



# 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.**

## **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 16 JULY 2023**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**Communion Antiphon:**

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

## **PARISH NEWS**

• **PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS 2023** Receipts for 2023 financial year are now ready to collect. Please find them on the back tables at Mass today.

• **FR JOHN IS AWAY FROM 3-13 AUGUST**  
No weekday Masses 3-4 and 8-11 August.

• **AN AERIAL VIEW OF OUR NEW CHURCH ROOF**

It is great to have the roof repair completed. We thought you might like to see what it looks like.



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

Linda Faulkner, Steve Porter, Ana Escanlar, 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](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/>*

### ***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:***

Antonio Lopes, Eric Pierce, Elizabeth Graves, Laurie Holland, Ben and Angela Folcarelli, Raymond Harman, Norah Neil, Elizabeth Wither, Vittorio Carangelo, Ennio Cappuccio, Tony Rezo, Barbara Mooney, Ernesto Diez, Gilda Mancuso.

### **Reading Roster**

#### **22 July 2023-Sylvania**

**5.00pm** - Irene McGill

#### **23 July 2023-Miranda**

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

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

### **Commitment Statement**

**The emotional, physical and spiritual safety, well-being and dignity of children and Adults is an integral part of the teachings and values of the Catholic Church. The Archdiocese is wholly committed to ensuring safety, well-being and dignity of all Children and Adults at Risk, and acknowledges its important legal, moral and spiritual responsibility to create a safe and nurturing environment for those Children and Adults.**

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it. © Dianne Bergant CSA

### **Be To Me A Priest and a Father Event**

University Catholics are excited to host this event with international guest speaker Fr Carter Griffin from the U.S. who will be speaking on the topic of priesthood, celibacy and how we can support our priests in living out their spiritual fatherhood. Visit the University Catholics website for more information.

**DETAILS Date:** Wednesday 19th July 2023 **Time:** 6.30pm **Venue:** St Joachim's Parish Hall – Lidcombe