

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

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

6 August 2023 (YEAR A)

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend you will find envelopes on the seats for your contributions to the **Charitable Works Fund**.

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.

The **monthly morning tea** will be held at **Rozelle after the 10.30 am Mass**

David Drury will play at the **5 pm Mass this Sunday** (*messe d'orgue*).

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

This week, there will be a **School Mass at 9.15 am** on Tuesday for **St Mary McKillop**.

Next Sunday, the **5 pm Mass** will be a **Family Mass**.

On the **Solemnity of the Assumption** (Tuesday 15 August), a **Solemn Mass** will be celebrated at **7 pm** with much beautiful music (sponsored by three generous parishioners). 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.

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

With respect to building works, the sealing of the external east wall of the Balmain church is not far away. It has been difficult to find someone willing to restore St Joseph to his niche but we are hopeful this will be done soon. The **DA for the installation of the bells** is progressing – the acoustic report has been done and the preliminary application is being lodged. The mills of God grind slowly but they are grinding!

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.

Three of our parishioners (**Steve Dovey, Yvette Tam, and Andrew Wong**) will represent **Australia in the World Dragon Boat Championships in Pattaya, Thailand next week**. We wish them all the best! (Steve and Yvette are to be married on Saturday 9 September in St Augustine's).

The **Parish Office** will be open on **Tuesday only** of the coming week as Lorraine is on leave. Fr Richard Waddell

Administrator

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

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.ourfaithourworks/give-to-cwf or complete the parish envelope. All donations contribute to our Parish target.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 5 pm Marie Robertson-Scott, Obiit 24.06.08 **9 am** Giovannino Navarra and his wife Maria Caparotta, and their children Antonnino and Dorotea RIP **10.30 am pro populo 5 pm** Francesco Trunzo Obiit 08.08.17 **Monday** Violet & Emanuel Camillen RIP **Tuesday** Sisters of St Joseph **Wednesday 7.30am** Anthony & Santina Amendolia RIP **9.15 am** Giselle Pereira RIP **Thursday** Christopher Plummer RIP **Friday** private **Saturday 9.15 am** The sick of the parishes.

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 at 9.15 am, Wednesday 9.15 am, Thursday and 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, 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.

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.*

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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