

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN & ROZELLE,  
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY  
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
25 June 2023 (YEAR A)  
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

This **Sunday**, the Abbot of Douai, the Right Revd Paul Gunter, OSB, will celebrate and preach at the 9 am Mass at Balmain. There will be a **Pope Francis Group Mass** at 5 pm on the same day.

**The Bible Study Group** will resume on Monday 3 July at 7 pm in the Presbytery. Angela Finnigan is the coordinator.

Fr Richard Waddell

**Administrator**



**St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal 2023:**

You can donate by using the envelopes in the church, the QR code printed here, or Vinnies website:  
<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way-conference/winter-appeal-1>

**Holy Father's Appeal:** Our parish, in union with all parishes around the world, will hold the annual appeal next weekend (**1st and 2nd July**) for which we ask your support. Through your gift, you can help Pope Francis bring hope, faith, and the spirit of Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. Donate by visiting [www.ourfaithhourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal](http://www.ourfaithhourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal) Phone 1800 753 959 or through our parish collection.

**Planned Giving:** Parishioners who are part of the planned giving scheme can collect their new set of envelopes at the entrances of our churches.

**Kevin Bryson (Principal):** Mr Lucio Fioretti has been appointed permanency in his Religious Education coordinator role for the school. We ask God's blessings on Lucio and his work to bring the love of Jesus to each of our students and their families.

Last week we held the finals of our public speaking competition for our students. Fr. Richard was one of the judges as were two of our parishioners Mr John Benjamin and Mr Stephen Parmeter. Please reach out to the school if you have some spare time and could assist some of our children in their reading. Just ask for me.

**Saturday Rosary at St Augustine's** will start at the end of 9:15am Mass during winter, and before Mass (i.e. at 8:50am from 2 Sep) during spring, summer and autumn.

**Children's Liturgy** is offered at every Sunday 9am Mass. Parents are welcome to drop their preschool aged children to the hall before the start of Mass.

**Catholic Weekly – 25 June 2023**

- Catholic Cemeteries CEO Peter O'Meara laid to rest after life of service
- Sydney's trending saints: 2023's popular confirmation names revealed
- Migrant and refugee Sunday Intercultural Mass shows Australian spirit
- Philippa Martyr: Why do Australia's young mass going Catholics keep coming?

- Monica Doumit: Has gender ideology reached its turning point?
- Hunter Valley bush crash: Bishop Kennedy on the community's response

**XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops:** In March 2020, Pope Francis announced that the theme for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in October 2023 would be "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The journey towards the celebration of the Synod opened in October 2021 in dioceses around the world and Pope Francis has invited the entire Church to reflect on this theme that is decisive for its life and mission. All Catholics are invited to take part in the diocesan consultation process to promote a sense of communion and journeying together.

In May 2022, Australian dioceses published local reports on their consultation process. Based on those reports, and using content for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia relevant to the Synod, the National Centre for Pastoral Research prepared the Australian synthesis. The synthesis will support the ongoing work of the Synod of Bishops' General Secretariat in the lead-up to the gatherings of bishops in Rome in October 2023 and October 2024.

**Instrumentum Laboris (Working Document):** On June 20, 2023, the Synod Secretariat published the *instrumentum laboris* (or working document) for the first session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. The document will guide the work of delegates attending the first session, and is also offered to local synodal groups for their own prayer and discernment.

**WEEKEND MASSES**

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

**Rozelle:** Sunday 10.30 am

**DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK**

**Balmain:** Monday 9.15 am, Tuesday 7.30 am and 9.15 am, Wednesday 9.15 am, Thursday 7.30 am (not at 9.15 am), Friday 7.30 am and 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:** Shirley Lowe, Allan Lee, Norma Robinson, Allan Thom, Bill Warner, Paul Joseph Clark, Lucy Tyler, Michael Fitzpatrick, Bryan Fitzpatrick, Laura Quintili, Silvana Cocilova, Elio Cacciotti, Pauline Yates, Terri Leonard, Phil Bawden, Keith Forbes, Moira Forster, Lois Blakemore, Paul Clark, Valerie Tattersall, Baby Emma Longworth, and Pamela Cipriano.

**For the faithful departed – those recently deceased:**

**For the faithful departed – year's minds:** Gail Anne Markland (16.06.17)

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

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

**Clergy:** Revd Richard Waddell, JCL; Revd Pierluigi Passoni; Revd Victor Pringle

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

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