

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

5 March 2023 (YEAR A)

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

**Fr Pierluigi Passoni** has commenced duties as Assistant Priest. This weekend, he will be celebrating the **Vigil Mass at 5 pm, and the 9 am and 10.30 am Masses**. He will reside at Balmain and minister in the parishes but he will be mainly working at the Interdiocesan Tribunal preparatory to undertaking canon law studies later in the year.

Today, **Sunday, 5 March**, there will be **morning tea after the Mass at Rozelle and the 5pm Mass** at Balmain will be **special welcome to new families Family Mass**.

**Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes** are available for collection at the entrances to both churches.

The **Lenten Daily Prayer Book** has been fully taken up – 150 copies.

**Lenten Study Groups:** The Men's Group is conducting a Lenten Study Group convened by Keith Longworth: 0417 277 112. Another group meets on Saturday mornings after Mass in St Augustine's convened by Jill Ditton: 0419 635 761. The book *Spirit and Truth – The Power of Christ Revealed* provided by the Archdiocese of Sydney will be used.

**Bible Study Group** is meeting on Mondays at 7 pm in the Presbytery (and finishes promptly at 8 pm). The passage to be studied this Monday is Romans 3: 9-31. Please bring a Bible. There will be a handout. Convened by Angela Finnigan: 0414 684 447.

The **new PA system at Balmain** is currently being installed and will be completed in the next week.

**Les messes d'orgue:** **David Drury, the internationally renowned organist**, will be playing the organ at the 5 pm Mass one Sunday a month during the coming year. The first Sunday will be **12 March**.

**Year 9 of St Aloysius' College** will begin Term 2 at 48 Victoria Road on **26 April**.

**Rome Pilgrimage 7-17 October 2023:** At present we do not have sufficient numbers but we are hoping there will be further interest in a shorter trip with a new itinerary, copies of which are on the back tables of the two churches. If you are interested, please contact Lorraine.

**The Dante Group**, convened by Stephen Briggs, will meet after Easter, since there are many other competing activities during Lent. More details anon.

The **card swipe machine for the second collection at Balmain** continues to malfunction. The service provided by Optus has been found to be unsatisfactory and the Archdiocese has instructed us to use another system. Meanwhile,

donations to the first collection will be divided 50:50 between the first and second collections.

Fr Richard Waddell

**Administrator**

**Children's Liturgy** will be offered at every Sunday 9am Mass starting on the 19th March. Parents are welcome to **drop their lower primary and preschool aged children to the hall before the start of Mass**. The children will pray, listen to the readings, learn about them and do suitable craft activities. We have a small group of teacher volunteers but will need more volunteers as we move forward. If you are interested please email Angela [balrozparishes@gmail.com](mailto:balrozparishes@gmail.com)

**Altar Serving:** If your child has received their **First Communion** and is interested in altar serving at Mass please email [balrozparishes@gmail.com](mailto:balrozparishes@gmail.com). Training will commence soon. More details to come. We are particularly keen to recruit servers for Holy Week and Easter.

**Catholic Weekly – 5 March 2023**

- Migration rules will separate Catholic family
- A doctor's call to discernment
- 'Existential threat' to religious schools
- Museum to honour sisters' service during HIV epidemic
- NSW won't ban prayer says Perrottet, Minns
- Hundreds of RCIA candidates to become Catholic

**DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK**

**Balmain:** Monday 9.15 am, Tuesday 9.15 am, Thursday 9.15 am, Friday, 7.30 am, Saturday 9.15 am. **Rozelle:** 7.30 am Wednesday.

**CONFESSIONS**

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.

**PARISH INTERCESSIONS**

**With those more recently added to our sick list:** Norma Robinson, 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, Phil Bawden, Keith Forbes, and Moira Forster.

**For the faithful departed – those recently deceased:** Lucas Williams (03.02.23), Margaret Clare Scott (09.02.23), Gary Walford (14.02.23), Valerie Staggs (19.02.23).

**For the faithful departed – year's mind:** John Maxwell Harley (04.02.23), Marcia Cadiz McIlvenna (22.02.17), Millie Leung (22.02.22), and Veronica Jardine (27.02.21).

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

**ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS**

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

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