	Mercy Aquino	Luz Tiqui	Nerissa Toong	Vicky Ilagan	
PROJECTIONIST	Demaiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Clare Manu, Chris Manu	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Monica Desira, Ralph Vaz, Honorio & Merlie Domingo	Ger:adine Pereira, Suzanne Daniels, Julie Nunez	Braedon Monteiro, Julieta Pareme, Salve Gatchalian, Sam Cassar, Connie Cassar	Luke Binny, Mario Picart, Brenda Payne, Maria Carpio Anna Amos, Virginia Salom,	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert			
MUSIC	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	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Romeo Gapud, Primrose Fernandes	Elvie Clark	Mario Picart	Mauricio Balisbisan (B)	
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Julie Nunez		Anna Amos	
FIRST READER	Melvina Vaz	Nila Mangona	Delia Crisostomo	YouthWorks	
SECOND READER	Sony Cuaycong	Maryse Pereira	Martin Zammit	YouthWorks	
PROJECTIONIST	Demmfyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Linda Bravo, Cezar 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	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert		Aileen Dela Cruz	
MUSIC	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	NO Music Mass	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir	

**COFRADIA DEL SEÑOR SANTO NIÑO
OF SYDNEY INCORPORATED**

**35th Anniversary
FIESTA SINULOG 2025**

NINE DAYS NOVENA MASS
Sunday 19 January 2025
Time: 2:30 pm Concelebrated Mass

Main Celebrant: Very Rev. Wim Hoekstra, EV
Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and Parish Priest
Mary Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown, Diocese of Parramatta

Good Shepherd Catholic Church 136 Hyatt Road, Plumpton NSW

*All Devotees please bring your
Santo Niño Statues.*

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9 Days Novena Mass Schedule

Ref	Day/Time	Date	Venue	Address
Day 1	Thu - 7PM	09th January 2025	St Andrew, The Apostle Catholic Church	40 Breakfast Road, Marayong, NSW 2146
Day 2	Fri - 7PM	10th January 2025	Mary Immaculate Catholic Church	125 Barnier Drive, Quakers Hill, NSW 2763
Day 3	Sat - 7PM	11th January 2025	St Paul, The Apostle Catholic Church	40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills, NSW 2153
Day 4	Sun - 7PM	12th January 2025	St. Patrick Catholic Church	51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, NSW 2148
Day 5	Mon - 7PM	13th January 2025	St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church	326 High Street, Penrith NSW 2750
Day 6	Tue - 7PM	14th January 2025	Holy Spirit Catholic Church	5 Todd Row, St Clair, NSW 2759
Day 7	Wed - 7PM	15th January 2025	Our Lady of Holy Rosary Church	26 Swanston St., St Mary's NSW 2760
Day 8	Thu - 7PM	16th January 2025	St. Aidan's Catholic Church	9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill NSW 2766
Day 9	Fri - 7PM	17th January 2025	The Good Shepherd Catholic Church	136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton, NSW 2761



MASS READINGS -YEAR C

THIS SUNDAY:

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11
Psalm: Ps103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30
Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

NEXT SUNDAY:

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm: Ps 95:1-3. 7-10
Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11
Gospel: John 2:1-11

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

Fausto & Marcelina Afuang, Cipriana Alata, Dr Pedro L. Baldoria, Leonora Bonifacio, Emmanuel Canonizado, Regina Castelino, Sonny Castelino, Paul Clemson, John Coutinho, Mary Cumbo, Corazon Benilda Coyco, Ana D'Antonio, Theresa D'Cruze, Elvira De Leon, Indira Desai, Matilda Fonseca, Edward J Galea, Joseph Gatana, Anthony Grima, Consuelo Gumba, Abelardo Hipolito, Salome Hipolito, Narciso Ignacio, Narciso Ignacio, Matthew Emanuel Linhart, Librada Paule Macabulos, Maribel Paule Macabulos, Reolito Lagman Macabulos Sr., Joseph Martyris, Sr. Alice Martyris, Graciano Menezes, Maria Regina Menezes, Thelma Menezes, Teresa Misquita, Therese Motha, Lilia Magsino Nalapo, Marilyn Macabulos Nalapo, Fausta Gutierrez Paule, Esperanza Perez, Esperidion Perez, Fenella Reyes-Scichter, Lee Ann Rocha, Lee Ann Rocha, Dominic Nguyen Thanh Trung, Giovanna Vella, Michael Vella, Josephine Victoria, Aeldred & Riolenne Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Besterwitch & Hyson Families, Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, All Souls in Purgatory .

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

Sunday	12-Jan
The Baptism of the Lord	
Counters: Group 2	
07:30 Mass	
08:45 Mass	
09:30 Choir Practice CFCA	
10:30 Mass	
Monday	13-Jan
Monday of week 1 in Ordinary Time	
Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor	
09:00 Mass	
15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary	
18:00 SJG CRISP meeting	
19:00 SVdP Meeting	
Tuesday	14-Jan
Tuesday of week 1 in Ordinary Time	
09:00 Mass	
19:00 Legion of Mary	
Wednesday	15-Jan
Wednesday of week 1 in Ordinary Time	
09:00 Mass	
<i>no evening Mass</i>	
19:30 Music Practice	
Lorraine's Group	
Thursday	16-Jan
Thursday of week 1 in Ordinary Time	
09:00 Mass	
Friday	17-Jan
Saint Antony, Abbot	
09:00 Mass	
15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary	
Saturday	18-Jan
Saturday of week 1 in Ordinary Time	
Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
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	

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE RETURNS IN 2025

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in 2025 in Blacktown and Penrith. This free formation is open to anyone in the diocese 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. To enrol and for more information:

please contact the Parish Office or the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795
or lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org.

Registrations close 28th January 2025 but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.



MANDATORY DIOCESEAN SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

As part of the Diocese of Parramatta's commitment to ensuring all children and adults at risk are safe, respected, protected and supported in our care, all volunteers in our parishes and ministries are required to complete Mandatory Safeguarding Training. The Diocese supports all Parishes with ongoing education in safeguarding training with an online learning platform and/or in person (face-to-face) sessions linked and listed below. <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

Cycle 1 (New volunteers who have not completed any training within the Diocese)

[Module 1](#): Understanding Safeguarding and the Child Safe Standards (45min)

[Module 2](#): Legal Compliance, ROSH (Risk Of Significant Harm) and RC (Reportable Conduct) (45min)

[Module 3](#): Working with Adults at Risk and Understanding Boundaries (45min)

Cycle 2 (Renewal Training for volunteers who completed Cycle 1 two years ago)

[Module 4](#): Applying the Child Safe Standards to Safeguard Children & Adults at Risk (45min)

[Module 5](#): Legal Compliance: Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH) and Reportable Conduct (45min)

We are arranging some face to face sessions to be held in our parish Fr Byrne Centre at 10am on:
29th January 2025 – Module 1 Understanding Safeguarding and the Child Safe Standards

30th January 2025 – Module 2 Legal Compliance, ROSH (Risk Of Significant Harm) and RC (Reportable Conduct)

30th January 2025 – Module 5 Legal Compliance: Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH) and Reportable Conduct.

31st January 2025 – Module 3 Working with Adults at Risk and Understanding Boundaries

5th February 2025 – Module 4 Applying the Child Safe Standards to Safeguard Children & Adults at Risk

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

The Working with Children Check (WWCC) is a NSW Government requirement for anyone who works or volunteers in child-related work in NSW (Renewed every five years).

You can apply for one here: <https://wwccheck.ocg.nsw.gov.au/Apply>

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of Charity Enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

