



# 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.**

## **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH YEAR B**

**31 DECEMBER 2023**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

The shepherds went in haste,  
And found Mary and Joseph and the  
Infant lying in a manger.

**Communion Antiphon:**

Our God has appeared on earth, and  
lived among us.

## **PARISH NEWS -**

• **SINCEREST CONDOLENCES ARE OFFERED TO THE FAMILY OF TONY KHOURY**

Tony tragically died suddenly at home on 26 December. Please pray for the repose of his soul and remember his wife, his children, his parents, and the families of his brothers and sister in your prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

• **NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS** 9.15am at Miranda.

• **CHEQUES CAN NO LONGER BE USED TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO PARISH FINANCES**

From 1 January 2024, we can no longer accept cheques as payment/donations. This is a decision that has been made by CommBank who have already implemented the policy. Please make arrangements for donations to be made with either direct transfer, credit card or cash. Many thanks for your continued support.

• **READER'S ROSTERS**

Readers at Miranda are asked to collect their rosters for 2024 from the back table.

***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:***

Tony Khoury, Romeo Mallari, Nora Diaz, Christine McCarthy, Arcangelo De Martin, Elaine Massingham.

***In Remembrance:***

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

**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****6 JANUARY 2024-Sylvania**

**5pm**– Anthony Wood

**7 JANUARY 2024– Miranda**

**8.00am**–Damienne Forrester and Michael Burke

**10.30am**- Maria Awad and Leanne Musico

**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.**

**Scriptural context – Fulfilling prophecy**

The writer of the gospel of Luke uses this presentation event to announce or forecast the ministry of Jesus. The explicit identification of the poverty of Mary and Joseph is an indicator of the emphasis that Jesus will give to the poor throughout his ministry. The gospel writer also makes plain the link between the Temple (the Jewish tradition) and the ministry of Jesus. Tying these events into the prophecies of both Simeon and Anna reinforce the prophetic nature of this whole episode. Jesus is portrayed in this gospel as the fulfilment of the prophecies of scripture.

**Living the Gospel – Faithful**

A strong image that emerges from this passage is the faithfulness of Mary and Joseph. Their whole purpose in visiting the Temple is to fulfil the requirements of their faith. They are faithful to the Jewish tradition and it is into this tradition that they initiate Jesus. The faithfulness of Mary and Joseph is a hallmark of their life as a family. Their faithfulness is a significant element of what we celebrate in the feast of the Holy Family and their faithfulness to God and to one another is a model for all families and for all people.