

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN & ROZELLE,
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B
4 February 2024 (YEAR B)
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

Today at the 9 am Mass, we will be commissioning our **Balmain Catechists** who teach every week during term in our public schools. **Morning tea** will be served after the 10.30 am Mass at **Rozelle**. Also **next Sunday**, we will resume our **5 pm Mass** which will be our monthly *Messe d'orgue* – **David Drury** will be playing and the programme is elsewhere in the Bulletin.

There are **bananas and mangoes from the Balmain church and presbytery gardens** in the basket at the entrance to the church. Please feel free to help yourself.

Morning tea will be served after the 10.30 am Mass at **Rozelle**.

Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes this Sunday at St Augustine's (not last Sunday, apologies for my error).

Christmas decorations: Thank you to Ray and Margareta Pizzato, Stephen Charnock, and Anne-Marie Biorci, for their work in relation to the crib and the Christmas tree(s).

The **Bible Study group** meets every Wednesday 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. Notes are provided. Enquires: Angela Finnigan 0414684447.

For the **daily Masses**, see the schedule *infra*. The **Wednesday Mass at Rozelle** will resume *this week*.

Balmain Parish Council will meet on **Shrove Tuesday 13 February at 8 pm** in the Presbytery.

Ash Wednesday is 14 February this year. There will be a Mass at Rozelle at 7.30 am and a FJT School Mass at 9.15 pm. At 7 pm in St Augustine's, there will be a Sung Mass. Ashes will be blessed and imposed at all Masses.

The next **Men's Dinner** is set down for **Thursday 29 February**. More details to come. See folders.

Fr Richard Waddell **Administrator**

PARISH PLAYGROUP: Starting soon we will be launching a playgroup in our church hall for our very little ones (0-5 years). If you have toys and books in good condition which you no longer need please drop them off to the church office. If you are interested in lending a hand or coming along please email Angela balrozparishes@gmail.com

Workers who have not completed Safeguarding Refresher Training - Workers who completed Safeguarding Induction Training a minimum of three years ago are required to complete Refresher Training. Workers can register to complete the Online Safeguarding Refresher Training via this link <https://forms.gle/XuQFsRsvq3BYtXqT9>

Online Safety: Parents and Guardians, it is important to closely monitor the children's and young adults use of their devices on the internet. The Diocese has also provided advice on this matter "Information for Young People about Online Safety" Copies are on the table inside the Church.

MUSIC FOR LA MESSE D'ORGUE SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY 5 PM

Entrance:	Improvisation	– David Drury
Offertory:	Elevation Toccata	– Girolamo Frescobaldi
Communion:	Vater unser (Our Father)	– Georg Boehm
Postlude:	Rondeau	– Jean-Joseph Mouret

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- Pope clarifies controversial blessings document at doctrine meeting
- Reject dangerous 'Equality' bill in full: Archbishop Fisher
- Pope Francis announces 2024 Year of Prayer
- Profiles available for every parish in Australia
- Matthew Tan: What does AI have to do with the heart?

Mass Intentions this Sunday

Sat 5 pm Peace in the Middle East **Sun 9 am** *Pro populo* **10.30 am** Students and staff returning to school.

WEEKEND MASSES IN JANUARY

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

DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

Balmain: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 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, and Bernard Hickey. **For the faithful departed – those recently deceased:** Cherelle Bailey (31.12.23) and Brian Blakemore (25.01.25). **For the faithful departed – year's minds:** Manuel Muscat (02.01.22, George Pell, Bishop (10.01.23).

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

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