

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN & ROZELLE,
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
7 April 2024 (YEAR B)
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

Holy Week and Easter: Parishioners may be interested to know that the attendances at all the Easter Liturgies were extremely good – better than they have been for a long time, so I have been told.

In addition to the excellent professional singers at the Passion Liturgy and the Easter Vigil, the Balmain Parish Choir sang at the Mass of the Last Supper and on Easter Day under the direction of our Director of Music Emeritus, David Hinder. Many parishioners were thrilled to hear, once again, "Come as you are" and "Morning is broken" as well as the solemn singing of the *Sing my tongue the glorious battle* in English and the *Tantum Ergo* in Latin. At Rozelle on Easter Sunday, Ann Tangney brought the organ to life assisted by a small group of singers. At both morning Masses, the congregations sang well. A small but willing band of servers assisted with their customary dedication. The readers were all very well prepared. A number of people commented on how powerful the Scripture readings at the Vigil were by reason of being so well read. The flowers at both churches were very beautiful on Easter Day. Thank you to everyone who contributed to a memorable celebration of the Sacred Triduum. Eastertide continues with joy for fifty days, culminating in the Feast of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost, so we are not finished yet.

The **5 pm Mass on Sunday** will be a family Mass during which there will be a Baptism.

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. Angela Finnigan 0414684447.

On Thursday, 11 April at 1.30 pm, pupils from Year 6 at the FJT School will be performing a Resurrection Play in the Balmain Church. Last year, the School put on a very impressive Passiontide Play. This year promises to be as good if not better. All parishioners and the general public are warmly invited to attend. Admission free.

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.

Daylight Saving Time Ends this Sunday 7 April: At 3 am clocks are turned backward 1 hour to 2 am.

Fr Richard Waddell

Administrator

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.

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- He is Risen! Standing room only at Cathedral Easter 2024
- Sydney takes to the streets for Seven Churches Visitation
- Monica Doumit: Make your voice heard on the "Equality" Bill
- CW front page star little Lovre's miracle
- Book Review: Meet the women who bucked the birth trend

USUAL WEEKEND MASSES

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 (FJT School Mass), Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7.30 am and Saturday at 8 am

Rozelle: 7.30 am Wednesday

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

8.30 to 9 am Saturdays

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 8.30 to 9 am or 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:** 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.

Parish Office (at the Balmain Presbytery): Wednesday this week 9 am to 3 pm only

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