



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.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

25 JUNE 2023

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has
anointed. Save your people, Lord, and
bless your heritage, and govern the
for ever.

Communion Antiphon:

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and
you give them their food in due season.

Parish News

- **HOLY FATHER'S APPEL 2023** Our parish, in union with all parishes around the world, will hold the annual Holy Father's Appeal next weekend-**1st and 2nd July** for which we ask your support. Through your gift, you can help Pope Francis bring hope, faith, and the spirit of Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. Donate by visiting www.ourfaithworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal, phone 1800753959 or through our parish collection.
- **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.
- **CATECHIST AREA MASS** The Confraternity of Christian doctrine is holding a special Area Mass for catechists. The Mass will be held on Tuesday 11 July at 10.30am. Please contact Josie- josieseverino@outlook.com or Bernadette - 95251448 if you are able to attend. As there will be a shared lunch after the Mass all catechists are invited to bring some food to share.

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.

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/>

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:

Barbara Mooney, Ernesto Diez, Gilda Mancuso, Philip Awad, Wesley McColl, Giuseppina Maresca, Rosaria Nastasi, John Lintmeijer, Roberto Ordonez.

Reading Roster

1 July 2023-Sylvania

5.00pm - Geraldine Mallon-Andrew

2 July 2023-Miranda

8.00am - Michael Burke and Damienne Forrester

10.30am - Maria Awad and Leanne Musico



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 demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises.

Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering. © Dianne Bergant CSA

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.