

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN & ROZELLE,
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY**
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
31 March 2024 (YEAR B)
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

Just a reminder to those receiving the *eNewsletter* regarding the **liturgies for the Triduum**:

Maundy Thursday at Balmain at 7 pm; Good Friday Stations at Balmain at 10.30 am and Liturgy of the Passion at Rozelle at 3 pm; Easter Eve Vigil at 8 pm (no Mass at 5 pm), and the usual Sunday Masses at Balmain and Rozelle.

Confessions: 11- 12 at Balmain on Good Friday and Holy Saturday and after the Liturgy of the Passion at Rozelle.

This year we have music provided by both the **Parish Choir** (organised and directed by John Benjamin and David Hinder) and *Prima Luce* (directed by James Doig).

Thank you particularly to David and John and the singers for their voluntary work.

I will be away in Tasmania during the week and, accordingly, the **Daily Mass schedule** is adjusted – see *infra*.

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.

The **Men's Group** are having a **Dinner on Thursday 4 April** – Barry Neilsen from the **Genesian Theatre** will be speaking. See the posters and handbills in both our churches.

Sunday 7 April 5 pm Family Mass.

At the **5 pm Mass on Sunday 14 April**, the internationally acclaimed organist David Drury will be playing the following music: Improvisations on Easter hymns and Now thank we all our God – Karg-Elert

The Parish Office will be closed this week on Tuesday 2 April, Thursday 4 April and Friday 5 April but open on Wednesday 3 April.

Sunday 7 Apr 2024 - Daylight Saving Time Ends: At 3 am clocks are turned backward 1 hour to 2 am.

Fr Richard Waddell

Administrator

In the context of the UN Security Council's support for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, n 6 April 2024, Palestinian Christians will be leading a Sydney Gaza Pilgrimage Walk. The pilgrimage symbolically mirrors the walk from Gaza city to Rafah. The Sydney GCP walk will begin at St Leonard's station and walk to North Sydney and Milsons Point, then walk up the stairs to the picturesque Harbour Bridge walk and descend to the Rocks, Circular Quay, then to the Opera House and finish with prayers at St Mary's Cathedral. The walk will take between 2.5 – 3 hours in a family friendly environment. If you would like to take part please register at <https://palestinianchristians.org.au/sydney-pilgrimage/>

Our **Little Saints Playgroup** will begin on 7 May 2024 at 9.30am in the church hall. If you can help with making a cup of tea or making sandwiches or singing with us, welcoming parents, and creating community together please let me know balrozparishes@gmail.com. Please see attached flyer or on the tables at the back of the church.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are 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 safeguardingenquiries@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 – 31 March 2024

• Archbishop Fisher's Easter Message: Share God's love with those needing forgiveness • Easter 2024: Meet Sydney's newest Catholics • Peace comes from carrying the Cross • Conversion therapy bill passes NSW parliament • Schools at risk from Australian Law Reform Commission report • Catholic school principals better supported, but under stress

USUAL WEEKEND MASSES BUT NOT THIS WEEK

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

DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

Balmain: Monday at 9.15 am, Tuesday at 7.30 am, and Saturday at 8 am

Rozelle: NO MASS

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

8.30 to 9 am Saturdays

CONFESSIONS

Special times for Holy Week and Easter but usually before or after a 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, Moira Forrest, Pamela Cipriano, Sharron Ibbotson, Josephine Gayed, Bernard Hickey, Brian Gallagher, Stephanie Zehnal, Jennifer Heywood, and Antony Faisandier. **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), Veronica Jardine (27.02) and Katherine Kenna.

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace. Amen.

ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS

Clergy: The Reverend Richard Waddell, JCL.

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