

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN & ROZELLE,
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
17 March 2024 (YEAR B)
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

Matthew Dal Cin will be playing at 9 am and 10.30 am on Sunday.

Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday** and the usual ceremonies will be conducted.

Ceremonies for the Triduum will follow our familiar pattern.

Maundy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper at Balmain at 7 pm

Good Friday Stations of the Cross at Balmain at 10.30 am

Liturgy of the Passion at Rozelle at 3 pm

Holy Saturday Paschal Vigil at Balmain at 8 pm

Easter Sunday The usual Sunday Masse

A **report by Francis Sullivan** is attached to the eBulletin and will be available in the churches. The circulation of the report has been requested by **John Dickie who is our Parish Ambassador** charged with keeping us up to date with the Synodal process.

To simplify matters, we will be taking up only **one collection** in our churches. The collections will be divided evenly between the support of the diocesan clergy (first collection) and the support of the parishes (second collection).

This week, the **Tuesday Mass at 7.30 am** will be celebrated at Rozelle to observe the Solemnity of St Joseph the Patron of Rozelle Parish. We will have breakfast afterwards at The Old Rosebud Café.

Most parishes have **counters** but for some time this task has been carried out by Lorraine, our Parish Secretary, taking her away from other tasks more suited to her role. Stephen Parmeter has undertaken this task but he would appreciate some helpers. If sufficient people come forward, the demands will not be too onerous over, say, a monthly roster. Please contact Lorraine if you are able to help.

Parishioners will have noticed that the front garden of the Presbytery has been landscaped. A parishioner, **Grégoire Bertaud** has very kindly offered to convene a **Gardens Committee**. It is hoped that a sufficient number of parishioners would be able to help maintain the two Balmain Presbytery gardens, the front one as an ornamental garden and the courtyard as an area for outdoor gatherings. Already some other parishioners have expressed an interest in this. Please contact Lorraine for further details. Meanwhile, the front lawn in particular needs moving as it gets established. Is there anyone who could help with this?

There will be a **Lenten Group** on 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 on Wednesdays in the Presbytery at 7pm. The group is about to begin studying the Acts of the Apostles 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

Fr Richard Waddell

Administrator

Holy Mass in honour of San Giuseppe Protector of Spadafora at **Saint Joseph Church** at 3.00pm Sunday 24 March 2024. After Mass there will be a procession with the statue inside the Church. Tea and coffee will be served in the church hall immediately after the procession. All are welcome

Parish Play Group: Soon we will be launching a playgroup in our church hall for our very little ones. Thank you to those parishioners who have donated toys and books.

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- Minister for Women “considers” tying hospital funding to abortion
- Monica Doumit: The big picture on religious freedom
- Surf's up for young Bondi Catholics
- Archbishop counsels student leaders to avoid polarised politics
- Simcha Fisher: The Incarnation continues to scandalise

WEEKEND MASSES

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

DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

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

Rozelle: Tuesday and Wednesday 7.30 am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

8.30 am to 9 am Saturdays

CONFESSIONS

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

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

For the sick: Victoria Vildzius, 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 (25.01.24), 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), Ciaran Tynan (17.02), Francis McCaffrey (21.02), Pam Jacob, Valerie Staggs (19.02.23) and Veronica Jardine (27.02).

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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