

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

17 September 2023 (YEAR A)

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

**St Joseph at Balmain:** Some parishioners have wondered, quite understandably, why St Joseph is still languishing behind the Sacred Heart altar and not in his rightful place in his niche on the gospel side of the sanctuary in the Balmain church. This statue dates from the 1940s at least and is a high-quality work of art. After his second fall, knocked out of his niche for the second time by the careless lowering of the screen and a failure the first time to take any preventative measures, it seemed sensible to do something to stop it happening yet again. The statue has been repaired - \$3,000. An inspection by a reputable builder last week uncovered some further problems. The niche itself is insecurely fastened to the pillar. The screen should be re-attached, perhaps to another pillar, or at least its angle adjusted. The niche could be moved but it has been in that place for decades and its position nicely mirrors the icon-like image of the Virgin on the epistle side of the sanctuary. In any case, these are matters which will have to be decided by the Building Sub-Committee. St Joseph may be out of sight but he is not forgotten. We want the church to be a safe place for him.

Last Sunday's **Balmain morning tea** was a great success and the cakes baked by the young people were very much appreciated – they were all devoured. Other parishioners are keen to do some baking so we will have some more morning teas at Balmain.

**Morning tea at Rozelle** on Sunday 8 October after the 10.30 Mass.

**Bible Study Group** is meeting on Mondays at 7 pm in the presbytery. Convened by Angela Finnigan 0414 684 447. They will enjoy a brief adjournment before starting on the **Gospel of John** on Monday 18 September.

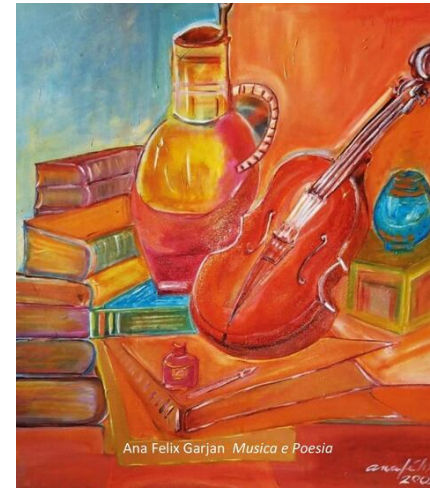
**Balmain Pastoral Council** meets Thursday 19 September at 8 pm in the Presbytery.

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

Fr Richard Waddell

**Administrator**

**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>.



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Poetry **García Lorca** Music **Castelnuovo-Tedesco**  
Guest Artist **Ermanno Brignolo**, Guitar

and choral settings of poems by **Pablo Neruda**, **Mario Benedetti**, **William Blake** & **Oodgeroo Noonuccal**

2.30pm, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023

St Augustine's Church, Eaton Street, Balmain

Post-concert refreshments accompanied by Chilean musicians **Hernán Flores** and **Hernán (Nano) Arriagada**

**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, Thursday and Friday at 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**

**For the sick:** 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.

**For the faithful departed – those recently deceased:** Epifania Borja Reyes, Bill Warner (7/07/23), Merle Kenna, Merv Cross (25.08.23), Carmen Boyd, Jeannette Hickey, and Greg Adcock. **For the faithful departed – year's minds:** Francesco Trunzo (8/08/17), Wayne McIlvenna, HM Queen Elizabeth II (08.8.22), and Irma Kerin (14.09.14).

*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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