

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF
BALMAIN AND ROZELLE, ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY**

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



12 February 2023 (YEAR A)

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

A long-time parishioner, **Clare Scott** (whose full name was Margaret Clare Scott), died at the age of 91 on Thursday 9 February at the Sacred Heart Hospice, Darlinghurst. Her funeral will be on Thursday 16 February at Balmain at 10.30 am. Fr Philip Linder – an old family friend – will be the celebrant.

Parishioners are very welcome to join the family and friends at the Requiem Mass and the refreshments afterwards in the church hall.

Parish Catechists: Last week we heard from Stephen Parmeter about the work of the parish catechists. Today we recognise Jill Ditton's five years of sterling service as a catechist with a certificate which I will present at the 9 am Mass.

A Parish Calendar has been compiled for 2023 and is part of this Bulletin. This will be updated and will be inserted in the Bulletin every month, roughly, and will also be on the websites for the parishes. If you have something which you think should be included in the Calendar, please contact the Parish Secretary or the Pastoral Coordinator.

Bible Study: The first meeting of the Bible Study Group will be held at the Presbytery on Monday 13 February at 7 pm. Future arrangements will be sorted out then. Angela Finnigan is the convenor: 0414684447.

The **Balmain Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Tuesday 14 February at 8 pm in the Presbytery. The **Balmain Parish Finance Committee** will meet at the same venue at 7.30 pm.

Lenten Study Groups: If you would like to host or participate a Lenten Study Group, please contact the Parish Secretary.

We have two resources:

1) for weekly study, *Spirit and Truth – The Power of Christ Revealed* which is a Lenten Companion 2023 provided by the Archdiocese of Sydney; and

2) for daily use, *From Ashes to Hope – Daily Reflections for Lent and the Easter Octave 2023* provided by the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Spirit and Truth will be used by the study groups and *From Ashes to Hope* are available for parishioners to take from the tables at the back of both churches. If we run out and you would like one, contact the Parish Secretary as soon as possible and we will order further supplies. They are free of charge.

The Men's Group has had a meeting to organise a programme for this year. More details to come. For the time being, there will be a **Lenten Study Group for men in the parishes**. If you are also interested, please contact Keith Longworth: 0417 277 112.

The dates for the Rome Pilgrimage have been settled – we will meet in Rome on Saturday 7 October and the last day of the organised tours will be Saturday 21 October. The proposed itinerary will be circulated among those who have given their contact details to the Parish Secretary.

The (Women's) World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 3 March at 10 am at St John's Anglican Church, Birchgrove Road, Birchgrove. Parishioners of both sexes are invited to attend. The contact person is Joan: 0412 315 665.

The Dante Group, convened by Stephen Briggs, will meet after Easter, since there are many other competing activities during Lent. The group has made it through the Inferno and Purgatory and, appropriately, will be entering Paradise in Eastertide. More details anon.

The **card swipe machine for the second collection at Balmain** is malfunctioning. There are problems with the wi-fi. For the time being, donations to the first collection will be divided 50:50 between the first and second collections. Every technical innovation seems to involve problems which require paid experts to repair.

The **olive tree in the Jane Street garden of the Presbytery** is groaning under the weight of its olives. Parishioners should feel free to harvest these olives in the traditional way.

Building Developments First, parishioners at Balmain will have noticed that **the paint job on the church doors** has at last been completed with the attachment of the faux hinges. The job has taken only three years – mainly because of Covid and La Nina.

Secondly, *both* the male and female lavatories at Balmain now have **baby change tables** – installed some time ago.

Thirdly, the **lighting in the tower and of the exterior of St Augustine's** is being renewed and the stained-glass windows at the east end will be illuminated from outside at night when appropriate.

Fourthly, **St Joseph** has returned from his long convalescence from the nasty fall from his niche which he had at Balmain late last year (not for the first time, mind you). He is resting on the floor near the altar rails until a way of preventing him from being dislodged by the screen when it is lowered is sorted out so the same misfortunate does not occur a *third* time.

An article by **Fr Frank Brennan, SJ, on Cardinal Pell** from *The Tablet* issue of 21 January 2023 is available on the tables at the entrance to the churches.

Presbytery electric door-bell dramas continue. Numerous consultants have been engaged in the quest for a reliable front door bell for the Presbytery but even now the present bell is, from time to time, quite temperamental. I have thought of a mechanical bell but have been advised that in our very noise sensitive age it might be a problem with the neighbours. Please persevere.

Ash Wednesday is 22 February. **Mass at Rozelle at 7.30 am. School Mass at Balmain at 9.15. Sung Mass (with singers) at 7 pm at Balmain.**

Fr Richard Waddell

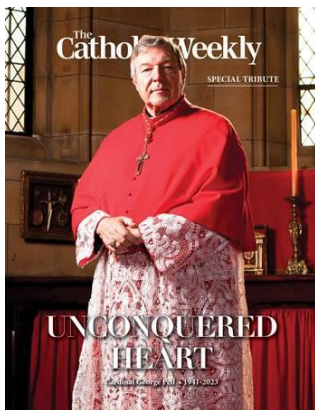
Administrator



Online Safety: Parents and Guardians, it is important to closely monitor the children's and young adults use of their devices on the internet. The Diocese has also provided advice on this matter " *Information for Young People about Online Safety*" Copies are on the table inside the Church.



Rozelle morning tea, the first Sunday of each month after 10.30 am Mass.



Catholic Weekly – 12 February 2023

- Cardinal Pell Funeral
- Sr Nathalie Becquart, the Pope and the Synod
- From Grief to Grace
- God's chosen people
- Project Compassion

DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

Balmain: 7.30 am Friday, 9.15 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Rozelle: 7.30 am Wednesday.

CONFESSIONS

6 pm Tuesdays and before or after any Mass and by appointment

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

After Mass until 8.30 am every Friday at St Augustine's.



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PARISH INTERCESSIONS

With those more recently added to our sick list: Norma Robertson, Allan Thom, Bill Warner, Peter Rouse, Paul Joseph Clark, Lucy Tyler, Michael Fitzpatrick, Bryan Fitzpatrick, Laura Quintili, Allan Lee, Silvana Cocilova, Elio Cacciotti, Pauline Yates, Terri Leonard, Gary Walford, Phil Bawden, and Keith Forbes.

For the faithful departed – those recently deceased: Elaine Barnes (18.01.23) and Margaret Clare Scott (09.02.23).

For the faithful departed – year's mind: John Maxwell Harley (04.02.23).

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace. Amen.

ST AUGUSTINE'S, BALMAIN AND ST JOSEPH'S, ROZELLE



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2023

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 8 February	7.30pm - 8.15pm	Gift of Bread in the hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This outreach event will occur every Tuesday evenings during the school term All parishioners big and small are welcome to volunteer Please email balrozparishes@gmail.com for more information
Tuesday 14 February	8pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday 22 February	7.30 am	Blessing and Distribution of Ashes, Low Mass - Rozelle
	7pm	Blessing and Distribution of Ashes, Sung Mass Schola (4 professional singers) - Balmain
Sunday 26 February	5pm	Pope Francis Mass
Friday 3 March	12pm	World Day of Prayer Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St John's Birchgrove

Sunday 5 March	11.30 am	Rozelle morning tea
	5pm	Family Mass
Sunday 26 March	5pm	Family/Pope Francis/All Schools Mass

Palm Sunday 2 April	9 am	Palm Sunday Liturgy – Parish Choir
Maundy Thursday 6 April	7 pm	Mass of the Last Supper – Parish Choir (Balmain)
Good Friday	3 pm	Liturgy of the Passion - Schola (12 professional singers)+ Coro Austral (Rozelle)
7 April		
Easter Vigil 8 April	8 pm	Easter Vigil – Schola (8 professional singers) (Balmain)
Easter Day 9 April	9 am	High Mass – Parish Choir
Tuesday 11 April	8pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Sunday 30 April	5pm	Pope Francis Mass

Sunday 7 May	11.30 am	Rozelle morning tea
Sunday 21 May	5pm	Family/All Schools Mass
Saturday 27 May	5 pm	Pentecost Solemn Mass - Schola (8 professional singers)
Sunday 28 May	5pm	Pope Francis Mass
Sunday 4 June	11.30 am	Rozelle morning tea
Saturday 10 June	5pm	Corpus Christi Solemn Mass, Procession and Benediction - Schola (16 professional singers)
Tuesday 13 June	8pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Sunday 18 June	5pm	Family Mass
Sunday 25 June	5pm	Pope Francis Mass

Sunday 2 July	11.30 am	Rozelle morning tea
Sunday 30 July	5pm	Pope Francis Mass

Sunday 6 August	11.30 am	Rozelle morning tea
Tuesday 8 August	8pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Sunday 13 August	5pm	Family/All Schools Mass
Tuesday 15 August	7 pm	Assumption Solemn Mass - Schola (8 professional singers)
Sunday 27 August	5pm	Pope Francis Mass

Sunday 3 September	11.30 am	Rozelle morning tea
Sunday 17 September	5pm	Family Mass
Sunday 24 September	5pm	Pope Francis Mass

Sunday 1 October	11.30 am	Rozelle morning tea
Saturday 7 October - Saturday 21 October		Parish Roman Pilgrimage
Tuesday 10 October	8pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday 25 October or Sunday 29 October	6pm	Communion Preparation Class 1

Thursday 2 November	7 pm	All Souls' Requiem Mass - Schola (12 professional singers) + Coro Austral + Belle Acapella
Sunday 5 November	11.30 am	Rozelle morning tea
Sunday 5 November	5pm	Family/All Schools Mass
Sunday 5 November OR Wednesday 8 November	6pm	Communion Preparation Class 2
Sunday 12 November OR Wednesday 15 November	6pm	Communion Preparation Class 3
Sunday 19 November OR Wednesday 22 November	6pm	Communion Preparation Class 4
Sunday 26 November	9 am 10.30am 2pm 5pm	Christ the King – Sung Mass – Parish Choir First Communion Mass First Communion Mass Pope Francis Mass

Sunday 3 December	11.30am	Volunteers Thank you Brunch
Tuesday 12 December	8pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Saturday 16 December	5 pm 6pm	Sung Mass - Schola (12 professional singers) Gaudete Party
Sunday 24 December	5pm 9 pm	Vigil Mass of Christmas - Balmain Schola (4) Mass of Christmas Night – Balmain - Schola (12 professional singers)
Monday 25 December	9 am 10.30 am	Mass of the Day – Balmain – Parish Choir Mass of the Day – Rozelle – Parish Choir/Cantor

ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS

St Augustine of Hippo's Church, Eaton Street, Balmain

St Joseph's Church, Cnr Victoria Road and Gordon Street, Rozelle

The Presbytery/Office: 3 Jane Street, Balmain NSW 2041

Parish Office (at the Balmain Presbytery): Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm

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