



# 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.**

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B**

**10 DECEMBER 2023**

### **Entrance Antiphon:**

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
And the Lord will make the glory of his  
voice heard in the joy of your heart.

### **Communion Antiphon:**

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the  
heights, and behold the joy which  
comes to you from God.

## **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.**

**• 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.

**• READERS REQUIRED FOR THE CHRISTMAS MASSES** if you are available to read at one of the Christmas Masses please write your name on the sheet provided on the back table.

**• NEW CHOIR MEMBERS** we are always happy to welcome new members to the music ministry of our parishes. This time of the year we would very much appreciate having a few more voices in the choir. Please come and talk to the musicians after Mass.

**• CONGRATULATIONS TO MATTHEW, JESSICA AND EMILY BASANOVIC** who will be confirmed today and receive Holy Communion for the first time in the 10.30am Mass.

**• EXTRA RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS** - Miranda 13 December 7.00-8.00pm.

**• LITTLE STARS PLAYGROUP** - 11 December 9.15-10.00am Parish Centre.

**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](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****16 December – Sylvania**

**5.00pm** - Irene McGill

**17 December - Miranda**

**8.00am** - Jacqui Attard and Sue Clay

**10.30am** - Margaret Fowler and Leonie Burfield



When we think of the wilderness sometimes, we are reminded of rough terrain and barren deserts. John the Baptist refers to the voice in the wilderness in our readings this week - we are reminded of Jesus' time in the desert, when he suffered hunger and thirst. In this time of Advent we can ask who are the voices that 'cry out in the wilderness' today? As we prepare for the birth of Christ we look for opportunities to do whatever we can to offer hope, compassion and love. If you can, please assist us by using the envelopes provided in the Church or the QR code provided for donations to assist those in our community in need. Thank you to everyone who took and returned an envelope from the 'Giving Tree' with a gift voucher, which we will distribute this week. We are deeply grateful for, and humbled by your support.

We wish everyone the blessings of the Christmas season.

Miranda Conference, St Vincent de Paul

**Historical Context – A Baptism of Forgiveness**

The understanding that we generally have of baptism today has not always been the case. At the time of John and Jesus, the Jewish tradition used baptism as a ritual bath to cleanse a person who had become ritually unclean and make them able to participate in religious rituals. What John was preaching was a baptism for the forgiveness of sins – a new interpretation at the time. He emphasised that repentance was essential for forgiveness and that there needed to be a conscious returning to God. John's baptism was a symbolic act to signify the willingness of the person to renounce their sins and make a more conscious return to God. Greg Sunter