



# 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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 19 NOVEMBER 2023**

### **Entrance Antiphon:**

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and you will lead back your captives from every place.

### **Communion Antiphon:**

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

## **PARISH NEWS -**

- **CONGRATULATIONS TO IRENE LIU** Irene has been a catechist for 20 years for the parish of Sylvania. We thank her for her faithful service to this important ministry.
- **FR KEN SARGENT'S FUNERAL** will take place at Rookwood Cemetery at 2.00pm on Thursday 23 November.
- **LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING** the next meeting for the Liturgy Committee is on 23 November at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.
- **LITTLE STARS PLAYGROUP** - Meets next on 27 November at 9.15am in the Parish Centre at Miranda.
- **FOOTY, FAITH AND FRIENDS-27 NOVEMBER AT GYMEA HOTEL AT 7PM** the Sutherland Shire Network of Family Educators invites the men of our parish to an event to support Movember. Cost is \$10 due 20 November. Flyers with more details can be found on the back tables.
- **29 NOVEMBER RETIREE CHRISTMAS GATHERING** Year 6 students from OLSS invite the older members of our parish to lunch and activities on 29 November between 11.30am-1.30pm. Please register your attendance on the pages provided on the back tables.
- **BREAK OPEN THE WORD FOR 2024** for our readers are available for collection from the back tables today.
- **READERS FOR SYLVANIA** would you like to join the reading roster for Sylvania? Please contact Gwen on 95220598 or Bernadette on 95251448.

### **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:**

Arcangelo de Martin, Fr Ken Sargent, Raymond Cooper, Eduardo Simoes, Sheila Hanly, Mary Then, members of Smith Family, Patrick O'Riordan,

### **In Remembrance:**

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

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

This Christmas, we are focussing on the ongoing impacts of the cost-of-living crisis which has seen already vulnerable people pushed into poverty with barely anything to hold on to and facing the brink of homelessness. The cost-of-living crisis is causing families who were already struggling further hardship and driving a growing number of people to seek assistance for the first time. Workers in full-time employment, families on dual incomes and renters burdened by the soaring cost of housing have turned to the Society through necessity. Alarming, the number of people turning to our members for the first time has increased from one-in-four to one-in-three over the past year. While cost of living pressures have occurred across the board, the most acute impacts are felt by those with the least capacity to absorb the financial, social and wellbeing blows.

Our Christmas Appeal plays a critical role in ensuring our members are able to continue to provide support to the people we assist and that our services are able to meet their needs. As always, we are hoping to encourage as many donations as possible to ensure the Society's good works continue. Our appeal will start next week and will run for three weekends. The 'giving tree' will be put up again with envelopes for gift cards for people we assist here in the parish. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Margaret Fowler

on behalf of the Miranda Conference



### **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**

### **25 November – Sylvania**

**5.00pm** - G. Mallon-Andrew

### **26 November - Miranda**

**8.00am** - J. Summers

**10.30am-** O. Franco and M. Wither

Saturday, 9th December 2023  
10am to 4.30pm

St Catherine Labouré Catholic Church, Gymea  
123 Gymea Bay Road, Gymea

## **A WOMEN'S RETREAT**



Our Lady of Guadalupe



Guest Speaker

**Karen Doyle**

Founder of *The Genius Project* - an initiative to support women in the discovery of their unique gifts, skills and aspirations.

A Day Retreat for Every Woman. Mass included

*A \$10 donation and a gift for the Vinnies Christmas hamper on the day would be appreciated*



Organised by the Catholic Women's League, Gymea  
Register at the back of the church OR  
[rsvp@stcaths.org.au](mailto:rsvp@stcaths.org.au) OR  
[www.stcaths.org.au/womens-retreat-2023](http://www.stcaths.org.au/womens-retreat-2023) OR  
via the QR code

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 3RD DECEMBER



**The Christmas period can be a difficult time for those bereaved.**

**You are invited to Calvary Hospital's Remembrance Service**

**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Service Commences at 7 pm**

Followed by a light supper.

91-111 Rocky Point Road, Kogarah,  
Conference Centre Room

**Attendees are encouraged to bring a photo of their loved one.**

**RSVP Mary, Pastoral Care Manager 9553-3158**