



# 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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**Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School:** 9524 5543  
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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.**

## **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**29 JANUARY 2023**

### **Entrance Antiphon:**

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

### **Communion Antiphon:**

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call to you.

### **DATES FOR 2023**

**5 February**– Catechist Sunday

**22 February**– Ash Wednesday

**2 April**– Palm Sunday

**6 April**– Holy Thursday

**7 April**– Good Friday

**8 April**– Holy Saturday

**9 April**– Easter Sunday

**16 April**– Fr John's 70th celebration

**18 May**–Confirmation 1

**28 May**– Pentecost

**1 June**– Confirmation 2

### **LITURGY OFFICE TRAINING COURSES**

The Liturgy Office is running training courses here at Miranda for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Acolytes and Readers.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** training is scheduled for **1, 8, 15 February** from 6-9pm.

**Acolyte** training is scheduled for **1, 8, 15 March** from 6-9pm.

**Readers** training is scheduled for **17 and 24 May** 6-9pm.

Training is open to both new and experienced ministers.

Please call the parish office to register for the course.

### **PARISH NEWS**

- Children's Liturgy** for 2023 begins today at the 10.30am Mass.
- Office hours for 2023**– Sunday to Thursday 9.30am-5.30pm.

***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, 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](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 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:*** Fr. John De Luca, Lucia Pinto, Cardinal George Pell, Pope Benedict XVI, Aldo Reggiani.

***Remembrance:*** Norm Lamerton, Mario Di Maria.

**Reading Roster**

**4 FEBRUARY 2023**

**5.00pm** - Anthony Wood

**5 FEBRUARY 2023**

**8.00am** - Damienne Forrester  
And Michael Burke

**10.30am** - Maria Awad and  
Leanne Musico

**LENTEN GROUPS**

**11.30am –Sundays during Lent beginning 26 February in the Parish Centre.** Please register your interest in attending this Lenten Group by email :

[sundaymass@olssmiranda.org.au](mailto:sundaymass@olssmiranda.org.au)

If you have a group of friends or as a family you would like some resources for prayer during Lent please contact Bernadette to order these for you.

**On behalf of the members of the Miranda Conference of St Vincent de Paul, we wish to express our gratitude for the incredible generosity of our Parish and School community, during our Christmas Appeal. Your donations were extraordinary and filled many homes across our suburb with joy and dignity during the Christmas season. Margaret Fowler (Conference President)**

**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

To follow Jesus does not mean merely that one travels with him from place to place. It means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching.

The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. The setting of Jesus’ teaching is so serene; a mountain apart, a teacher with his disciples gathered around him, simple statements that are coupled with glorious rewards. However, the reality of the lessons is in stark contrast with this tranquil scene. These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation.

The gospel outlines the kind of person the disciple is to become; the psalm sketches the program to which the learner is called. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation.

**Living the Gospel – Be-attitudes**

One way to read the Beatitudes is that Jesus was commending and blessing the various people who found themselves in those sorts of conditions. Another, is as a list of qualities that all people should strive to exhibit. It’s not just some people who happen to be economically poor who are blessed. Rather, we must all have a poverty of spirit – a humility about our need for God’s merciful action in our lives. All are called to hunger and thirst for justice and all are called to be merciful. The Beatitudes are not a menu to select from, but rather an essential list of ingredients. Greg Sunter