



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, 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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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 12 FEBRUARY 2023

Entrance Antiphon:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Communion Antiphon:

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord.

DATES FOR 2023

16 February– Opening School Mass

22 February– Ash Wednesday

26 February– Sunday Lenten Program at 11.30am

2 March– Vinnies Information Night

4 March– Sacrament Enrolment

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

PARISH NEWS

1. **Thursday 16 February** is the Opening School Mass at **9.15am**. Regular Thursday Mass goers are most welcome but fewer seats will be available.
2. Ash Wednesday (**22 February**) Masses will be at **Miranda** at **9.15am and 7.30pm**. (Students from Year 3-6 from OLSS and 200 students from St Patrick's College Sutherland will be attending the morning Mass.)
3. **Readers Rosters for Miranda** are available for collection from the back table today.
4. **Sacrament Enrolment Mass 4 March at 5pm** at Miranda. Families of the children receiving the sacraments of Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation in 2023 are being invited to a special Mass as part of the preparation for the sacraments.

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 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, Teresa Racomelara, Elvira Carangelo, Joan Sheen, Francesca Sindoni, Joe Palisi, Mario Di Maria.

Reading Roster

11 FEBRUARY 2023

5.00pm - Robert Nastasi

12 FEBRUARY 2023

8.00am - Jacqui Attard and Nick Christie

10.30am - Leonie Burfield and Margaret Fowler

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 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.

Through the waters of baptism in recent weeks we have joyfully welcomed into our parish family

Jack Jordan, Frankie Hoban, Sophia Tablante, Elayna Jorgensen, Gigi Titus and Zoe Titus.

May they always know how deeply they are loved by God.

Vinnies – A matter of Faith

The Society of St Vincent de Paul believes that seeking out and supporting the most vulnerable members of society is a key aspect of our faith. In our good works, we encounter Christ in the poor and share his compassionate and liberating love. No work of charity is foreign to us and we serve those in need regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender, or political opinions. We go to the margins to find those in need and the forgotten, the victims of exclusion or adversity. Our work is fostered through prayer and the inspiration of the Spirit.

All around the State, Members of the Society are responding to the needs of their local communities in groups known as 'Conferences'. Vinnies is looking for people in this Parish and local community who are interested in joining the Society as Conference Members. We have opportunities for young people (over 16 years) to get involved in providing a hand up to those in need, and opportunities for adults who want to become a member. To find out more about becoming a Member of the Society, speak to one of our Vinnies Members after Mass on **Sunday 26th February** or join us at our Vinnies Information session at **7:00pm on Thursday, 2nd March, in the Parish Centre.**

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023

Lent is a time when we support the work of Caritas Australia in a special way through Project Compassion.

Caritas Australia helps to empower some of our most marginal sisters and brothers; it embraces some demanding situations because it says yes to our neighbours.

The theme for Project Compassion is *For All Future Generations*.

This year that theme asks us to think about the great yes that Mary said when the angel told her that she was to become the mother of Jesus. She freely accepted a unique place in the history of the human family.

The great prayer she shared with her cousin Elizabeth, says ‘ all generations will call me blessed.’ Her ‘yes’ is For All Future Generations. Hopefully, ours can be the same.

Project Compassion boxes and donation envelopes are available for you to collect from the back table today.