



Our Lady Star of the Sea, 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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Sunday 10.30am Mass stream:
www.bit.ly/OnlineMass
Website: <https://www.olssmiranda.org.au>

24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME -YEAR B 12TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Entrance Antiphon:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

Communion Antiphon:

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

'But you, who do you say I am?' This would have to be one of the most powerful questions of the gospels. It echoes down the centuries and is just as relevant today as it ever was. 'Who do you say I am?' Our answer to that question is perhaps the most revealing statement of our faith. Our answer no doubt changes over time as we grow in understanding and as we experience the ups and downs of life, but nonetheless, just like Peter in the gospel passage, our answer remains a clear statement of our faith. 'Who do you say I am?' Just a good guy who lived 2,000 years ago? A role model? A friend? God made flesh? The Word come down from heaven? Nobody? Everybody? Our saviour? An inspired man of God? The Messiah? Perhaps you've never tried to actually answer the question yourself. It is a confronting question, 'Who do you say I am?' It's confronting because, as Christian people, we believe that our actions are a reflection of our beliefs and values. It's confronting because whatever we say in answer to that question has implications for the way we live. 'Who do you say I am?' You see, the question is in the present tense, not the past. It doesn't ask 'Who do you say I was?'; it asks, 'Who do you say I AM?' The very question asks us to recognise that Jesus was not just some guy who lived 2,000 years ago but rather someone who continues to be a presence in our lives today. And he stands before each and every one of us today and asks that same, demanding, confronting, purposeful question: 'Who do YOU say I am?'

By Greg Sunter

Please pray for our sick:

Sue Sheedy, Stevie Rofe, Tony Costa, Gail Lambert, Gloria Scott, Claire and Tom Mayers, Georgina Rastergorac, Juanito M Mallari, Isabel Barbaran, Amparo Alvarez, Daniel Lagos, Lagos family, Lorraine Price, Mark Houghton, William Thoms, Patricia Crowe, Veronica Nugent, Pasquale Ghostin, Manfred Meier, Nick Christie, Wendy Fell, David Byrnes, Gaye Chiswick, Richard Carter, Nicola Christie, Blarsha Walmsley, the residents of Hammondcare, Samantha Christie, Dorothy Miglionico, Julianne Stuart, Roy Lyle, the residents of Moran Health Care, John Touzell, Dot Touzell, Mary Harrison, John Nagy Jr., Louise Alexander, Margaret O'Neill.

***Please pray for the repose of these souls
Recently deceased:***

Julie Keogh, Colin Simms, Carmela Pintabona, Josephine Xuereb, Noreen Panett, Isabella Drew, Livia Steele, Ana Kormanjos, Pasquale Pignataro.

Anniversaries:

Andrea Maresca, Thomas Verghis.

PARISH NEWS

Child Protection Resources

The Archdiocese of Sydney's Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office has released a series of resources aimed at helping children and teenagers feel safe and to strengthen their mental and spiritual wellbeing under the added pressures of the current COVID-19 lockdown.

The Feeling Safe Activity Book is aimed at children from 3-12 years and the Care/Wellbeing Booklet is aimed at young people from 13-17 years.

These resources can be found at the Archdiocesan Website-<https://www.sydneycatholic.org>. Select Safeguarding and Child Protection in the Menu on the site to locate the booklets.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Feast Day-26th September

To acknowledge the 70th Anniversary of the Parish on the 26th of September we will include a power point presentation in our online Mass. Please email photographs of baptism, holy communion, Confirmation, other parish anniversary celebrations, weddings, Christmas Carols, Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday etc to office@olssmiranda.org.au by 23 September.

Parish Bank Account details have changed. The new details are:

Name-Miranda Parish Church Account
BSB-062784
Account Number-10000046

Help wanted– we are looking for a **Handy Man** for general small maintenance tasks. Please call 95251448 or email office@olssmiranda.org.au

The Parishes of Our Lady Star of the Sea Miranda and Our Lady of the Way Sylvania and the Archdiocese of Sydney are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY PRAYER

Gracious God

You love and care for all your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable.

We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence has been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace. Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

**Humanitarian crises unfolding in
Afghanistan and Lebanon**

As the situations in **Afghanistan** and **Lebanon** deteriorate, you can help to support families caught up in the crises.

In **Afghanistan**, people have been forced from their homes, with half of the population in urgent need of food, water, shelter and protection.

In **Lebanon**, the country is running out of power, water, fuel, medicine and food. Even hospitals are facing massive fuel shortages and will soon have to turn off the lights.

Please donate to Caritas Australia so that we are able to respond to crises like these and others across the world.

Visit caritas.org.au/lebanon or www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.