



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.

**RCIA (Christian Initiation of Adults)
Begins September each year and culminates at the Easter Vigil.
Please call the office to register.**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B 28 APRIL 2024

Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon:

I am the true vine and you are the
branches, says the Lord. Whoever
remains in me, and I in him, bears
fruit in plenty, alleluia.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH DINNER: We are delighted to announce that the Parish Dinner will go ahead. We will celebrate the 40 year ordination of Fr John, the 73rd anniversary of Miranda and the 65th anniversary of Sylvania. It will be held at Doltone House Sylvania Waters on **Friday 9 August 7pm to 10pm**, \$100 including 3 course meal, beer, wine and soft drinks. Please contact the Parish Office to secure your tickets and pay via credit card or cash. Limit of 150 tickets.

ROSARY AT 7.00PM EACH TUESDAY EVENING BEFORE THE 7.30PM MASS.

MOTHER'S DAY NAMES- please write your mother's names on the pages on the back tables. These pages will be compiled into a book for prayers on Mother's Day.

CWF APPEAL- Final CWF appeal for the financial year will be held on 18 and 19 May.

MARIST LAITY FAMILY PRAYER STUDY

You are invited to join an exciting new study on Family Prayer Mindful Colouring, and Faith Development in Children and Teenagers.

Go to www.maristlaityaustralia.com/1/beyond-the-pew to find out more.

Please pray for our sick:

Jim Hourigan, Lukose Joshy, Richie Newnham, Carole Gleeson, Leonie Burfield, Robert Lamerton, Todd Evans, Stevie Rofe, Maria Tuazon, Helena Butler, Christine Scanlon, Monica Lagos, Sebastian Quequesana, William Thoms, Linda Faulkner, Robert Lamerton, Thomas and Clare Mayers, Steve Porter, Nick Christie, Nicola Christie, Samantha Christie, 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:

Josef Gosier, Ana Lagniton, Phyllis Austin, Judith Urquhart, Cheryl Nobbs, Betty Ledlin.

In Remembrance:

Reginald Da Cuhna, Josephine Sanchez, John Giampaoli, John Kelly, Anna Siciliano, Maria Gracita Crescini, Clara, Rosario and Petra Adoracion, Carmen and Adolfo Noche, Mercedes Soriano, Jose and Timotea Poblete, Victor and Angeles Abastillas, Joaquin Poblete, 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

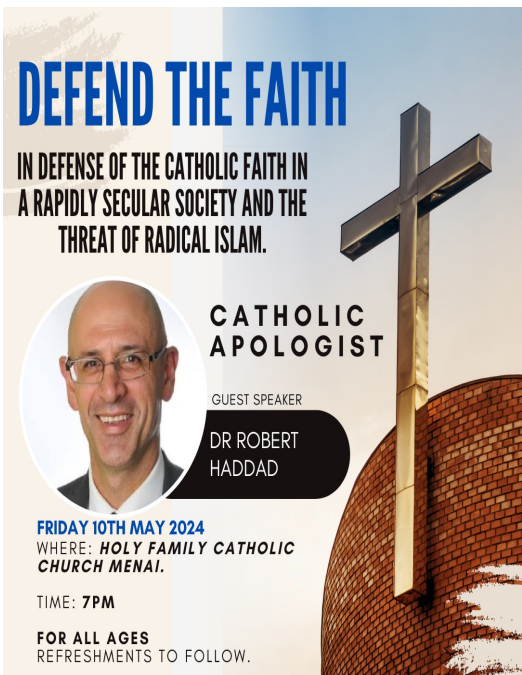
4 May– Sylvania

5pm– Anthony Wood

5 May- Miranda

8.00am– Joshua Summers and Matthew Forrester

10.30am– Paul Taylor and Carmela Then



DEFEND THE FAITH
 IN DEFENSE OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH IN
 A RAPIDLY SECULAR SOCIETY AND THE
 THREAT OF RADICAL ISLAM.

CATHOLIC APOLOGIST
 GUEST SPEAKER
DR ROBERT HADDAD

FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2024
 WHERE: HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH MENAI.

TIME: 7PM

FOR ALL AGES
 REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW.

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.

Living with Today's Paradoxes
 You are invited to join us on a Spirituality Day on Saturday May 4 entitled 'Living with Today's Paradoxes'. Exploring questions like 'How do we maintain hope and joy in the face of global challenges and personal trials?' and 'What does it mean to be a peacemaker in today's world?' Keynote speaker Brother Tony Leon fms who has worked many years in Marist spiritual formation both in Australia and internationally. For more information go to www.maristlaityaustralia.com/paradox

At first glance, it appears that there is a certain ruthlessness about the image of the vinedresser pruning the vine: perform or perish! However, the process of cutting away and pruning branches is an incredibly nurturing action; it is removing the unproductive portions of the plant so that the vine has an even better opportunity to produce fruit in the next season. It an act of love; not an act of economic rationalism. Within our own lives we are called to make decisions about which of our thoughts and actions are life-giving (fruit-bearing) and which are unproductive; negative; crippling; life-diminishing. If we are able to 'prune' our life-diminishing thoughts and actions we allow ourselves the freedom and the ability to really flourish. Feelings of jealousy, greed, resentment, self-doubt and lack of confidence can limit our ability to be fully alive just as addictive and harmful behaviours can physically take away our ability to perform at our best. I am reminded of the old *Karate Kid* movie when the boy, Daniel, is introduced to the art of bonsai. He is told to close his eyes, imagine the perfect tree and then start clipping and shaping the plant to make real the perfection that lies within it. It is only through a process of cutting away and pruning that we can nurture ourselves to realise the beauty of our potential. Greg Sunter