



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.

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 17 SEPTEMBER 2023

Entrance Antiphon:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Communion Antiphon:

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

PARISH NEWS

- **NO WEEKDAY MASS AT MIRANDA FROM 5 SEPTEMBER TO 21 SEPTEMBER.**
The ceiling of the church is being refreshed and the carpet is being replaced.
- **OFFICE HOURS BEGINNING NEXT WEEK UNTIL 16 OCTOBER- MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY 9.30AM-2.30PM** Bernadette is on annual leave. Maria will be managing the office on days and times outlined above.
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** no children's liturgy on 17 September and 1 October.
- **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 16 NOVEMBER** For children in the state schools of our parish in Year 3. Preparation for this sacrament begins 29 October. For more information please email sacraments@olssmiranda.org.au
- **EPISCOPAL VISITATION 27 AND 29 OCTOBER** Bishop Richard Umbers is coming to visit the parish in October. He will visit the school on Friday and celebrate the 10.30am Mass on 29 October and meet with parishioners after Mass.
- **RCIA PROGRAM 18 OCTOBER AT 7PM** Even if you missed the information evening regarding the RCIA on 13 September it is still possible to join the program. The first session will be on 18 October. Email office@olssmiranda.org.au for more information.
- **VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THE POWERPOINT AT 10.30AM MASS** we need someone to run the power point at the 10.30am Mass. If you are interested please approach a member of the choir to find out what is involved.

Please pray for our sick:

Helena Butler, Christine Scanlon, Linda Faulkner, Robert Lamerton, Fr Carl Ashton, Thomas and Clare Mayers, Steve Porter, Ana Escanlar, Nani Caton, Teresa Veza, Jozef Gasior, Alana O'Neill, 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, 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:

Lloyd Handley, Charlie Farrugia, Loretta O'Brien, Norma Benito de Simoes, Ron Brannley, Joan Harris, June Byrnes.

In Remembrance:

John Kasunic, Remedios Sjoberd, Martin Fadrigalan, Patricia Ellard, Rose Palisi, Margaret Harman, Alberto Enriquez, Ada Sclosa, Andrea Maresca, Ruth Pierce, Bill Wither, Peter Westblade, Thomas Verghis, Giuseppe Siciliano, John Murphy, Margaret Hawes.

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

23 September –Sylvania

5.00pm - Gwen Wood

24 September -Miranda

8.00am - Josh Summers and Sandra Sear

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.

REFLECTING ON THE REFERENDUM VOICE PROPOSAL

On Tuesday September 19th 7-8.30pm in the St Aloysius Parish Hall, St Aloysius Parish and the Cronulla Parish Social Justice Group will be hosting an Information Session about the Referendum Proposal: Reflecting on the Referendum Voice Proposal.

The evening will include a presentation by Theresa Adler, a Gweagal Elder and lecturer at Notre Dame University who recently had the privilege of presenting Pope Francis with a copy of the Uluru Statement to the Heart. There will also be time for discussion and questions. The evening is not an opportunity to try to convince people to vote Yes or No, but it is an opportunity to reflect, to pray together and to seek a deeper understanding of what is being proposed with the upcoming Referendum. All are welcome. Please invite friends to come also, including people of other religions or no religious affiliation.

St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

Feast Day and blessing by the Relic of St Padre Pio

24 September 2023

10:00am Procession followed by the Feast Day Mass

Veneration and Blessing by the Relic of St Padre Pio.

St Padre Pio Parish

34 William Howell Drive

Glenmore Park

More information at www.padrepio.org.au

Peter asks, 'How many times should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Peter probably thought that he was being pretty generous. The religious law of his time required people to forgive three times, so by suggesting seven times, Peter would have thought that he was really going the extra mile. To forgive someone seven times is a pretty big call. But the number seven has great significance in scripture; it is regarded as a number of perfection. Peter is suggesting that there is an ideal number of times that one should forgive. Jesus blows this out of the water by saying, take that perfect number of times and multiply it by seventy. There is no perfect number of times to forgive. Greg Sunter