

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN & ROZELLE,  
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
13 August 2023 (YEAR A)  
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

**Sunday evening Mass at 5 pm** is a Family Mass and All Schools Mass. As mentioned last week, now that the worst of the Covid pandemic seems to be over, it may be more convenient for us to return to the practice of **coming down the central aisle for the reception of Holy Communion** at both Balmain and Rozelle.

Michael Murphy is attending a family event this weekend and unable to play at the 9 am and 10.30 am Masses.

There are envelopes on the seats for your contributions to the **Charitable Works Fund** if you have not already made one.

**Bible Study Group** is meeting on Mondays at 7 pm in the presbytery. Convened by Angela Finnigan 0414 684 447.

For the **Assumption** on Tuesday 15 August there will be two Masses at Balmain only. At 9.15 am for the School and at **7 pm a Solemn Mass** with singers (sponsored by three parishioners). **The Solemnity of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

The **Men's Group Dinner** will be held on **Thursday 31 August 2023 6 for 6.30 pm at the London Hotel, Balmain.** Speaker: Bernard Toutounji, National Director of Aid to the Church in Need – Australia and New Zealand. RSVP Clinton McDonald m 0419 646 311 by Tuesday 29 August 2023.

The **Friday and Saturday daily Mass schedule has been altered** after discussion with the faithful people who attend these services. On **Fridays there will be Mass at 7.30 am** but no Exposition. On **Saturdays, Mass will be at 8 am followed by Exposition** between 8.30 and 9 am. This will enable parishioners to make an earlier start on their Saturday morning chores and shopping after, perhaps, having a coffee together. Please note, however, that **weekday Mass times are highly variable** from week to week, so always check the schedule *infra*.

The **Parish Office** will return to normal opening hours this week. I continue to attend the Tribunal on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

A **Music Committee** has been formed for **Balmain Parish.** Members are: Jill Ditton, Stephen Lalor, Angela Mills, and David Morgan. This committee will work with me and the Director of Music. Your input is important. Please don't hesitate to express your views and ideas to any of the members.

On **4 September 2023, we begin the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the Parish of Balmain.** I am hoping that once we are able to install the bells and have finished the renovations of St Augustine's, we can organise some kind of celebration to mark the anniversary but it will have to be later in the anniversary year.

Fr Richard Waddell  
Administrator

**Women's group:** Message from Angela Mills: Thank you to those women who responded and showed interest in the group. I'm excited to say we are looking at a spring event for our inaugural meeting. More details to follow. If you have any questions or thoughts please email [balrozparishes@gmail.com](mailto:balrozparishes@gmail.com)

**Safeguarding:** The Catholic Diocesan Safeguarding Office has advised that all those who have completed Safeguarding Induction Training a minimum of three years ago **ARE REQUIRED** to complete Refresher Training. You can register to complete the Online Safeguarding Refresher Training via this link <https://forms.gle/XuQFsRsvq3BYtXqT9>.

The Parish Office must ensure Child-Related Activity register is up to date and will follow up with those Workers to ensure the training is undertaken and that a valid WWCC is up to date and copies of the relevant certificates are available in the Parish Office.

**Altar Society:** Two parishioners, Helen and Denise, would like to form a group to take care of the altar. If anyone is interested, please contact the office on 9810 1157.

**The Charitable Works Fund (CWF)** will be on next weekend, **5 and 6 August.** Please keep alive the vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place. **Your tax-deductible gift changes lives.** Donate at [www.ourfaithhourworks/give-to-cwf](http://www.ourfaithhourworks/give-to-cwf) or complete the parish envelope. All donations contribute to our Parish target.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**Sat 5 pm** Epifania Borja Reyes Obiit 19.07.23, **Sun 9 am** Laurence Borg RIP **10.30 am pro populo 5 pm Pro populo Mon 9.15 am** Teresa Hans' intentions **Tues 9.15 am** For FJT school **7 pm pro populo Wed 7.30am** BRS **Thu 7.30 am** Vocations to the Priesthood **Fri 7.30 am**

The sick of the parishes **Sat 8 am** Vocations to the Religious Life.

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

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

#### **DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK**

**Balmain:** Monday (**St Maximilian Kolbe**) 9.15 am, Tuesday (**Assumption**) at 9.15 am and 7 pm (Solemn Mass), Thursday and Friday 7.30 am and Saturday 8 am. **Rozelle:** 7.30 am Wednesday.

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Before or after any Mass and by appointment

#### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

After Mass until 9 am every Saturday at St Augustine's.

**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, Gill Van Gent (26.06.23), and Bernie Kilbridge (29/06/23), and Epifania Borja Reyes (19.07.23).

**For the faithful departed – year's minds:** Gail Anne Markland (16/06/17); Marie Robertson-Scott (24/06/08), Joyce Josephine Clark (23/07/18); Francesco Trunzo (8/08/17).

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

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

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