



# 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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<https://www.olssmiranda.org.au>

## 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.**

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

### 18 JUNE 2023

**Entrance Antiphon:**

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour.

**Communion Antiphon:**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

## Parish News

- **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2024** envelopes for 2024 financial year are now ready to collect. Do not use them until 2nd July 2023. As some numbers have been re-allocated please do not use old envelopes after 30 June 2023.
- **An invitation to any retired Parishioners who would be free for lunch on Wednesday 28 June.** The children from Year 6 at OLSS who are completing their Pope Francis Award invite you to join them for a light lunch and an Activities in the Parish Centre at 11.30am-1.30pm. Please register on the pages on the back tables.
- **Little Stars Playgroup** is held **fortnightly on Mondays 9.15-10.00 am** in Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Centre. Date for this term are: **19 June.**
- **First Holy Communion for 2023** will be celebrated on 20 and 27 August at 12.30pm. Children who are in Year 4 in the public schools of our parishes are eligible for this Sacrament this year. Preparation begins on Sunday 23 July. Enquiries for further information can be made to Bernadette Fabris at [sacraments@olssmiranda.org.au](mailto:sacraments@olssmiranda.org.au).

***Please pray for our sick:***

Linda Faulkner, Nani Caton, Teresa Veza, Jozef Gasior, Alana O'Neill, June Byrnes, Peter Gorman, Jeff Ramos, Peter O'Dea, Elvira Enriques, 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, 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, Moran Health Care, Julianna Village, St Basils, Alkira Gardens, and Frank Vickery Village.

***Please pray for the repose of these souls***

***Recently Deceased:***

Frank Evans, Gloria Wheatley, Rosa Cutrupi, Ray O'Mara, Veronica Nugent, Briege Robson, Tom Galleta, John Giampaoli, Carl Dalmazzo.

***In Remembrance:***

Philip Awad, Wesley McColl, Giuseppina Maresca, Rosaria Nastasi, John Lintmeijer, Roberto Ordenez, Reginald Da Chuna, Josephine Sanchez.

**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](mailto: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**

**24 June 2023-Sylvania**

**5.00pm** - Anthony Wood

**25 June 2023-Miranda**

**8.00am** - Joshua Summers and Matilda Summers

**10.30am** - Ofelia Franco and Mary Wither



**The St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal** this year focuses on

older women who are now becoming one of the largest groups in our society who face homelessness. Most of the calls

asking for assistance that our conference in Miranda receives are from older women who are living alone, looking after adult children with disabilities or their grandchildren. Food security is the biggest issue after paying household and medical bills. We are appealing to you to ensure our support for these women continues. The QR code will take you to our donation website and the envelopes in the pews and at the back of the church can be used for a donation you can make, no matter how small. We thank you on behalf of these women whom we serve.



The major themes today are call and discipleship. Most of us are rather insignificant in the eyes of the broader society. And even those who are well known or in some way famous are still just simple human beings with needs and fears and dreams like the rest of us. Yet we have been called by God. This is what makes us special. Paul picks up this theme in his development of justification. He argues that we are special because when we were still sinners we were justified. All this has come to us as a pure gift from God. It is God who calls; it is God who chooses; it is God who justifies. If we are to boast, we must boast in God.

Paul further teaches that good works do not gain faith. It is the other way around. It is faith that manifests itself in works. In the gospel we see that the disciples are sent out to give to others the gift of faith which had been given to them. They proclaim the gospel, the good news that the time of fulfilment has come, and then they perform mighty works that demonstrate what they preach. We too have been called to discipleship; we have been made God's special people. To us has been entrusted the good news of salvation to proclaim to others. We must be the healing touch of Christ in our world. We must comfort those who mourn, bring back to life those who are in despair, embrace those who have been ostracised by society, drive out anger and fear and hatred.

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Through the waters of baptism in recent weeks we have joyfully welcomed into our parish family

***Eva Perala, Hazel Tomlinson, Jimmy and Camilla McFarland, Naomi Vanderhart,***

***Bowie and Orlando Venables, Evie Nunnen, Julian Gallagher, Mila and Luca Colbron,***

***Nicole and Natalie Frystak, Theodore Moraitis, Jeremiah Carabana, Bailey Dewar and Isla Hall***

May they always know how deeply they are loved by God.