

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN & ROZELLE,
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
21 May 2023 (YEAR A)
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

Sunday evening at 6 pm will be the third session of Confirmation preparation.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Bishop Meagher on Saturday 3 June at 2 pm. Confessions of the *confirmandi* in preparation for their Confirmation will be heard on Tuesday 23 May between 6 and 7 pm. All these events will take place in St Augustine's.

There is a report in the *Catholic Weekly* of the Solemn Profession at Notre Dame Priory, Colebrook, Tasmania, which I attended on 1 May. **On 24 May, Br John will be making his first profession in simple vows.** Please pray for him and the whole community:

<https://www.notredamemonastery.org/>. This community receives guests and I recommend a visit both for individuals and families.

This week again, I will continue to work at the **Tribunal of Inquiry for the Cause of Eileen O'Connor** from Tuesday to Thursday inclusive. The weekday Mass timetable has been modified – see *infra*. In particular, note that the **Wednesday Mass at Balmain** will be a School Mass at 9.15 and **not at 7.30 am.**

Next weekend: *Pentecost Solemn Mass* Saturday 27 May at 5 pm.

The following weekend: *Corpus Christi Solemn Mass, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction* on Saturday 10 June at 5 pm.

The Bible Study Group is taking a break while its convener Angela Finnigan is away. It will resume in July or thereabouts.

The Dante Group will reconvene on **Wednesday 7 June** at 7.30 pm at the Presbytery. Stephen Briggs in the convenor: 0450 521 670.

Fr Richard Waddell

Administrator

Children's Liturgy is offered at every Sunday 9am Mass. 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. If you are interested in helping with the liturgy, please email Angela balrozparishes@gmail.com

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.

A message for the Archdiocese of Sydney:

"Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes is 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

safeguardinginquiries@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."

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- Let there be light: Fatima procession illuminates St Mary's
- ACT Government mounts takeover of Calvary Public Hospital
- Monica Doumit: Shutting hospitals and schools won't keep them Catholic
- Sainly spray: Danny Mulyono brightens up Catholic schools
- Tassie Benedictine makes final vows.
- Should we pray the Our Father with hands outstretched?
Fr Flader weighs in.

WEEKEND MASSES

Balmain: Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 9 am and 5 pm.

Rozelle: Sunday 10.30 am

DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

Balmain: 7.30 am Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; 9.15 am on Monday, Wednesday (**Our Lady Help of Christians**), and Saturday. **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, 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, Moira Forster, Lois Blakemore, Paul Clark, Valerie Tattersall.

For the faithful departed – those recently deceased: Guglielmina Rinaldi (known as Mina) (14.04.23).

For the faithful departed – year's minds: Mary Haylen (23.04.21).

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

ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS

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