



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 PRESENTATION of the LORD

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year C: Vol.50 No.10 2nd February 2025

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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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
Saturday: 9.00am

PARISH SCHOOLS:

ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY
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
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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SAYA - 1st and 3rd Sunday of Every Month

SAYA stands for St Andrew's Young Adults, the community for young adults ages 18 - 35 at St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, Marayong. Our group's main objective is to create a community for young adults to journey together towards Christ, catechesis, and service our parish and beyond. We complete these objectives through our two monthly events, "SAYA Circle" and "SAYA Social."

- SAYA Circle takes place on the 1st Sunday of each month, where we focus on welcoming a space for divine reflection through Lectio Divina (prayerful reading) and group discussion, or a guest speaker from our local community,
- SAYA Social takes place on every 3rd Sunday of each month, where we focus on fostering and deepening our friendships by organising a social dinner, outing or activity. These days are subject to change so please keep up to date with our Instagram @youthworksmarayong

SAYA is an ever-growing community led by the Holy Spirit to where and what we believe is needed for our community.

Please feel free to reach out for further information.
Bradley Dwyer - 0419 493 899 OR Derica Elogious - 0411 436 119

Christ is the Light of the World

This Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time coincides with the Church's celebration of the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. On this day, Jesus, as a child, was brought to the temple to be presented to God, in accordance with the Jewish custom for every firstborn son. This event highlights how Jesus' family obeyed the Jewish law, which required a sacrifice when a child was consecrated to the Lord.

His appearance in the temple was not only a demonstration of His obedience to the law—as one who chose to submit Himself under the law—but also a fulfillment of God's promise to send a Savior. This truth was recognized by two faithful servants, Simeon and Anna, who had long awaited the salvation of their people. Simeon, upon holding the child, exulted in God's faithfulness to him. Anna, the prophetess, after witnessing the event, gave thanks to God and shared the news with all who were waiting for redemption.

On this day, candles are often blessed to symbolize Christ, the Light of the World, shining in the darkness. At times, our lives may seem dark and monotonous, as if trapped in a cycle of repetition and human burdens. We can grow impatient, losing creativity and enthusiasm for what lies ahead. Yet, Simeon and Anna teach us an important lesson: as we age and journey through life, there is a constant unfolding of God's presence and revelation. We need to maintain joyful expectation, trusting that the fullness of God's plan is still to come. Light will come. For Simeon, it arrived in his old age; for Anna, it came while she was serving in the temple.

May we, too, remain patient, faithful, and expectant, knowing that God's promises will be fulfilled in His perfect time, uniquely for each of us.

.....Fr. Lauro Arcede SM

1st & 2nd February 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[1st Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Bernardo Rivera Romeo Gapud	Rubin Bables	Olan Cruise Joy Kakodkar	Jacob Chin Ferdi Chin (B)	
COMMENTATOR	Erna Ferrer	Donna Ison	Maria Hyson	Therrie Chin	
FIRST READER	Edward Yin	Zenaida Bables	Martin Zammit	Joyce Vincent	
SECOND READER	Mercy Aquino	Fely Perez	Vinetta Lobo	Elizabeth Abbey	
PROJECTIONIST	Victoria Bravo	Claire Blunt	Jeremy Portelli Keith Vaz	Abigail Chin	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Myra Estrera, Nenetie Gapud, Mirza Alata, Valerian D'Lima	Anthony Culbert, Linda Dessa, Geraldine Pereira.	Joshua Daly, Rose Rotik, Derica Elogious, Braedon Monteiro, Estrellita Viola.	Maria Carpio, Luke Binny, Anna Amos, Virginia Salom, Jay Ilagan, Vicky Ilagan.	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert			
MUSIC	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Mafi Family Choir	

8th & 9th February 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[2nd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Myles Anderiesz	Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz	Derica Elogious Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan	
COMMENTATOR	Melvina Vaz	Donna Ison	Vinetta Lobo	Maricor Espinosa	
FIRST READER	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Lewis Manalili	Connie Reyes	Lita Picart	
SECOND READER	Theodora D'Lima	Maryse Pereira	Christine Monteiro	Jay Ilagan	
PROJECTIONIST	Demaiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Clare Manu, Chris Manu	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Monica Desira, Honorio Domingo, Maria Webb, Merlie Domingo.	Maurice Pereira, Agnes Zabala, Luz Tiqui.	Josephine Daly, Julieta Pareme, Salve Gatchalian, Sam Cassar, Connie Cassar.	Luke Binny, Mario Picart, Brenda Payne, Anna Amos, Virginia Salom, Socorro Amos.	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert			
MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Praise and Glory	Couples For Christ Australia	

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



DIocese of
PARRAMATTA

FaithLIFE Scripture Short Courses for adults: 12-26 February

Are you looking to read the Bible more in 2025 but don't know where to start? Consider the FREE FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course guided by Scripture scholar, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ.

Wednesdays, 12, 19, & 26 February. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
1-5 Marion Street Blacktown - Bishop Bede Heather Centre.

RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/faithlife> OR
email met@parracatholic.org

PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Lord of light and love, On this Day of Consecrated Life, we thank You for the gift of those who have dedicated their lives to You.

Strengthen them in their mission, fill them with Your Spirit, and guide them in joy and fidelity.

May their witness inspire others to seek You, and their lives reflect Your love to the world.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Those parishioners who are celebrating marriage anniversaries during the month of February are invited to receive a blessing of their marriage at all Masses on Sunday, February 16th (including our 5:00pm Vigil Mass the Saturday prior).

If you would like to be involved, please contact the parish office with your details.



MASS READINGS -YEAR C

THIS SUNDAY:

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm: Ps 23:7-10

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

NEXT SUNDAY:

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm: Ps 137:1-5. 7-8

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Novena and Mass

Our Wednesday evening Novena and Mass will recommence this Wednesday evening at 7:00pm.

We encourage parishioners to come along for this important devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary as a means of deepening our understanding of how to live as a Christian and to come to know Jesus better.



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

Fausto & Marcelina Afuang, Cipriana Alata, Ricardo Alcantara, Leonora Bonifacio, Mario Cauchi, Joseph & Irene Bouquet, Sebastian Canicula Sr, Paul Clemson, Corazon Benilda Coyco, Mary Cumbo, Martha D'Souza, Peter Eisenhuth, Aloysinus Henry Elias, Leslie Blaise Elias, Imelda & Rodolfo Espinosa, Rose Fernandes, Benilda, Coyco & Estrella Fernandez, Anthony Grima, Narciso Ignacio, Rodolfo Jimenez, Alex Kels, Arnel Kels, Zenaida Masocol, Nevien Mikhael, Doris Montebello, Marvin Monzon, Dr. Romeo Robles, Dominic Nguyen Thanh Trung, Aberlardo Trinidad, Minda Trinidad, Danilo Tuazon, Teresita R. Viola, Aeldred & Riolene Weber, Frank Xerri, Stella & Felic Zammit, Besterwitch & Hyson Families, Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, All Souls in Purgatory .

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

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26-Jan 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 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 Monday of week 3 in Ordinary Time Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops Saint Angela Merici, Virgin</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SvDP Meeting</p> <p>Australia Day Public Holiday Office Closed</p>	<p>28-Jan Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>29-Jan Wednesday of week 3 in Ordinary Time</p> <p>09:00 Mass 10:00 Safeguarding F2F C1M1 no evening Mass 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Group</p>	<p>30-Jan Thursday of week 3 in Ordinary Time</p> <p>09:00 Mass 10:00 Safeguarding F2F C1M2 Safeguarding F2F C2M5</p>	<p>31-Jan Saint John Bosco, Priest</p> <p>09:00 Mass 10:00 School opening Mass 10:00 Safeguarding F2F C1M3 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary</p> <p>School Commences Staff Development Day</p>	<p>1-Feb Saturday of week 3 in Ordinary Time Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>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 16:00 Music Practice Worship Hymn 17:00 Vigil Mass</p>
<p>2-Feb The Presentation of the Lord (Sunday of the Word of God) Counters: Group 5</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass 11:45 Baptism 17:30 Youthworks SAYA</p>	<p>3-Feb Monday of week 4 in Ordinary Time Saint Ansgar (Oscar), Bishop Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary</p> <p>Registrations Open - Reconciliation Staff Development Day</p>	<p>4-Feb Tuesday of week 4 in Ordinary Time</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary</p> <p>First day students return</p>	<p>5-Feb Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr</p> <p>09:00 Mass 10:00 Safeguarding F2F C2M5 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Group</p>	<p>6-Feb Saints Paul Miki and his Companions, Martyrs</p> <p>09:00 Mass</p>	<p>7-Feb Friday of week 4 in Ordinary Time First Friday</p> <p>09:00 Mass 09:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Mass 19:00 Choir Practice HJM 20:00 Church Cleaning HJM</p>	<p>8-Feb Saturday of week 4 in Ordinary Time Saint Jerome Emilian, Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>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 Fresh in Faith Youth Choir</p>
<p>9-Feb 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 6</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 Choir Practice CFCA 10:30 Mass</p>	<p>10-Feb Saint Scholastica, Virgin</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SvDP Meeting</p>	<p>11-Feb Tuesday of week 5 in Ordinary Time Our Lady of Lourdes</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>12-Feb Wednesday of week 5 in Ordinary Time</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Baptism Preparation 19:30 Music Practice Praise & Glory</p>	<p>13-Feb Thursday of week 5 in Ordinary Time</p> <p>09:00 Mass 10:00 SRE OT Bede Heather Centre 13:00 SRE OT Bede Heather Centre 19:30 Music Committee Meeting</p>	<p>14-Feb Saints Cyril, monk, and Methodius, Bishop</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary Music Practice 19:00 Fresh in Faith Youth Choir 19:30 St Andrew's Family Choir</p>	<p>15-Feb Saturday of week 5 in Ordinary Time Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</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>16-Feb 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 7 Marriage Blessing - All Masses</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass 11:45 Baptism</p>	<p>17-Feb Monday of week 6 in Ordinary Time The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 18:00 SJG CRISP program</p>	<p>18-Feb Tuesday of week 6 in Ordinary Time</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:00 Registration Evening First Reconciliation</p>	<p>19-Feb Wednesday of week 6 in Ordinary Time</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:00 Music Practice CFCA 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Group</p>	<p>20-Feb Thursday of week 6 in Ordinary Time</p> <p>09:00 Mass 10:00 Catechist Meeting 19:00 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting</p>	<p>21-Feb Friday of week 6 in Ordinary Time Commemoration of Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Choir Practice HJM</p>	<p>22-Feb Saint Peter's Chair 09:00 Mass for the Sick 09:40 Legion of Mary 13:00 CFCA Leaders forum 16:00 Music Practice Worship Hymn 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:30 Prayer Meeting HJM</p>
<p>23-Feb 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 8</p> <p>07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 09:30 Choir Practice CFCA 10:30 Mass</p>	<p>24-Feb Monday of week 7 in Ordinary Time</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 SvDP Meeting</p>	<p>25-Feb Tuesday of week 7 in Ordinary Time</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>26-Feb Wednesday of week 7 in Ordinary Time</p> <p>09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Group</p>	<p>27-Feb Thursday of week 7 in Ordinary Time Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</p> <p>09:00 Mass 14:00 Church Cleaning Group 4 19:00 Social Justice group meeting</p>	<p>28-Feb Friday of week 7 in Ordinary Time</p> <p>09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 18:00 Adoration - Youth</p>	<p>1-Mar Saturday of week 7 in Ordinary Time</p> <p>09:00 Mass 09:30 Parish Reconciliation 09:40 Legion of Mary 14:00 Holy Trinity Prayer Community 15:00 Music Practice Children's Choir 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass</p>