



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 IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 14 JANUARY 2024

Entrance Antiphon:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Communion Antiphon:

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

PARISH NEWS -

- **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.
- **AUSTRALIA DAY MASS** Mass on Australia day will be the regular Friday 9.15am Mass at Sylvania.

Have you thought? Why disciples?

Why did Jesus call a group of people to follow him closely and share in his ministry? Certainly, it was not uncommon at the time that a charismatic leader might attract a group of followers and 'hangers-on' but Jesus appears to have deliberately called some people to travel with him and share in what he was about. So much of what Jesus spoke about was living in right relationships: with God; and with one another. Rather than simply being a 'back-up group' for Jesus, the disciples provided a lived example of trying to live in right relationships. They didn't always get it right, but they were on the way. Greg Sunter

Please pray for our sick:

Richie Newnham, 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, Audrey Sussex, Romeo Mallari, Nora Diaz, Christine McCarthy, Arcangelo De Martin, Elaine Massingham.

In Remembrance:

Mario Di Maria, Fr John De Luca, Florence Peters, Felix Veloso, Juanito Mallari Jr, Rose Palisi, Anthony Joseph.

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**20 JANUARY 2024-Sylvania**

5pm– Iris Nastasi

21 JANUARY 2024– Miranda

8.00am–Jacqui Attard and Sue Clay

10.30am– Leonie Burfield and Margaret Fowler

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.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

A furnished apartment or rooms for 3 females coming to Sydney from Canada to complete a physiotherapy internship in Miranda from 18 February to 5 April. Please contact Bernadette at office@olssmiranda.org.au. for more details.

Reflecting on today's Gospel, Pope Francis points out that Jesus responds to his disciples' question in an interesting way. Asked where he lives, Jesus does not name a place or give directions. 'Come and see,' is the simple answer he offers. 'Not a calling card,' the Pope points out, 'but an invitation to an encounter'.

Then, the Pope reminds us, something real happened. The disciples went with Jesus and spent the remainder of the day with him. Decades later, when the Gospel was written, someone made a point of noting the hour. As the Pope says, 'this is one thing that makes us think: every authentic encounter with Jesus remains alive in memory; it is never forgotten.'

We might extend the Pope's point to note the way that Peter is named 'Cephas' (rock) the very next morning. Not only was there another memorable realness to the encounter, but there is an earthiness in Jesus' choice of name. Perhaps initially a slightly ironic nickname (remember the cock crowing!), ultimately Peter becomes part of the Church's bedrock. Now, centuries later, Pope Francis reminds us to be like the Apostles: open to memorable encounters.