



## 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.**

## **CHRISTMAS DAY YEAR B 25 DECEMBER 2023**

### **Entrance Antiphon:**

The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.

### **Communion Antiphon:**

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

### **CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES**

At this happy time of year we remember the priests who have said 'Yes' to God's call to minister to his church. Donations placed in the Christmas Envelopes contribute to the support of the retired priests of our Archdiocese.

**IT IS SO GOOD TO SEE ALL THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THE EFFORT TO ATTEND MASS TONIGHT/TODAY**

We are here every Sunday and I warmly invite you to join your parish family as regularly as possible in 2024. We need you to help us to come to know, to love and to worship our God as his living Church.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS-** Mass will be at 9.15am at Miranda.

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the beautiful celebrations to-night/today. To the musicians and choirs; the readers; the acolytes; the altar servers; those that prepared the altars and to all those who support me all year around.

God's peace with you and your families.

I look forward to a great year with you in 2024. Fr John Greig

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

Michael Egan, 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:***

Noel Francis Leavy, David Rowe, Marie Scott, Romeo Mallari, Nora Diaz, Christine McCarthy, Arcangelo De Martin, Elaine Massingham.

***In Remembrance:***

Florence Peters, Felix Veloso, Juanito Mallari, Rose Palisi, Anthony Joseph, John Nieuwland, Marie Kelly, Barry Pulbrook, Colin Chandler, Rosario Franco, Merle Sponberg, Mark and John Wedesweiler, Beverley Jan Walker.

Today the Christmas celebration gains a new depth of theological meaning. At midnight, the birth in history was proclaimed. At dawn, the initiative of God's gift was declared and the community's joyful gratitude was announced. In this third celebration, the identity of Christ and the new way of life that he brings is announced.

If our eyes are open and alert, we can see that God has won a victory for us, one that is tangible and realised in our midst. It is an overwhelming victory, one that permanently conquers the enemy. This victory has a profound impact on every place, every time and every people. The birth of the infant, the king in David's line, promises salvation to all who long for it. This salvation is a new vision of wisdom, one that has been realised in Christ, God's agent of grace in the world. It is a new world, one of inclusivity and of righteous honour. It is a new age, one that is ushered in by the child who is leading a victory procession. Ultimately, only eyes of faith allow us to see the fullness of God's revelation. The glory of the infant king is the very presence of God made flesh. Jesus is the eternal incarnate Word who has pitched his tent among us. Ours is not a distant God; the incarnate wisdom of God is among us, and we are called to a change of heart that will allow us to see this wonder.

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**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**

**30 December-Sylvania**

**5.00pm-** Gwen Wood

**31 December-Miranda**

**8.00am-** Damienne Forrester and Sue Clay

**10.30am-** Ofelia Franco and Leanne Musico

Over the last few weeks we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our fellow parishioners here at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Like the message of hope delivered to the shepherds by angels, on the first Christmas night, your kindness has given the message of hope to over 60 people in our community - hope for the future, hope in humanity. Their responses of surprise, delight, joy and appreciation are the gifts they give to us. Again we wish you all the blessings for Christmas and may you receive the Joy of the Christ Child.

The Miranda  
Conference,  
St Vincent de Paul

