

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN & ROZELLE,
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY**

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

3 September 2023 (YEAR A)

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today is **Father's Day** in the secular calendar and a day upon which each one of us gives thanks to God for his or her father and prays for him, in this world or the next. Happy Father's Day to you all!

The Balmain parish has been saddened by the recent deaths of three of its members: **Carmen Boyd** (whose funeral was on Friday), **Dr Merv Cross** (whose funeral is on Monday at 10.30 am), and **Jeannette Hickey** (whose funeral will be on Wednesday at 10.30 am). We extend our heartfelt condolences to their families and commend the departed to the mercy and love of Almighty God.

On 4 September 2023, we begin the 175th 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.

My duties at the **Tribunal** have been rationalised and I am now only required for one day a week. This has definitely reduced stress levels all around.

On Wednesday this week, I will fly to Tasmania to attend the ordination of **Br Bede to the diaconate on Friday, the Nativity of Our Lady**. I will return on Friday evening. Please pray for Br Bede and the community at Colebrook.

Bible Study Group is meeting on Mondays at 7 pm in the presbytery. Convened by Angela Finnigan 0414 684 447. They have reached the **final chapter of the Epistle to the Romans** (this coming Monday) and will then enjoy a brief adjournment before starting on the **Gospel of John** on Monday 18 September.

The **Dante Group** will be meeting on Wednesday 6 September at 7 pm in the Presbytery. The convenor is Stephen Briggs ((0450 521 670).

Please note that **weekday Mass times are highly variable** from week to week – check the schedule *infra*. This coming week has a number of variations, due to my absence and Fr Victor's limited availability.

Fr Richard Waddell

Administrator

Priests' Retirement Foundation (Father's Day Appeal) – **this weekend (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.

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.

Women'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

Looking for ministry volunteers: 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

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** Br Bede OSB preparing for his diaconal ordination on 8 September **5 pm** For those who mourn **Tuesday 7.30 am** Teachers in Catholic Schools **Wednesday 7.30am** The sick of the parishes **Thursday 9.15 am** Vocations to the Priesthood **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 10.30 Funeral for Mervyn Cross, Tuesday 7.30 am, Wednesday 10 am Funeral for Jeannette Hickey, Thursday 9.15 am, Friday NO MASS, 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, Greg Adcock.

For the faithful departed – those recently deceased: Epifania Borja Reyes, Bill Warner (7/07/23), Merle Kenna, Merv Cross (25.08.23), Carmen Boyd, and Jeannette Hickey. **For the faithful departed – year's minds:** 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

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