

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B 17 DECEMBER 2023

Entrance Antiphon:

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Communion Antiphon:

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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.

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.

- <u>CHILDREN ATTENDING THE 5PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS</u> any children attending the Christmas Eve Mass are invited to come dressed as angels or shepherds or wisemen.
- **CHOIR PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES**-The Choir practice for the Christmas Masses will take place at 5.00pm on Monday 18 December at Miranda..
- 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:

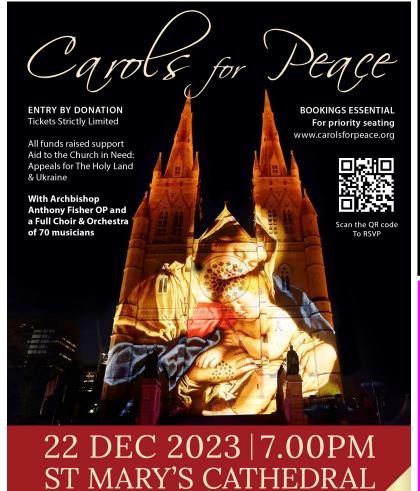
Maria Tuazon, Helena Butler, Christine Scanlon, Linda Faulkner, Robert Lamerton, Fr Carl Ashton, Thomas and Clare Mayers, Steve Porter, Ana Escanlar, Nani Caton, Teresa Veza, Jozef Gasior, Alana O'Neill, Peter Gorman, Jeff Ramos, Peter O'Dea, Elvira Enriques, David Thus, Tony Dib, Phyllis Austin, Cheryl 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 Margaret O'Neill, the residents Alexander, Hammondcare, Moran Health Care, Julianna Village, St Basils, Alkira Gardens, and Frank Vickery Village.

Please pray for the repose of these souls Recently Deceased:

Nora Diaz, Christine McCarthy, Arcangelo De Martin, Elaine Massingham, Fr Ken Sargent.

In Remembrance:

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



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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 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

23 December - Sylvania

5.00pm - Joanne Harband

24 December - Miranda

8.00am - Joshua Summers 10.30am - Mary Wither and

Ofelia Franco

5.00pm-Matilda Nobbs and Hannah Duong

8.00pm- Michael Burke 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

This Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word for Rejoice! Advent was originally celebrated as a five week season and with the same fasting and penitential nature as the season of Lent. The third Sunday, Gaudete, was like a break for rejoicing in the midst of the fasting. When Advent was reduced to four weeks and the nature of the season altered, Gaudete Sunday was retained. The colour of this Sunday is rose - a celebratory colour - and it is reflected in the vestments worn by the priest and in the colour of the third candle used in Advent wreaths. Greg Sunter