



# 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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## **Website:**

<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.**

## **THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 5 NOVEMBER 2023**

### **Entrance Antiphon:**

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!

Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

### **Communion Antiphon:**

You will show me the path of life, the  
fullness of joy in your presence, O  
Lord.

## **PARISH NEWS -**

- **NOVEMBER MASSES** envelopes for November Mass intentions can be found in the pews this weekend. These envelopes will be kept on the altars of our churches throughout the month of November when we pray for the gentle repose of the souls of our deceased loved ones.
- **CWF APPEAL 4 and 5 NOVEMBER** today in our Masses we support the ministries of the Archdiocese of Sydney which include CatholicCare, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Centre and the Seminary of the Good Shepherd through our contribution to the CWF Appeal. Envelopes can be found in the pews. Donations are 100% tax deductible.

## **Scriptural context – Laying down the Law**

Throughout Matthew's gospel Jesus is portrayed as the new law-giver, the new Moses. The five-part structure of the gospel reflects the five books of law that make up the Torah. This week's gospel is the beginning of an extended passage of criticism against the Pharisees (all of Ch 23). The sustained criticism is about how the Pharisees have actually 'got in the way' and made it more difficult for people to come to know God. Jesus, as the new law-giver, tells the people to put aside the distractions of the Pharisees and to recognise that God alone is the source of what is right and wrong; that the Christ is the only teacher. Greg Sunter

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

Maria Tuazon, 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:***

Fr Ken Sargent, Raymond Cooper, Eduardo Simoes, Sheila Hanly, Mary Then, members of Smith Family, Patrick O'Riordan, Margaret Owen, Fr John O'Keefe.

### ***In Remembrance:***

Beverley Jan Walker, Georgette Awad, Matthew Julian, Daniel Fabris, Bill Wither, Robert Musico, Peter George Searle, Teresa Paoletti, Lolita Sanchez, Nicola Katic.

### **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.**

### **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**

### **11 November – Sylvania**

**5.00pm** - Gwen Wood

### **12 November - Miranda**

**8.00am** - Robert Lewis and Sandra Sear

**10.30am** - Paul Taylor and Hannah Duong

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites young adults to the inaugural Archdiocesan youth conference-

## **Purpose Conference.**

*“The intention of this conference is to offer young people an encounter with Jesus Christ. To engage in an inspiring experience of Catholic faith, helping them to discover their purpose as children of God and leading them towards intentional discipleship.”*

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

Date: 7-8 December at 5-10.00pm  
Venue: Rosebank College, Five Dock

Includes: International speakers– Jason Evert and Matt Fradd

Registration:

[sydneycatholicyouth.org](https://sydneycatholicyouth.org)

Limited tickets available.

Flyers available on the back tables.

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with **STEVE BUHAGIAR**  
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