

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN & ROZELLE,
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
16 July 2023 (YEAR A)
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

Bible Study Group is meeting on Mondays at 7 pm in the presbytery. The passage to be studied this Monday 17 July is Romans 11. Please bring a bible, there will be a handout. Convened by Angela Finnigan 0414 684 447.

The **Balmain Finance Committee** will meet at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 18 July followed by the **Balmain Pastoral Council** at 8 pm in the Presbytery.

Fr Pierluigi Passoni will be leaving the parish on 27 July and flying to Rome where he will be enrolling at Santa Croce University in Rome to study for a Licence in Canon Law. On **Saturday 22 July, after the 5 pm Mass**, we will have some **drinks and a farewell** to Fr Pierluigi in the Presbytery. Please come if you can. It has been good to have Fr Pierluigi with us, however briefly, and we wish him all the very best in his future studies.

The **Rozelle Finance Committee** will meet on **Tuesday 25 July at 7 pm** (by Zoom).

On **1 August**, I will be taking up duties as the **Deputy or Acting Director of the Sydney Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal** in the absence of the Director Fr Julian Wellspring, who will be taking five months long service and accumulated leave. This will require my attendance at the Tribunal from Tuesdays to Thursdays inclusive until the end of the year. Fr Victor Pringle has kindly consented to be available for ministry for this period, for which we are very grateful. Fr Richard Waddell

Administrator

SYNOD'S WORKING DOCUMENT RELEASED: The Synod of Bishops called by Pope Francis will be asked to find ways to build community, encourage the contribution of every baptized person and strengthen the Church's mission of gospel sharing. The central document to guide the Synod's discussions – the *Instrumentum Laboris* – was released in the Vatican this week. The document said that Catholics around the world reported that many baptized people were being excluded from the life of the Church. It mentioned in particular LGBTQ people, those Catholics who were divorced and civilly remarried, the poor, women and people with disabilities. These people were excluded from active participation in the life of the Church and particularly from its decision-making structures. Australia will be part of the delegation from Oceania and will be led by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and Bishops Shane McKinley. Archbishop Costelloe, the dean of the Australian Bishops will be one of the nine and Sydney's Archbishop, Anthony Fisher, will be one of the officials at the meeting. The first session of the Synod - October 4 to 29 - will be given the task of proposing concrete steps to the Pope to allow the continued growth of the Synodal Church. The second session will take place in October 2024.

Kevin Bryson (Principal): In this upcoming term we will be making significant progress on our musical preparations. The musical is to be held on

November 14, there will be an afternoon show and an evening show. Our venue this year is the Concourse Theatre at Chatswood. The show is Alice the Musical. Our Yr 6 teacher Ms Lisa Willett is also leading our photography competition this term. Children and parents take photographs and enter them into our school contest. The photographs will eventually be displayed in the school.

Fr Richard will once again be one of our judges.

We attempt to provide a broad education to our students, aiming for academic excellence but also opportunities across the curriculum, for example the creative arts and sport. Underpinning all we do is a commitment to teaching the Catholic faith in an authentic way, under the guidance of Fr Richard, Mrs Mills (Family and Faith Educator) and Mr Fioretti (Religious Education Coordinator.)

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• Bread from Heaven: the charity feeding Sydney • Synod on Synodality delegates announced • PNG Cardinal Ribat visits Sydney • Fr Chris de Sousa: How I found my vocation at WYD • Monica Doumit: Tasmanian education woes • Catholic Schools NSW CEO: COVID lockdowns held kids back

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

2023 Campion Lecture a Conversation: The Indigenous Voice to Parliament Wednesday 26 July 2023 6.30pm for 7.00pm at the Great Hall
Special Guests: Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO, Nyungai Warren Mundine AO

WEEKEND MASSES

Balmain: Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 9 am and 5 pm. **Rozelle:** Sunday 10.30 am

DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

Balmain: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 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, 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, Pamela Cipriano, Merv Cross, Richard Kenna and Anthony Carbon.

For the faithful departed – those recently deceased: Nina Adelaide Ferguson
For the faithful departed – year's minds: Marie Robertson-Scott (24/06/08), Joyce Josephine Clark (23/07/18)

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

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