



# 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.mirandamass.com](http://www.mirandamass.com)

**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.**

## EPIPHANY

### YEAR C

### 2ND JANUARY 2022

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

#### **Communion Antiphon:**

We have seen his star in the east and have come gifts to adore the Lord.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

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***Please pray for our sick:***

Maria Esposito, Jonah Iona, Rose Fish, Sue Sheedy, Stevie Rofe, Gail Lambert, Gloria Scott, Claire and Tom Mayers, Georgina Rastergorac, Isabel Barbaran, Amparo Alvarez, Daniel Lagos, Lagos family, Lorraine Price, Mark Houghton, William Thoms, 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.

**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](mailto: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 Our Lady Star of the Sea and Our Lady of the Way is Bernadette Fabris – 0414442047.*

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

Frances Lynch, Diane Sullivan, Marie Kelly, Michael Koprivanjk, Carmen Noche, Edna Pirie, Steven Darasz, Juanito Mallari, Merle Sponberg.

***Anniversaries:***

Susan Sarkissian, Mildred and Leslie Heine, Teresa Racomelara, Giuseppe and Immacolata Racomelara, Adolfo and Carmen Noche, Rosario, Clara and Petra Adoracion, Joaquin, Jose and Timotea Poblete, Rosaline Palisi, John Nieuwland, John Sommerville.

**Reading Roster**

**1 and 2 January 2022**

**5pm**– Gwen Wood

**8am**– Damienne Forrester

**10.30am**– Irene McGill and Mary Wither

**8 and 9 January**

**5pm**– Anthony Wood

**8am**– Gwen Benson/Robert Lewis

**10.30am**–Jan Prior/Cheryl Nobbs

**Please wear a mask in the church.**

**Please sign in either with the QR code or on the manual sign in pages.**

**Have you thought? – Epiphany**

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to humankind. The wise men are the representatives of humanity bearing witness to this revelation. However, the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as not only the Messiah of Israel but the Saviour of the whole world. Interestingly, in this gospel that emphasises the 'Jewish-ness' of Jesus, the witnesses to the birth are gentiles from a foreign land. Their inclusion is a powerful declaration that the revelation of Jesus is for all people. Regardless of the liturgical year, this reading is always used on the feast of the Epiphany to celebrate this pivotal moment.

**Gospel Focus – Going home**

The wise men, or Magi, are warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and they go home by a different way. How could they do anything but go home another way – indeed, go home as different people? They are changed by their encounter with the child Jesus and they go home a different way; in a different state; in a whole different frame of mind.

When we genuinely encounter Jesus – in scripture, in life, in prayer, in ourselves – then we cannot go home the same way; we must go home by a different way as the Magi did.

**Greg Sunter**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

I wish all of the parishioners of the parishes of Sylvania and Miranda a truly happy new year. I pray that the pandemic will end soon and that all your families are blessed with love and joy in 2022. Fr John Greig