



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Miranda



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.

Parish Priest: Fr John Greig

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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

27 NOVEMBER 2022

Entrance Antiphon:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be
put to shame. Nor let my
enemies exult over me; and let none
who hope in you be put to shame.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and
our earth shall yield its increase.

PARISH NEWS

Welcome to Lucasz Golab who is being formed as a priest at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd. He is here at Miranda for his pastoral placement.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve at Miranda Mass will be at 5.00pm and 8pm.

Christmas Eve at Sylvania Mass will be at 5.00pm.

Christmas Day at Miranda Mass will be at 8am and 10.30am.

Christmas Day at Sylvania Mass will be at 9.15am.

*Readers will be required for the **8pm Mass at Miranda** –please contact Bernadette if you are available to read at this Mass.*

We are in need of **someone to launder the altar linens and to change the holy water weekly** beginning in January 2023.

Break Open the Word for Year A for a few of our readers are still to be collected.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Please let Fr John or Bernadette know if you would like to join the weekend Mass roster either as an acolyte, a reader or an extraordinary minister of holy communion. Early in 2023 the Liturgy Office is running training for all of these roles at Miranda.

Please pray for our sick:

Peter Gorman, Jeff Ramos, Peter O’Dea, Janice McColl, Elvira Enriques, Leonie Burfield, David Thus, Tony Dib, Phyllis Austin, Cheryl Nobbs, Maria Esposito, Rose Fish, Sue Sheedy, Stevie Rofe, Gail Lambert, Gloria Scott, Claire and Tom Mayers, Georgina Rastergorac, Amparo Alvarez, Daniel Lagos, Lagos family, Lorraine Price, Mark Houghton, William Thoms, Veronica Nugent, Pasquale Ghostin, Manfred Meier, Nick Christie, Nicola Christie, Samantha Christie, Wendy Fell, David Byrnes, Gaye Chiswick, Blarsha Walmsley, Dorothy Miglionico, Julianne Stuart, John Touzell, Dot Touzell, Mary Harrison, John Nagy Jr., Louise Alexander, Margaret O’Neill, the residents of Hammondcare, the residents of Moran Health Care, the residents of Julianna Village.

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/>*

Please pray for the repose of these souls

Recently deceased:

Gwen Benson, George Caruana, Frances Dunn, Teresa Paoletti, Luke McCabe, Shirley McGrath, Josephine Martello.

Remembrance:

Lalita Sanchez, Juanito Mallari, Frances Lawes, Mary De Luca, Robert Musico, Georgette Awad, Beverley Walker, Juanito Mallari, Daniel Fabris.

**Reading Roster
3 and 4 December**

5.00pm– Gwen Wood
8.00am– D. Forrester and M. Burke
10.30am– I. McGill and L. Musico

DRIVE FOR LIFE

LEARNER DRIVER MENTOR PROGRAM
Flyers explaining about a volunteer program designed to equip young people who are overcoming adversity to obtain their driver’s licence are available on the back tables.



It is so wonderful that we will be able to celebrate Christmas in our families and as a community this year! During Advent, our church’s special season of preparation, we are asking for your assistance in helping many in our community who find this time of the year particularly difficult. The ‘giving tree’ is back in the church at Miranda, with envelopes for parishioners to take for gift vouchers, which will give some Christmas joy and dignity to people who often don’t have enough to buy something for themselves. To ensure these are distributed before

Christmas the vouchers will be required by Sunday 11th December, by placing them in the envelopes and putting them on the collection plate at Mass, or the Poor-Box in the church.

Donations can also be made using this QR Code or the envelopes on the tables at the back of the church. Funds raised go directly to our conference, here in Miranda, to assist people who may need furniture, white goods or financial support.

The generosity of our Parish this year has been tremendous and we are deeply grateful for your support. We wish everyone the blessings of the Christmas season and good health in the coming year. Many thanks, Margaret Fowler (Miranda Conference President)



Scriptural context – Burglars in the night

The teachings and sayings of Jesus reveal him to be a clever public speaker and story teller. His use of imagery and language captivated the imagination of his audience. However, we have tended to endow his every word with awesome significance and layers of meaning. Today’s reading is an example where Jesus used a confronting image simply to gain his audience’s attention. He does not intend to suggest that God sneaks up on us like a burglar and is seeking to catch us out. The image conveys the need to prepare for what might happen unexpectedly. Greg Sunter