



# 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.



## 5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: [www.standrewsmarayong.org.au](http://www.standrewsmarayong.org.au) Year C: Vol.50 No.11

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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 Arcede sm.  
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(Sacramental Coordinator)  
Merlinda (Merly) Generalao,  
Michelle Sultana &  
Joe Clemson  
(Office staff)

#### PARISH OFFICE:

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Monday to Friday  
9.00am to 4.00pm  
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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.standrewspmrayong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.standrewspmrayong.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

## 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**

# Put out into deep water

This weekend, for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel is Jesus calling the first disciples – Peter and James and John, the sons of Zebedee. He had sat down in Peter’s boat to teach the crowds. After he had finished speaking he told Peter to ‘put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.’ Peter obeyed Jesus but he had said that they had worked all night and caught nothing. They caught so many fish that they had to call the other boat, and we are told, that both boats were at sinking point. Peter recognises that he is unworthy but instead of Jesus leaving, he asks Peter and James and John to follow him and become fishers of people. When they returned to the land, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Put out into the deep, *Duc in Altum*, has been a very significant phrase for me. It is the motto of Bishop Vincent and the Residential College I attended at the University of Tasmania used it as well. Going out into the deep can be scary, it can put us in ‘danger’ or at least out of our comfort zone. But if we think of swimming, it is necessary to go out into the deep, so that we can fully swim. If you try and swim in too shallow water, the swimming stroke does not work. You hit your hand into the sandy bottom.

When Peter sees the great catch of fish, he calls on Jesus to leave because he as a ‘sinful man’ was unworthy of such blessings. I believe each of us can recognise Peter’s feeling at that moment. We are unworthy of God’s graces and blessings. But we are challenged to recognise that the graces and blessings that God gives us are never for us alone but so that we strengthened by those graces can go out and serve, to minister to others, to be God’s witnesses in the world. As Jesus describes the situation, we are graced so that we may become fishers of people. In what ways are we being challenged to go out into the deep? May God bless you, all those you love and all who love you, at this special time of year.

..... *Fr Kevin Redmond*

8th & 9th February 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[2nd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
<b>MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR</b>	Myles Anderiesz	Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz	Derica Elogious Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan	
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>		Donna Ison	Vinetta Lobo	Maricor Espinosa	
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Mariyam Wijeyaratnam	Lewis Manalili	Connie Reyes	Lita Picart	
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Theodora D'Lima	Maryse Pereira	Christine Monteiro	Jay Ilagan	
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Demaiyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Clare Manu, Chris Manu	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	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.	
<b>USHERS/ WELCOMERS</b>	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert			
<b>MUSIC</b>	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Praise and Glory	Couples For Christ Australia	

15th & 16th February 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	Rittarina Reay	Socorro Amos	
<b>FIRST READER</b>	Sony Cuaycong	Sharmali Perera	Delia Crisostomo	YouthWorks	
<b>SECOND READER</b>	Melvina Vaz	Agnes Zabala	Elizabeth Abbey	YouthWorks	
<b>PROJECTIONIST</b>	Demmfyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Nenette Gapud, Cezare Estrera, Christiane Zammit, Mary-Ann Zammit.	Suzanne Daniels, Anthony Culbert, Maryse Pereira.	Maryanne Parsons, Rose Rotik, Henrietta D'Sa, Estrellita Viola, Josephine Daly.	Aida Jamolin, Therrie Chin, Jay Ilagan, Vicky Ilagan, 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	St Andrew's Family Choir	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir	

## FACILITATORS FOR THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

With the 2025 sacramental program for the Sacrament of Reconciliation commencing soon, we are in need of helpers who can act as facilitators to support the parents in preparation of their children for the sacrament. The classes will take place over three Sundays commencing on Sunday, March 2 with Mass at 8:45am. Each facilitator will have a partner and there will be two sessions each Sunday morning. We do need the help of present and past facilitators, but we also need new people to become involved in this program which is essential to what being a Christian is all about and that is sharing our faith.

**If you are able to help us with this please fill an expression of interest form from the parish office.**  
*There will be a meeting of Sacramental Facilitators on Monday, February 24 at 7:00pm in the Fr Byrne Centre main hall.*



The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on February 9 in 2025. Pope Francis instituted the celebration of Word of God Sunday when issuing the [apostolic letter Aperuit Illis](#); The day is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God.

Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

**“Lord, We pray for all to proclaim and preach the Word of God in our communities: that they will always treasure the opportunity to be formed by God’s Word and to use their gifts to bring this Word to life in the liturgy and in the lives of those close to them. Amen.”**



### MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Members of the music ministry are reminded that their next meeting will take place on **Thursday, February 13 at 7:30pm** in the FBC.



#### MASS READINGS -YEAR C

##### THIS 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

##### NEXT SUNDAY:

##### 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8  
 Psalm: Ps 1:1-4  
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:12. 16-20  
 Gospel: Luke 6:17. 20-26

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

Fausto & Marcelina Afuang, Cipriana Alata, George Attard, Cheri Lorraine Yabut Banton, Leonora Bonifacio, Irene Bouquet, Joseph Bouquet, Joseph & Irene Bouquet, Allen Brady, David Buttigieg, Agnes Cardona, Paul Clemson, Mary Cumbo, Anastacia Domingo, Santiago Letty D'Souza, Nelly Eco, Regina Sally Fernandes, Anthony Grima, Narciso Ignacio, Katica Medved, Nevien Mikhael, Marvin Monzon, Felix S Moraleda, Ramon Moraleda, Mrs G. M. Roberts, Maria Santana-D'sa, Alvin Sebastian, Terange Takiva, Dominic Nguyen Thanh Trung, Teresita R. Viola, Aeldred & Riolene Weber, Besterwitch & Hyson Families, Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, All Souls in Purgatory .

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

<b>Sunday</b>
9-Feb
<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Counters: Group 6 <b>07:30</b> Mass <b>08:45</b> Mass <b>09:30</b> Choir Practice CFCA <b>10:30</b> Mass
<b>Monday</b>
10-Feb
Saint Scholastica, Virgin <b>09:00</b> Mass <b>15:30</b> Jnr Legion of Mary <b>19:00</b> SVdP Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>
11-Feb
Tuesday of week 5 in Ordinary Time Our Lady of Lourdes <b>09:00</b> Mass <b>19:00</b> Legion of Mary
<b>Wednesday</b>
12-Feb
Wednesday of week 5 in Ordinary Time <b>09:00</b> Mass <b>19:00</b> Novena & Mass <b>19:30</b> Baptism Preparation <b>19:30</b> Music Practice Lorraine's Group
<b>Thursday</b>
13-Feb
Thursday of week 5 in Ordinary Time <b>09:00</b> Mass <b>19:30</b> Music Committee Meeting
<b>Friday</b>
14-Feb
Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop <b>09:00</b> Mass <b>10:00</b> SRE Ongoing Training Bede Heather Centre <b>13:00</b> SRE Ongoing Training Bede Heather Centre <b>15:30</b> Jnr Legion of Mary <i>Music Practice</i> <b>19:00</b> Fresh in Faith Youth Choir <b>19:30</b> St Andrew's Family Choir
<b>Saturday</b>
15-Feb
Saturday of week 5 in Ordinary Time Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary <b>09:00</b> Mass <b>09:40</b> Legion of Mary <b>10:00</b> Church Cleaning LoM P2 <b>14:00</b> Holy Trinity Prayer Community <b>16:00</b> Jnr Legion of Mary <b>17:00</b> Vigil Mass <b>18:00</b> SAYWAT



## PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Youth Coordinators: — Anna Amos: 0429 530 755 — Zain Chaudry: 0470 321 967  
E: youthworksadmin@gmail.com — IG / FB @youthworksmarayong

### SAYWAT - 3rd Saturday of Every Month, after 5 pm Mass

“SAYWAT” - St Andrew’s Youth Word and Teaching - is the Youth Program aimed at ages 10-20 that strives to educate young people on how they can live the Word in their own lives. Taking place on the third Saturday of every month, we focus on the Gospel for the week, breaking down different ideas and themes through discussion, testimonies, activities, reflection, worship and so much more. It is a perfect opportunity to meet new people and grow stronger in faith.

### Youthworks Choir - 3rd Sunday of Every Month, 10:30 am Mass

The Youthworks Choir comprises young people keen to serve the Lord through their musical ability as “to sing is to pray twice”. Our choir performs at 10:30 am on the third Sunday of every month, followed by a Morning Tea in the Church piazza. We hold 2 practices a month with dates and times subject to change. Singers of any musical ability are welcome to join. Musicians are invited to contact our choir leader Braedon. If you are interested in joining or for any enquiries, please contact Braedon Monteiro at 0449 744 611 to receive relevant practice dates and other information.

## 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.**

## 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](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)



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CELEBRATING

## World Day of Prayer for the Sick

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WITH THE RITE OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 11AM 2025

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown

## Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharing

Everyone interested in Social Justice, Care for Creation or Global Peace is invited to meet like-minded people.

ONLINE GATHERING

Thurs 13 February  
6:30PM – 8:00PM

To receive a zoom link, please RSVP via email: [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)