



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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Please visit our Parish Website: www.standrewsmarayong.org.au Year C: Vol.50 No.15

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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.
Maria Hyson
(Sacramental Coordinator)
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Joe Clemson
(Office staff)

PARISH OFFICE:

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Monday to Friday
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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
Mass & Stations: 7.00pm
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

An invitation to everyone to a....

22 & 29 March 2025

**Two Saturdays with Fr Kevin Redmond,
Fr Floyd Gatana and Fr Lauro Arcede**

**The Ten Commandments
(22 March)**

**Encountering God in the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Holy Communion
(29 March)**

Topics:

Schedule:

5:00pm	Vigil Mass
6:00-6:30pm	Light meal
6:30-7:30pm	Talk
7:30-8:00pm	Q & A

Faith Journey Talks



“Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path”. Psalm 119:105

Jesus being tempted in the wilderness by the devil for forty days.

We have begun our Lenten journey, once again, this year. Lent is a special period, each year, as we prepare for the joy of Easter. It is a more sombre time but it is not meant to be depressing or hopeless. Rather it is a time when we focus in a particular way about how the evil one tempts us to move away from Jesus and the Word of God in our everyday lives.

That is why the Gospel for this First Sunday of Lent is the temptation of Jesus by the devil in the wilderness. This year we hear from the Gospel of Luke. It is important, I believe, to recognise that Jesus was tempted. Jesus is the Holy One of God, Jesus is sinless, not because he was never tempted but because he avoided falling into those temptations.

Jesus is tempted to feed himself, to gain power and prestige and to take risks to force God to protect him, as was promised. The evil one is very subtle. The temptations are around proving who Jesus is and who has authority. The devil says in the first and third temptations "If you are the Son of God..." How easily the Devil tempts us to prove something or test others to see how much they love or care for us. What you and I need to recognise is that proving that is fundamentally unnecessary, because we 'know' the truth – we are sons and daughters of God and God loves us. The temptation to prove it actually can lead us away from God, rather than towards God.

The second temptation is that the devil claims to be able to give all the power and prestige of the earthly kingdoms to whomever he chooses. People can sometimes make big claims but the challenge is can they fulfill those promises? While power and prestige are necessary and can be good, we are to recognise that we should never chase after these things instead of looking for ways of being of service.

As we begin our Lenten journey we are invited to reflect about what are we going to do differently this year to help us prepare – give something up or try and do something extra – so that we can be better prepared to avoid the evil one's temptations and celebrate Easter more completely.

May God bless you, all those you love and all who love you, at this special time of year.

..... *Fr Kevin Redmond sm*

8th & 9th March 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	Nayana Menezes Lobo Joy Kakodkar	Noe Adan	
COMMENTATOR	Nenette Gapud	Donna Ison	Rittarina Reay	Socorro Amos	
FIRST READER	Doris Barrios	Anthony Culbert	Nerissa Toong	Vicky Ilagan	
SECOND READER		Nila Mangona	Christina Monteiro	Lita Picart	
PROJECTIONIST	Demaiyah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Clare Manu, Chris Manu	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Mirza Alata, Anne Marie Moriarty Henryka Ogrodniczek, Marie Webb	Linda Dessa Geradine Pereira Julie Nunez	Luke Binny, Connie Cassar Sam Cassar, Rose Rotik Estrellita Viola	Mario Picart, Brenda Payne, Anna Amos, Virginia Salom, Maria Carpio+1	
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	

15th & 16th March 2025		LITURGY ROSTER			[3rd Sunday of the Month]
MINISTRIES	5.00pm	7.30am	8.45am	10.30am	
MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR	Romeo Gapud, Bernardo Rivera	Elvie Clark	Mario Picart	Mauricio Balisbisan (B)	
COMMENTATOR	Melvina Vaz	Julie Nunez	Donna Ison	Rittarina Reay	
FIRST READER	Mercy Aquino	Luz Tiqui	Isabella Metcalfe	YouthWorks	
SECOND READER	Therrie Chin	Sharmali Perera	Delia Cristostomo	YouthWorks	
PROJECTIONIST	Demmfyrah Desouza, Evelyn Moras		Jeremy Portelli	Louisa Velasco	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Theodora D'Lima, Myles Anderiesz, Nenette Gapud, Mariyam Wiyaratnam.	Agnes Zabala, Anthony Culbert. Maurice Perera	Luke Binny, Henrietta D'Sa, Estrellita Viola, Maryanee Parson Josephine Daly	Aida Jamolin, Brenda Payne Lita Picart, Mario Picart, Virgina Salom, Anna Amos	
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	



PARISH YOUTH GROUP Youth Coordinators:

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

E: youthworksadmin@gmail.com — IG / FB @youthworksmarayong

March 14 - CHOIR PRACTICE - 7pm at the FBC

March 15 - SAYWAT - 6pm at the FBC

March 16 - YOUTH MASS - 10:30am

March 27 - LIFTED LAUNCH - CYP event

March 28 - YOUTH ADORATION - 6pm

Safeguarding the Elderly Project: 13 March



Are you interested in sharing and listening to ideas about how we can meet the needs of older people in our Parish communities? You are invited to 'Share a Cuppa' on **Thursday 13 March from 10am-12noon at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown.** Those involved in ministries such as Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Pastoral Care Groups, are invited to share their experiences and reflections.

Please contact Maria Kervin (Manager, Prevention, Healing & Support) at: mariakervin@parracatholic.org if you would like more information on hosting such a Morning Tea within your own Parish with your Ministry Team.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities: 17 & 24 March

Next face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on Monday 17 and 24 March at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill for Cycle 2 (Modules 4 and 5).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Thankyou to those who have volunteered to lead our fellow parishioners in the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening during the season of lent.

Friday, March 14: SJG

Friday, April 04: SVdP

Friday, March 21: Legion of Mary

Friday, April 11: HJM

Friday, March 28: Youthworks

Good Friday, April 18: Priests

THE FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA CELEBRATES



FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH 2025

St. Joseph, A Pilgrim of Hope



NOVENA MASSES 7:00pm

at various location from THURSDAY 6 MARCH

FRIDAY 14 MARCH ST. ANDREW'S MARAYONG

FEAST DAY MASS

SATURDAY 15 MARCH 10:30AM ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

MARY QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH BLACKTOWN

LUNCH AND ENTERTAINMENT WILL FOLLOW AFTER

MAIN CELEBRANT: BISHOP VINCENT LONG VAN NGUYEN, OFM CONV



MASS READINGS -YEAR C

THIS SUNDAY:

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Deut 26:4-10

Psalm: Ps 90:1-2. 10-15

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

NEXT SUNDAY:

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Gen15:5-12. 17-18

Psalm: Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14

Second Reading: Phil 3:17 - 4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

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

Fr Eric Rodrigues, Sr. Alice Martyris, Fausto & Marcelina Afuang, Dolficio Aguno, Cipriana Alata, Guilherme Alvares, Josephine Alvares, Pascuali Amabile, Beatrice Areola, J.W. Pedro Baldoria III, Joseph Bartolo, Leonora Bonifacio, Irene Bouquet, Joseph Bouquet, Richard Brooks, Regina Castelino, Sonny Castelino, Alicia Cercado, Rita Ciappara, Paul Clemson, Mary Cumbo, George Dacornia, Ricardo De Mesa, Indira Desai, Nelson Dickinson, Jacob & Maria D'sa, Andrew Manual D'souza, Severina D'souza, Josephine Durana, Frank Falzon, John Falzon, Marie Falzon, George Farrugia, Anthony Grima, Bonny Thomasco Linias, Librada Paule Macabulos, Reolito Lagman Macabulos Sr, Joseph Martyris, Katica Medved, Graciano Menezes, Gregory Menezes, Maria Regina Menezes, Teresa Misquita, Beatriz Moraleda, Marilyn Macabulos Nalapo, Colin Newell, Blake O'Brien, Epinila 'Baby' Ocampo, Fenella Reyes-Seichter, Lee Ann Rocha, Rodrigo Rupac, Josephine Schembri, Antonia Sultana, Nazareno Teuma, Dominic Nguyen Thanh Trung, Teresita R. Viola, Aeldred & Riolen Weber, Stella & Felic Zammit, Fernandez Family, Besterwitch & Hyson Families, Collins & Quinn Families, McCabe & Fitzgibbon Families, All Souls in Purgatory.
.....**Please remember in your prayers**

Sunday

9-Mar

1st Sunday of Lent

Counters: Group 10

07:30 Mass

08:45 Mass

09:30 1st Reconciliation Class 2

09:30 Choir Practice CFCA

10:30 Mass

Monday

10-Mar

Monday of the 1st week of Lent

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

19:00 SVdP Meeting

Tuesday

11-Mar

Tuesday of the 1st week of Lent

09:00 Mass SAP yr6

19:00 Legion of Mary

Wednesday

12-Mar

Wednesday of the 1st week of Lent

09:00 Mass

19:00 Novena & Mass

19:30 Baptism Preparation

19:30 Music Practice

Lorraine's Group

Thursday

13-Mar

Thursday of the 1st week of Lent

09:00 Mass

Friday

14-Mar

Friday of the 1st week of Lent

09:00 Mass

15:30 Jnr Legion of Mary

19:00 Mass

Novena for St Joseph (CFCA)

& Stations of the Cross

Music Practice

19:00 Fresh in Faith Youth Choir

19:30 St Andrew's Family Choir

Saturday

15-Mar

Saturday of the 1st week of Lent

09:00 Mass

09:30 Safeguarding the Elderly

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



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

First Sunday of Lent
8th and 9th of March 2025

**UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY**

this Lent



Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.



You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion Or by calling: 1800 024 413

JRS AUSTRALIA
FOODBANK

**A SMALL GIFT MAKES
A BIG DIFFERENCE**

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia supports 150 families every week through our Foodbank. Over the next 6 weeks of Lent, you can support refugees and people seeking asylum by donating these essential items!

(please drop off at the parish office)

Donations of the following are urgently required:



We kindly ask that the disabled parking bays be reserved for those with a valid disabled permit. These spaces are essential for parishioners and visitors who require easier access to our church. If you do not have the necessary certification, please use the other available parking areas so that those in need can park safely and comfortably. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we care for one another in Christian love.



Harmony in the wider community is everyone's responsibility — **so when you're parking your vehicle, please think about how your actions can affect our neighbours.** Would you be happy if your neighbours visitors parked across your driveway and you could not enter or leave your property? **Parking across a driveway in NSW will incur a \$257 fine.**



Also on this subject - the driveway into the Church piazza area should not be blocked by parked vehicles; this must remain clear to allow access for emergency vehicles when required.

