



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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

3 DECEMBER 2023

Entrance Antiphon:

To you, I lift my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PARISH NEWS -

- **ADVENT COMPANION 2023- LISTEN TO THE WORD**— copies of the Catholic Arch-diocese of Sydney Advent companion are available for you on the back tables.
- **THANK YOU TO POPE FRANCIS AWARD STUDENTS** Those who attended the Christmas activities and lunch on Wednesday 29 December wish to thank the students of OLSS for the wonderful time that was had by all. God bless you Year 6.
- **7 DECEMBER -GRADUATION MASS FOR OLSS YEAR 6 AT 9.15AM** regular Thursday morning Mass goes the Mass on 7 December is going to be attended by a large number of students from their school and the parents of the Year 6 children.
- **BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2024** readers your copies are ready for collection.
- **NEW READERS FOR SYLVANIA** if you are interested in joining the reading roster for Sylvania please contact Gwen on 95220598 or Bernadette on 95251448.
- **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**
MIRANDA: CHRISTMAS EVE-5PM AND 8PM
: CHRISTMAS DAY-8AM AND 10.30AM
SYLVANIA: CHRISTMAS DAY-9.15AM
Carols will be played for 20 minutes before both the 5pm and 8pm Masses on Christmas Eve.

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:

Christine McCarthy, Arcangelo De Martin, Elaine Massingham, Fr Ken Sargent, Raymond Cooper.

In Remembrance:

Marie Kelly, Barry Pulbrook, Colin Chandler, Rosario Franco, Merle Sponberg, Mark and John Wedesweiler, Beverley Jan Walker, Georgette Awad, Matthew Julian.

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**9 December – Sylvania**

5.00pm - Robert Nastasi

10 December - Miranda

8.00am - Robert Lewis and Sandra Sear

10.30am - Paul Taylor and Hannah Duong

Advent is the season that prepares us for the joy of Christmas. Jesus' message was not to bring fear but rather a call to action. Service to others, bringing the message of hope to those who are most rejected by society. When we serve others we are attentive to their needs, advocate for their rights - by offering *a hand up not a hand out*, we assist others to transform their lives. As we move towards the celebration of Christmas we are filled with hope, offering love to all in need. If you can, please assist us by using the envelopes provided in the Church, the QR code provided for donations or by taking an envelope from the 'Giving Tree' for a gift voucher, and returning the envelope by **Sunday 10th December**

**MIRANDA PARISH FINANCE REPORT- 2023****INCOME**

PARISH REVENUE COLLECTIONS	120K*
DONATIONS	8K
CDF DISTRIBUTION	7K
RENTAL INCOME	103K
OTHER RECEIPTS	<u>2K</u>
TOTAL	240K

EXPENSES

OPERATING	96K#
EMPLOYEE	76K
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	<u>61K</u>
SUBTOTAL	233K
CAPITAL EXPENSES	<u>217K</u>
TOTAL	450K

NET LOSS **210K**

*Includes: envelopes/tap/loose

#Includes: insurances/telephone/electricity

SYLVANIA PARISH FINANCE REPORT-2023**INCOME**

PARISH REVENUE COLLECTIONS	25K*
DONATIONS	16K
CDF DISTRIBUTION	3K
RENTAL INCOME	22K
OTHER RECEIPTS	<u>20K</u>
TOTAL	86K

EXPENSES

OPERATING	25K#
EMPLOYEE	0K
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	<u>47K</u>
SUB TOTAL	72K
CAPITAL EXPENSES	<u>4K</u>
TOTAL	76K

NET SURPLUS **10K**

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