



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Miranda Our Lady of the Way, Sylvania



In Christ we Believe | With Christ we Belong | Through Christ we Become

Our Lady Star of the Sea and Our Lady of the Way parishes acknowledge the Gweagal people of the Dharawal Nation as the traditional owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

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Mass Times

Miranda:

Tuesday - 7.30pm

Wednesday & Thursday - 9.15am

Sunday - 8.00 & 10.30am

Sylvania:

Friday - 9:15am

Saturday - 5.00pm

Reconciliation:

Tuesday - 7.00pm at Miranda

Saturday - 4.00pm at Sylvania

Baptisms:

By appointment - please call the Parish Office to arrange a Baptism.

PASSION SUNDAY YEAR A

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Please collect a palm from the basket at the back of the church.

Father John:

Dear brothers and sisters,
Since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works.

Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection.

For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem.

Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers for the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

Communion Antiphon:

Father if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

Holy Thursday

Passover Liturgy at 6:00pm in the Parish Centre at Miranda.

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm at Miranda.

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at 10.00am at both **Sylvania** and **Miranda**.

Commemoration of the Passion at 3.00pm at Miranda.

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass at 7.30pm at Miranda

Mass will be followed by supper.

Easter Sunday

8.00am Mass at Miranda.

9.00am Mass at Sylvania.

10.30am Mass at Miranda.

Please pray for our sick:

Cathy Brightman, Alana O'Neill, June Byrnes, Peter Gorman, Jeff Ramos, Peter O'Dea, Elvira Enriques, Leonie Burfield, David Thus, Tony Dib, Phyllis Austin, Cheryl Nobbs, Maria Esposito, Rose Fish, Sue Sheedy, Stevie Rofe, Gail Lambert, Gloria Scott, Claire and Tom Mayers, Georgina Rastergorac, Amparo Alvarez, Daniel Lagos, Lagos family, Lorraine Price, Mark Houghton, William Thoms, Veronica Nugent, Pasquale Ghostin, Manfred Meier, Nick Christie, Nicola Christie, Samantha Christie, Wendy Fell, Gaye Chiswick, Blarsha Walmsley, Dorothy Miglionico, Julianne Stuart, Dot Touzell, Mary Harrison, John Nagy Jr., Louise Alexander, Margaret O'Neill, the residents of Hammondcare, the residents of Moran Health Care, the residents of Julianna Village.

Please pray for the repose of these souls

Recently Deceased:

Shirley Mutch, Marea Dodd, Keith Taylor, Fr. John De Luca, Fr John Langtry, Neville and Adele Budwee, Amos Valleri, Desie Joannides.

In Remembrance:

Antonio Bova, Anna Siciliano, Emilia Lopes, Augusto Sanchez, Merjelda Onborg, Norm Lamerton.

A message from the Archbishop

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or

safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Parish Safeguarding Support Officer (PSSO) for the parishes of Miranda and Sylvania is Bernadette Fabris – 0414 442 047.

Resources and information can be found at <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>

Reading Roster

9 April 2023-Sylvania

9.00am - Robert Nastasi

9 April 2023-Miranda

8.00am - Robert Lewis and Sandra Sear

10.30am - Paul Taylor and Hannah Duong

PARISH NEWS

- **Passover Liturgy-6.00pm 6 April-** is a bring a plate shared meal where we participate in the prayers and ritual of a Passover meal. Please leave your name and the number of people attending and your contribution to the meal on the pages at the back of the church. (We eat lamb, green salad and flat bread at this meal.)

-**Fr John's 70 Celebration-16 April -12 noon (after 10.30am Mass)** For catering purposes please indicate on the page located on the back tables if you are planning to attend the lunch on 16 April after the 10.30am Mass to celebrate the 70th birthday of our one and only Fr John. **RSVP required this weekend 1 and 2 April.**

Lunch, soft drink, tea and coffee and desert provided. B.Y.O.G.

GOOD FRIDAY- HOLY LAND APPEAL

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 7th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Whilst life in the Holy Land is returning to some new sense of normality (as is the rest of the world) the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2022 Australian Catholics were extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land \$1.4 million [compared to \$1,126,098 (2021) \$406,023 (2020) and \$1.3 million (2019)]. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

Scriptural context – Passion narratives

Towards the end of the 19th Century, the German scholar, Martin Kähler, described the gospels as 'passion narratives with lengthy introductions'. Over time, this description was more commonly applied to the gospel of Mark, but it is quite true of all four gospels. The passion elements are the climax of each gospel narrative and were probably written first to establish the unique interpretation of each of the gospel communities. The remainder of the gospel was written to 'set the scene' for the culmination of the message in the passion. Greg Sunter