



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 28 JANUARY 2024

Entrance Antiphon:

Save us, O Lord our God!

And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

Communion Antiphon:

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame,
for I call on you.

PARISH NEWS -

• **CATECHIST SUNDAY** at our Masses on **3 and 4 February** we will pray for and Commission the catechists of our parishes for their work in our schools in 2024.

• **OPENING SCHOOL MASS -TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY AT 9.15AM**

• **ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES- 14 FEBRUARY AT 9.15AM AND 7.00PM AT MIRANDA**

• **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER -1 MARCH AT 10.30AM AT MIRANDA**

The focus for the 2024 World Day of Prayer is Palestine. If you are or know of someone who is a Palestinian Christian who would be willing to share their experience of being a Christian in Palestine please contact Bernadette either on 95251448 or at office@olssmiranda.org.au.

• **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LIST-** I am going to refresh the prayers for the sick list for the bulletin. Please contact me if you need your family member's or friend's name to remain in the list. Either call 95251448 or email Bernadette at office@olssmiranda.org.au

Please pray for our sick:

Richie Newnham, Carol Gleeson, 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, Michael Moses, Ryan Touzell, Audrey Sussex, Romeo Mallari, Nora Diaz, Christine McCarthy, Arcangelo De Martin.

In Remembrance:

Tony Bova, Norm Lamerton, Lillian Richens, Mario Di Maria, Fr John De Luca, Florence Peters.

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**3 FEBRUARY 2024-Sylvania**

5pm– Diane McInerney

4 FEBRUARY 2024– Miranda

8.00am–Damienne Forrester and Michael Burke

10.30am– Jack Pereira and Rosemarie Cunningham

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.

Although this week's gospel is a relatively short passage, there's a lot going on within it. Firstly, we are presented with Jesus going to the synagogue in Capernaum and teaching there. This immediately indicates that Jesus must have been quite well educated – he was obviously able to read from the Torah in Hebrew and then teach about it with an impressive level of authority. In fact at the end of the passage, the people seem more impressed with his teaching than with the act of casting out the unclean spirit! Secondly, in the interaction with the unclean spirit, it knows Jesus and identifies him as the 'Holy One of God'. Jesus sharply tells the spirit to 'Be quiet!' Jesus almost appears to want to silence the spirit before it says any more about who he really is. This is a feature of the gospel of Mark in which the identity of Jesus as the Messiah is kept under wraps but breaks out in unlikely places – known as the Messianic secret. Whenever an exorcism miracle occurs in the gospels the emphasis is on the reaction to the miracle much more than the action itself. Here, the casting out of the unclean spirit appears to confirm for the people the authority that they sensed in the teaching of Jesus. Liberating the possessed man from the unclean spirit is an illustration of the way in which the people themselves were liberated by Jesus' teaching. It is the message, the teaching, of Jesus that frees people. It is in this way that his understanding of Messiah is revealed. Jesus wants people to come to that knowledge through understanding his message, rather than being impressed by miraculous actions. Greg Sunter

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