



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.

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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.

CHRISTMAS DAY YEAR A 25 DECEMBER 2022

Entrance Antiphon:

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Communion Antiphon:

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please support the retired priests of our archdiocese by placing a donation for them in the Christmas Offering envelopes which you will find in the pews today.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you for bringing your families to Mass to celebrate with the rest of the parish family this wonderful moment in the human story, the moment when our God and Creator sanctified the human condition by becoming one of us. Celebrating this joyful event in numbers multiplies the impact for each and everyone of us. The beauty of our Mass lets us step back in time to join the shepherds and the angels in praising the greatness of this miracle.

Thank you to all those who have helped with the Masses and made them so uplifting. I wish you and all those you love a fantastic day spreading the adoration and adulation of that first Christmas as far as you can by word and deed.

Thank you for all your support in 2022. *Fr John*

Please pray for our sick:

Peter Gorman, Jeff Ramos, Peter O'Dea, 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: Aldo Reggiani.

Remembrance: Albert & Reba Rickert, Jim & Rosalie Beckett, Bill & Una Stronach, Maria, Fred & Kevin Evans, Giovanni Iacono, Florence Peters, Therese Debelak.



Words cannot describe how overwhelmed we were with the generous donations, from both the Parish and School communities of Our Lady Star of the Sea, for our Christmas Appeal. There are many families in our community who will enjoy their Christmas so much more because of this generosity. On behalf of these families we want to say "THANK YOU".

Reading Roster

31 DECEMBER 2022

5.00pm - Robert Nastasi

1 JANUARY 2023

8.00am - Michael Burke and
Damienne Forrester

10.30am – Irene McGill and
Leeanne Musico

Mass to honour Servant of God Eileen O'Connor - Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor invite you to an annual Mass on Tuesday 10 January 2023, 11am at St Brigid's Church, Cnr Brook & Waltham Streets, Coogee. This day marks the anniversary of the death of Eileen O'Connor who is on the path to becoming Australia's next saint.

Principal Celebrant: Emeritus Bishop Terence Brady

Purpose Retreat 2023 - Inviting all young adults and youth leaders (18-35) to come along to a new archdiocesan retreat centred on the theme KNOW, LOVE, SERVE. **Dates:** 22-25 January at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. **Speakers include:** Bishop Richard Umbers, Fr. Ben Saliba, Kristin Barlow, Sr Kathryn Kingsley MGL, Kevin and Helen Wagner, Fr Chris Desousa and Fr Dan McCaughan, The retreat will offer fellowship, social time, free time, food, sacraments, prayer and more.

Registrations <https://www.trybooking.com/CDXCV>

For more information contact info@sydneycatholicyouth.org

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today the Christmas celebration gains a new depth of theological meaning. At midnight, the birth in history was proclaimed. At dawn, the initiative of God's gift was declared and the community's joyful gratitude was announced. In this third celebration, the identity of Christ and the new way of life that he brings is announced.

If our eyes are open and alert, we can see that God has won a victory for us, one that is tangible and realised in our midst. It is an overwhelming victory, one that permanently conquers the enemy. This victory has a profound impact on every place, every time and every people. The birth of the infant, the king in David's line, promises salvation to all who long for it. This salvation is a new vision of wisdom, one that has been realised in Christ, God's agent of grace in the world. It is a new world, one of inclusivity and of righteous honour. It is a new age, one that is ushered in by the child who is leading a victory procession.

Ultimately, only eyes of faith allow us to see the fullness of God's revelation. The glory of the infant king is the very presence of God made flesh. Jesus is the eternal incarnate Word who has pitched his tent among us. Ours is not a distant God; the incarnate wisdom of God is among us, and we are called to a change of heart that will allow us to see this wonder.

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