



# 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 EPIPHANY of the LORD

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year C: Vol.50 No.06

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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,  
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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  
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

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## 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



## Let us be willing to seek Christ

The celebration of the Epiphany invites us to reflect on how God has made himself known to the world. God's revelation has been made know through his only Son Jesus Christ. The readings on the Solemnity of the Epiphany encourages us to reflect on the reality of God becoming man and living among us.

The Gospel of Matthew narrates the famous story of the three wise men who went to visit baby Jesus. They were guided by the star that led them to Jesus. The willingness to travel and visit Jesus speaks a lot about our Christian faith. As Christians we must develop the deep spirt of seeking Jesus.

They are two significant point in the Gospel which we can learn from. First, the willingness of the three wise men to visit Jesus. It teaches us to also desire to seek Jesus in our lives. To allow Jesus to lead us like the star that led the three wise men. Let us make Jesus our guiding light. Second image is about three wise men taking a different path after visiting Jesus. It speaks to us that if we encounter Jesus in our life, he will transform our lives and calls us to new path of faith and obedience. So, we can go out and bring the Good News of God to our families, communities and our parish.

Let us pray for one another and be the guiding star for those who are still living in darkness in their faith to truly encounter Jesus in their lives so that the Spirit of Jesus can transform their lives.

..... from Fr Floyd Gatana SM

### 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](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org) .

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

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	Lewis Manalili		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 Rane	
<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	Lewis Manalili		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>	Demaiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Clare Manu, Chris Manu	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	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,	
<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	



### 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:

29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Module 1 Understanding Safeguarding and the Child Safe Standards

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

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

31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 – Module 3 Working with Adults at Risk and Understanding Boundaries

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

## 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**



### MASS READINGS -YEAR C

#### **THIS 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

#### **NEXT 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: Titus2:11-14; 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

### Attention: ALTAR SERVERS

Please indicate your intention to serve by using the sign on sheet at the table opposite the piety store; no more than four please. *More next week.*

### Seeking Handyman.

The parish is seeking a volunteer to do the occasional small job that is needed around the Church and Presbytery. For more information and to express interest please contact the parish office.

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

Fausto & Marcelina Afuang, Cipriana Alata, Dr Pedro L. Baldoria, Roberto Ralph Bartlett, Leonora Bonifacio, Nieves Gulapa Cano, Paul Clemson, Mary Cumbo, Ana D'Antonio, Frank Falzon, John Falzon, Marie Falzon, Wilfredo Garcia, Joseph Gatana, Nathan Ervin Gopiao, Narciso Ignacio, Melenie Khoury, Matthew Emanuel Linhart, Norma Lorenzo, Victoria Mabagos, Esperanza Perez, Esperidion Perez, Fenella Reyes-Scichter, Dominic Nguyen Thanh Trung, Aeldred & Riolenne Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Besterwitch & Hyson Families, Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, All Souls in Purgatory .

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

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29-Dec</p> <p><b>The Holy Family</b> Counters: Group 11</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass</p>	<p>30-Dec</p> <p>6th day within the octave of Christmas 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 09:00 Mass 18:00 Vigil Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>1-Jan</p> <p>Mary, Mother of God <i>Public Holiday</i> 09:00 Mass <i>Office Closed</i> <i>no evening Mass</i></p>	<p>2-Jan</p> <p>Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors 09:00 Mass</p>	<p>3-Jan</p> <p>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 <i>Church Cleaning HJM</i></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>
<p>5-Jan</p> <p><b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> Counters: Group 1</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass 11:45 Baptism 17:30 Youthworks SAYA</p>	<p>6-Jan</p> <p>Monday after Epiphany Sunday 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary</p>	<p>7-Jan</p> <p>Tuesday after Epiphany Sunday Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>8-Jan</p> <p>Wednesday after Epiphany Sunday 09:00 Mass <i>no evening Mass</i> 19:30 Baptism Preparation</p>	<p>9-Jan</p> <p>Thursday after Epiphany Sunday 09:00 Mass</p>	<p>10-Jan</p> <p>Friday after Epiphany Sunday 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Choir Practice HJM</p>	<p>11-Jan</p> <p>Saturday after Epiphany Sunday 7:00 Church Cleaning CFC 09:00 Mass 09:40 Legion of Mary 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:30 Prayer Meeting HJM 19:00 Music Practice <i>Fresh in Faith Youth Choir</i></p>
<p>12-Jan</p> <p><b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> Counters: Group 2</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 Choir Practice CFCA 10:30 Mass</p>	<p>13-Jan</p> <p>Monday of week 1 in Ordinary Time Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SVdP Meeting</p>	<p>14-Jan</p> <p>Tuesday of week 1 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>15-Jan</p> <p>Wednesday of week 1 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass <i>no evening Mass</i> 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Group</p>	<p>16-Jan</p> <p>Thursday of week 1 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass</p>	<p>17-Jan</p> <p>Saint Antony, Abbot 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary <i>Music Practice</i> 17:00 <i>Fresh in Faith Youth Choir</i> 17:30 <i>Family Choir</i></p>	<p>18-Jan</p> <p>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 18:00 SAYWAT</p>
<p>19-Jan</p> <p><b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Counters: Group 3 Marriage Blessing - All Masses</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass 11:45 Baptism</p>	<p>20-Jan</p> <p>Monday of week 2 in Ordinary Time Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr Saint Sebastian, Martyr 09:00 Mass 10:00 SRE Catechist Lesson Plan Meeting 19:00 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>21-Jan</p> <p>Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>22-Jan</p> <p>Wednesday of week 2 in Ordinary Time Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr 09:00 Mass <i>no evening Mass</i> 19:30 Music Practice CFC</p>	<p>23-Jan</p> <p>Thursday of week 2 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 14:00 Church Cleaning Group 4 19:00 Social Justice group meeting</p>	<p>24-Jan</p> <p>Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 18:00 Adoration - Youth 20:00 Choir Practice HJM</p>	<p>25-Jan</p> <p>The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle 09:00 Mass for the Sick 09:40 Legion of Mary 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:00 Prayer Meeting HJM</p>
<p>26-Jan</p> <p><b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Australia Day Counters: Group 4</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 Choir Practice CFCA 10:30 Mass</p>	<p>27-Jan</p> <p>Monday of week 3 in Ordinary Time Saints Timothy &amp; Titus, Bishops Saint Angela Merici, Virgin 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SVdP Meeting <i>Australia Day</i> <i>Public Holiday</i> <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>28-Jan</p> <p>Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>29-Jan</p> <p>Wednesday of week 3 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass <i>no evening Mass</i> 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Group</p>	<p>30-Jan</p> <p>Thursday of week 3 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass</p>	<p>31-Jan</p> <p>Saint John Bosco, Priest 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary</p>	<p>1-Feb</p> <p>Saturday of week 3 in Ordinary Time Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:00 Mass 09:30 Parish Reconciliation 09:40 Legion of Mary 11:00 CFCA Evangelisation Rally 14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass</p>