



# 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.

**Parish Priest: Fr John Greig**

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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.**

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B**

**24 DECEMBER 2023**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Drop down dew from above, you heavens and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

**Communion Antiphon:**

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

## **PARISH NEWS -**

• **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 starting at 4.30pm and 7.30pm.**

• **CHILDREN ATTENDING THE 5PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS** any children attending the Christmas Eve Mass are invited to come dressed as angels or shepherds or wisemen.

• **CHRISTMAS MASSES AT GYMEA**

Christmas Eve- 5pm, 7pm and Midnight

Christmas Day-7.30am and 9.30am

• **CHRISTMAS MASSES AT SUTHERLAND**

Christmas Eve- 5pm, 7pm and Midnight

Christmas Day- 8am and 10.00am

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

***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:***

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.

**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**

**24 December 2023**

**5.00pm**– Matilda Nobbs and Hannah Duong

**8.00pm**– Michael Burke and Matthew Forrester

**25 December-Miranda**

**8.00am**– Sandra Sear and Margaret Fowler

**10.30am**– Jack Pereira and Bernadette Fabris

**25 December-Sylvania**

**9.15am**–

Geraldine Mallon-Andrew

**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

