

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN & ROZELLE,
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B
18 February 2024 (YEAR B)
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

Parishioners are invited to **inspect the front garden of the Presbytery** now that the landscaping works have been completed. This excellent work has been carried out by Michael O'Donovan and his team. Michael was recently married at St Augustine's to Naomi Spinks and they are expecting their first child. Michael's business is **Woorndoo Gardens** Email: michael@woorndoogardens.com Phone: 0434803674 Landscape License Number: 391754C ABN: 30377088256

There will be a **Lenten Group commencing on Friday 16 February at 7pm** and running for six Fridays, concluding on Friday March 22nd. The Lenten program will consist of a reflection on each Sunday's Gospel, guided meditations, discussion and prayer and typically last for one hour. Please call Angela Finnigan 0414684447 for further details.

Bible Study will resume weekly again on **Wednesday 21 February** in the Presbytery at 7pm. They are currently studying St John's Gospel and taking direction from the early Church Fathers, particularly John Chrysostom and Augustine. Enquires: Angela Finnigan 0414684447.

This coming week I will be in Melbourne from Tuesday to Thursday. On Tuesday evening I am giving a lecture to the Victorian Catholic Lawyers Association on the *Interface between Canon and Civil Law*. Because of my absence, there will be no celebration of Mass on Wednesday at Rozelle or Thursday at Balmain.

Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes are available for collection at the entrances to both churches or visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion

The next **Men's Dinner** is set down for **Thursday 29 February**. Flyers on the table at the back of the church and attached.

The **First and Second Collection boxes** in both churches are only meant for donations given during Sunday Masses. After each Sunday Mass they are emptied and the money placed in a secure place. Do not put donations in them at other times – the money is not secure.

For some reason, our parishes do not have **counters for the Sunday collections**. As a result, the Parish Secretary has to spend an inordinate amount of time doing the counting and banking and is taken away from other important and necessary tasks. We need some **volunteers to be counters**. The plan is to meet on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings in the Presbytery for the counting. It should take about an hour. We need two people at a time. Ideally, we would have a roster of at least 8 people. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Secretary.

Fr Richard Waddell

Administrator

Reconciliation Sacrament will be held on **March 11-13**. Classes commence on Feb 25. If your child is in Year 3 and above, please enrol on the church website or contact Angela balrozparishes@gmail.com

World Day of Prayer – Palestine: WDP will be held at St Mary's Anglican Church (85 Darling St. East Balmain) on **Friday 1 March** at 11am. If you would like to come along to pray for the people of Palestine and support this local ecumenical service, please email Angela balrozparishes@gmail.com

Parish Play Group: Starting soon we will be launching a playgroup in our church hall for our very little ones (0-5 years). Thank you to those parishioners who have donated toys and books. We are still collecting items and especially looking for items such as wooden train set with tracks, Duplo, play kitchen equipment, and floor mats. We also require more helpers so if you are free on a Wednesday from 9.30am - 11pm and would like to contribute in any way please let us know.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: "Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes is the Police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardinginquiries@sydneycatholic.org You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the Police."

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WEEKEND MASSES

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

DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

Balmain: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 7.30 am and Saturday 8 am

Rozelle: No Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

8.30 to 9 am Saturdays

CONFESSIONS

During Saturday Exposition, before or after any Mass, or by appointment.

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

For the sick: Paul Joseph Clark, Bernard Shane, Shirley Lowe, Paul Joseph Clark, Michael Fitzpatrick, Bryan Fitzpatrick, Laura Quintili, Silvana Cocilova, Elio Cacciotti, Terri Leonard, Phil Bawden, Keith Forbes, Moira Forrest, Pamela Cipriano, Sharron Ibbotson, Josephine Gayed, Bernard Hickey, and Brian Gallagher. **For the faithful departed – those recently deceased:** Brian Blakemore (25.01.25). **For the faithful departed – year's minds:** Mancia Cadiz McIlvenna (22.02.17), Charles McIlvenna (17.02), Francis McCaffrey (21.02), Pam Jacob and Valerie Staggs (19.02.23).

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)

Pastoral & Sacramental Coordinator: Angela Mills balrozparishes@gmail.com

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