

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN & ROZELLE,  
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY  
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
27 August 2023 (YEAR A)  
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

**West doors at Balmain:** During winter, the prevailing wind seems to be westerly, with the result that a lot of dust, dirt, and leaves is blown into St Augustine's Church, making the results of any cleaning very short-lived. Accordingly, it seems sensible to keep the west doors closed outside Mass times during the day and to invite people to use the side steps on the south side of the church. The steps, however, may present a problem to some parishioners so the proposal is *ad experimentum*. If you have any problems with the proposal, please let me or Lorraine or Angela know.

Monday is our **Feast of Title – St Augustine of Hippo**. The Mass at 9.15 am will be sung and followed by morning tea in the Presbytery.

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

**Parish Movie Excursion and Lunch:** If you would like to join us on Wednesday 30th August 11am at Palace Norton St to watch The Miracle Club followed by lunch at a local cafe please email Angela at [balrozparishes@gmail.com](mailto:balrozparishes@gmail.com) by Monday 21st August. Ticket prices - Seniors \$10; Adults \$25

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 0419 646 311 by Tuesday 29 August 2023.

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.

Please note that **weekday Mass times are highly variable** from week to week – check the schedule *infra*.

The office will be closed on **Wednesday 30 August** due to NBN outage.

Fr Richard Waddell

**Administrator**

**Priests' Retirement Foundation (Father's Day Appeal) - 3 September 2023**

Every year our Archdiocese conducts the Father's Day Appeal to assist our retired priests who have served us so faithfully. When they retire usually at age 75, they are no longer supported by a Parish. While retired priests will receive a government pension, and/or superannuation income, most will require support with their accommodation needs once they move from a parish presbytery. Father's Day is an occasion to sincerely thank our Fathers for their great sacrifice and service to your church and community.

**Women's group:** Just like the men's group we believe it's time for the women to have some fun, deepen our faith and nurture meaningful friendships within our parish community. If you are interested in being part of this group please contact Angela [balrozparishes@gmail.com](mailto:balrozparishes@gmail.com)

**Looking for ministry volunteers:** Our parish has many wonderful and dedicated volunteers who contribute in so many different ways. If you have thought about being more involved in the parish, I encourage you peruse the attached document which outlines the different ministries within our community. Your involvement will not only enrich your own life but also contribute to the continued growth and prosperity of our community. Any questions, please email Angela at [balrozparishes@gmail.com](mailto:balrozparishes@gmail.com)

**Didaskō Adult Faith Formation** - The University of Notre Dame Australia will deliver a series of 5 online short courses, each consisting of three evening sessions. The monthly topics include: October (2023) Introduction to Philosophy, November (2023) The Scriptures, March (2024) Foundations of Theology, April (2024) Introduction to Christology, May (2024) Moral Theology. Cost (per short course): \$35 per person (plus booking fees). \$100 per Parish Group for an in-person gathering (plus booking fees)

**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 <https://forms.gle/XuQFsRsvq3BYtXqT9>.

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

**Sat 5 pm** Helen, Joseph, and Elias Hkeik, RIP **Sunday 9 am** *Pro populo* **10.30 am** Private **5 pm** Private **Monday 9.15 am** Balmain Parish **Tuesday 7.30 am** Christians in the Middle East **Wednesday 7.30am** The sick **Thursday 7.30 am** For an increase in Eucharistic devotion **Friday 7.30 am** Catechists in the public schools **Saturday 8 am** Those preparing for marriage

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

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

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

**Balmain:** Monday (St Augustine of Hippo) 9.15 am, Tuesday (Beheading of St John Baptist) 7.30 am, Thursday and Friday 7.30 am, and Saturday 8.00 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.

#### **PARISH INTERCESSIONS**

**With those more recently added to our sick list:** Shirley Lowe, Allan Lee, Allan Thom, 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, Valerie Tattersall, Pamela Cipriano, Merv Cross.

**For the faithful departed – those recently deceased:** Epifania Borja Reyes, and Bill Warner (7/07/23). **For the faithful departed – year's minds:** 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.*

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

**Clergy:** Revd Richard Waddell, JCL; Revd Victor Pringle.

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

**Parishes Secretary:** Lorraine Thomy **Phone:** 61 2 9810 1157 (both parishes)

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