



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.



6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year C: Vol.50 No.12

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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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PARISH OFFICE:

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Office Hours:
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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
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

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

A call to serve the wider community

Today's readings on the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us to reflect on the two realities that govern who we are as Christians: the earthly world we live in now and the heavenly world that awaits us. The Gospel of Luke makes these evident.

Notice in Luke's version of the Beatitudes he wants us to hear the sermon in this carefully staged context. Luke puts it in a graphical scene that helps us see the intention of his teaching. Luke gives us this picture: Jesus – Twelve disciples – the wider group of disciples – crowds from Judea, Jerusalem, Tyre, and Sidon. The layout Luke presents us grabs our attention and helps us to understand his message.

St Luke wants to make us aware that the instruction of Jesus teaches about who we are as individuals and how we must behave before the wider group we are called to live with. Beatitudes remind us to be aware of the two realities we are presented with. What we are now and what we do will have a consequence for the other world. The message is for us to be attentive to how we live our lives now. How do we live and help others so that we continue to make the Kingdom of God present in our lives and the lives of others?

Let us learn to accept who we are and what is our state of life? The significant question is how are we open to the grace of God and allow the grace of God to inspire us to be closer to him and others in our communities. Let us work together and support each other to live for the Kingdom of God.

..... from Fr Floyd Gatana

15th & 16th February 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	Rittarina Reay	Socorro Amos	
FIRST READER	Sony Cuaycong	Sharmali Perera	Delia Crisostomo	YouthWorks	
SECOND READER	Melvina Vaz	Agnes Zabala	Elizabeth Abbey	YouthWorks	
PROJECTIONIST	Demmfyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	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.	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert		Aileen Dela Cruz	
MUSIC	Lorraine's Group	NO Music Mass	St Andrew's Family Choir	Fresh in Faith Youth Choir	

22nd & 23rd February 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[4th Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Myles Anderiesz, Steiner Desourza	Aileen Dela Cruz Joanel Dela Cruz	Maria Hyson Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan	
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Julie Nunez	Melvina Vaz	Lita Picart	
FIRST READER	Dorris Barrios	Elvie Clark	Bernardo Rivera	Linda Ranee	
SECOND READER	Ralph Vaz	Elizabeth Abbey	Lydia Villamarin	Elizabeth Abbey	
PROJECTIONIST	Victoria Bravo		Mariah Cutajar	Jerome Chin	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Zenaida Bables, Mariyam Wijeyaratnam, Anne Marie Moriarty, Henryka Ogrodniczek	Linda Dessa, Geraldine Pereira, Donna Ison	Rose Rotik, Rittarina Reay, Joshua Daly, Maryanne Parsons, Estrellita Viola	Anna Amos, Brenda Payne, Socorro Amos, Mario Picart, Virginia Salom, Luke Binny	
USHERS/ WELCOMERS	Henryka Ogrodniczek, Janine Wheeler	Claire Blunt, Anthony Culbert			
MUSIC	Hearts of Jesus & Mary	NO Music Mass	Worship Hymn	Couples For Christ Australia	

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.

MEETING Parish Pastoral Council

Thursday 20th February at 7:00pm in the FBC



A Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunity: 22 February

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 22 February at Holy Family Emerton for Cycle 1 (Module 1-3). More training opportunities will be available throughout February and May. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES FOR HEALING

O ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Look with mercy on me.

By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, where you dispense your favors; and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession.

Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. (mention your petition)

Through gratitude for your favors, I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory. Amen



MASS READINGS -YEAR C

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY:

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1Sam26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Psalm: Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

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

Fausto & Marcelina Afuang, Dolificio Aguro, Cipriana Alata, Pascuali Amabile, Irene Bouquet, Joseph Bouquet, Esperanza Calubaquib, Agnus Cardona, Bridget Cash, Paul Clemson, Mary Cumbo, Elvira De Leon, Josephine Durana, George Farrugia, Anthony Grima, Rommel Valentino Hapin, Narciso Ignacio, Katica Medved, Age & John Lekocevic, Consuelo Mangona, Julieta Marcelino, William Norman Metcalfe, Marvin Monzon, Perla A Moraleda, Julita G. San Jose, Antonio Soriano, Dominic Nguyen Thanh Trung, Teresita R. Viola, Aeldred & Riolene Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Farla & Duchenne Families, Besterwitch & Hyson Families, Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, All Souls in Purgatory .

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

Sunday
16-Feb
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Counters: Group 7 Marriage Blessing - All Masses 07:30 Mass 08:45 Mass 10:30 Mass 11:45 Baptism
Monday
17-Feb
Monday of week 6 in Ordinary Time The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 18:00 SJG CRISP program
Tuesday
18-Feb
Tuesday of week 6 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 19:00 Legion of Mary 19:00 Registration Evening First Reconciliation
Wednesday
19-Feb
Wednesday of week 6 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 19:00 Novena & Mass 19:00 Music Practice CFCA 19:30 Music Practice Lorraine's Group
Thursday
20-Feb
Thursday of week 6 in Ordinary Time 09:00 Mass 10:00 Catechist Meeting 19:00 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Friday
21-Feb
Friday of week 6 in Ordinary Time Commemoration of Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor 09:00 Mass 15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary 19:00 Choir Practice HJM 16:00 Music Practice Worship Hymn
Saturday
22-Feb
Saint Peter's Chair 09:00 Mass for the Sick 09:40 Legion of Mary 13:00 CFCA Leaders forum 16:00 Jnr Legion of Mary 17:00 Vigil Mass 18:30 Prayer Meeting HJM



PARISH YOUTH GROUP

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

Youth Adoration Night - Last Friday of Every Month, 6 pm

Youth Adoration Night is the perfect opportunity for young people to spend time before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament through silent reflection, prayer, worship, and praise. Our hour of Adoration at the end of every month, with confession also available, gives young people a chance to reflect on the month that was and prepare for the month ahead. Following Adoration, young people are invited to join us for dinner and a talk hosted by different faces within and beyond our Parish.



LIFTED Launch:

Join us on Thursday, February 27th, from 6:45 PM to 9:30 PM at West HQ, Rooty Hill! Get a sneak peek at exciting events we have planned for young Catholics, including the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage and Australian Catholic Youth Festival. Enjoy a night of prayer, formation, and fun with fellow young Catholics.

Register now: parracatholic.org/events/liftedlaunch/



MET Natural Fertility Instruction Sessions:

MET Natural Fertility are organising a series of instruction sessions on the Natural Family Planning methods offered by the Diocese of Parramatta via Zoom. Learn how to chart your cycle, space out pregnancies and identify the best time to reach your family goals.

Sympto-Thermal Method: 25 February at 7:15pm
Billings Ovulation Method®: 18 March at 7:30pm

To book your place or for further information or instruction, please contact Catherine on catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or call **0400 427 605**.

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend: 22-23 February

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on 22-23 February, with future dates in May, August and November 2025. For further information visit www.engagedencounter.org.au

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 ...

- ♦ SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR RECONCILIATION 2025
- ♦ YOUTHWORKS CONTACTS & EVENTS
- ♦ HEALING PRAYER
- ♦ UPCOMING PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS



Diocese of Parramatta on Social Media

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Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic>

Twitter @parracatholic

HOME VISIT

Would you like a visit from a priest or parishioner?

Name

phone

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND

Do you know someone who would like Holy Communion or a visit?

Name

phone

PLANNED GIVING

Would you like to support our parish?

Name

phone

PLEASE PLACE ON COLLECTION PLATE AND YOU WILL BE CONTACTED