

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

Dear Parishioners,

The **Sunday 5pm Mass** will be a Pope Francis Group Mass.

**CORRECTION to Men's Group Venue:** Please note that an incorrect venue was provided in the previously issued flyer/ poster for the Men's Group meeting planned for Thu. 29th February. The correct venue is: Fr. John Therry Catholic Primary School, 2 Eaton St, Balmain (upstairs classroom). Men with or without children are welcome to this free event, from 6:30pm for a 7pm start, to hear Stuart Brady speak on "Raising Children". Correct details are in the attached flyer."

There will be a **Lenten Group** running for six Fridays at 7pm, 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** has resumed on **Wednesdays** in the Presbytery at 7pm. The group is currently studying St John's Gospel and taking direction from the early Church Fathers, particularly John Chrysostom and Augustine. Enquires: Angela Finnigan 0414684447.

**Project Compassion** Boxes and Envelopes are available for collection at the entrances to both churches or visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

This week I am returning to Melbourne to attend the **funeral on Thursday of Marion Walshe**, the younger sister of an old friend, Fr John Walshe. Marion was only 62 and died after a long struggle with cancer. She served with distinction for many years in the Consular level of our Diplomatic Service. May she rest in peace.

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.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

Our next **women's group** event will be a trip to the Mary MacKillop Place Museum and Cafe on Sunday 10 March at 10.30am - 1pm. If you would like to join us, please email [balrozparishes@gmail.com](mailto:balrozparishes@gmail.com) and include if you will need a lift.

**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 Ministerial Integrity Office at 9390 5810 or [safeguardinginquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto: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."

**Catholic Weekly – 25 February 2024**

- HSC Achievers and School Open Days Supplements
- New Catholics prepare to join God's family
- Young entrepreneurs ask God for help in new ventures
- PNG excited for papal visit, but is Pope Francis coming?
- Monica Doumit: Mounting evidence against gender care's benefits
- Cabrini Review: saint biopic captures feel of God's "Empire of Mercy"

**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:** Wednesday 7.30 am

**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), Vicky Muscat (10.02.24) and Marion Walshe (20.02.24). **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)

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