

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN AND ROZELLE,
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY**

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(YEAR B) 27 June 2021

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

Music this weekend: This Sunday the parish choirs and our Music Director are taking a break so no music at 9am at Balmain and 10.30am at Rozelle. On Saturday and Sunday nights, however, we will have music at the 5pm and 6pm Masses respectively – on **Sunday night we will have a Contemporary Music Group performing** (but no congregational singing, see below).

Covid encore: Once again it is almost impossible to confidently plan any event in future. It is also very difficult to keep up with the latest regulations and the nomenclature. Nevertheless, we press on.

The following regulations apply to churches:

- Mask wearing
- Singing restricted to the choir
- The four square metre spacing between individuals (who are not together as a couple or family)

Fr Gregory Morgan: We are very sorry to lose Fr Gregory after such a short time. His appointment to GyMEA as Parish Priest from 8 July has come as something of a surprise. I am hoping that we can all stay in touch. Perhaps a 'pulpit swap' from time to time?

Presbytery 'at home' to farewell Fr Gregory: On Sunday 4 July 2021, parishioners and friends will be welcome to call in and have a drink and a nibble (or something more) between 7pm and 9pm. Drinks (wine and soft) will be provided. If you would like to bring some food, please contact Angela Mills who will coordinate the victuals (0432 355 408). Again, the holding of this function will depend on the current Covid regulations but we will not cancel it, only postpone it.

Holy Father's Appeal will be held next weekend for which we ask your support. Through your gift you can help Pope Francis bring hope, opportunity and the spirit of Jesus Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world.

On Friday 9 July 2021 Professor Barry Spurr will be conducting an evening seminar on "John Donne and the Poetry of Meditation" in the Presbytery at 7.30 pm. Please send a message to the Parish Office if you plan to attend. There will be some wine and light refreshments.

Strange emails: Some parishioners have received some strange emails purporting to come from the parish office in my name. There have been requests for money,

etc. It seems that someone has obtained a copy of our Bulletin and used the email addresses in it to make contact. We think that it is a person in the USA because there is a reference to Walmart. Whilst it is gratifying to see that our Bulletin has an international circulation we would prefer our readership to be of a higher quality. If you receive any email in my name which raise any suspicions in your mind, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

The Altar Society: As I may have mentioned before, a Balmain Altar Society has been established (the formal papers are yet to be completed but the Society is already active) and Jill Ditton is the contact person and coordinator (0419 635 761). The Society has undertaken responsibility for the flowers in the sanctuary (that is, for the altars behind the communion rails). Some parishioners have already expressed a desire to contribute to the cost of flowers. It would be possible to make a contribution for a specific weekend in memory of a departed spouse or family member – the gift would be acknowledged in the Bulletin with the name of the person remembered and, if wished, the name of the donor. The Altar Society will take responsibility for the arrangements on the tables at the entrance to St Augustine's both at the end of the nave and in the porch and also the book rack and notice board. There are plans to renovate the tables.

Books in the Balmain Porch: Parishioners may have noticed that on the table in the Balmain porch there is a pile of books. Parishioners have been leaving interesting books on the table and others have been taking them, reading them, and then returning them. This seems to have developed quite spontaneously and is something to be greatly encouraged.

Vianney College: Parishioners will be aware that I teach Canon Law at the Wagga Wagga diocesan seminary, Vianney College. The College has produced a newsletter and copies of the first issue are available at the entrances of both our churches. The second issue has recently been published and will be available soon. Please feel free to take one.

The Catholic Weekly: I have neglected promoting the Archdiocesan newspaper but having a look at this week's contents, there is a lot of interesting material in it. On Trinity Sunday, I gave a homily which some parishioners were kind enough to suggest submitting to the *Catholic Weekly*. This can now be found on page 22 of this week's issue.

Spirituality Group: There is a sheet of paper at the entrance to the Balmain Church for anyone interested in a spirituality group to give their name and telephone number. Maria Crook and Angela Finnegan are the contact people at the moment. The plan is to have a meeting of those interested and to work out what we want to do. The basic idea is to share some reading and discussion points and to meet every couple of months but it will be up to the group to decide how it wants to proceed – no clerical interference!

Thank you John Navarra for your very generous donation towards the restoration of the ceiling at St Augustine's Church, it is truly appreciated.

Fr Richard Waddell
Parish Administrator

Mass to celebrate the legacy of Eileen O'Connor in thanksgiving for the work of the Brown Nurses

Part of a series of Masses to mark the Centenary of the death of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor, in 2021

Principal Celebrant: Bishop Terry Brady

Date: Sunday 4 July 2021

Time: 9:30am

Venue: St Brigid's Church, 135b Brook St, Coogee.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY - 27 JUNE 2021

- Apparitions in WWI's trenches
- Grandparents are unique
- Mike Bailey: Beloved figure passes away
- Helping school parents to know God
- The universe and me
- Books for all the family

Plenary Council Update

Parish Ambassadors are gathering on July 3.

How can you be involved in the Plenary Council?

- Pray the Plenary Prayer from Pentecost until the Assembly.
- Visit the Plenary Council website especially Fan the Flame site

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade

- View the videos produced by the Sydney working group by Bishop Terry Brady, Professor Sandy Lynch and Stephen Noone in response to the call from so many for spiritual formation <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/about-us/plenary-council-2020/#Plenary-Council-Assembly-October-2021>

- Listen to the podcasts about the Plenary Council <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/listen/>

Music Teachers Wanted

Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) is looking for classroom music teachers and specialist tutors in Brass, Woodwind and Strings to work in our primary and secondary schools, from one to five days per week.

For further information, you can now view the live adverts on our Sydney Catholic Schools website- Amadeus Positions or contact SCS' Recruitment team at:

hr.recruitment@syd.catholic.edu.au.

READERS AT BALMAIN

27 June

5pm - Tilly Hopkins (Pope Francis student)

9am - Jocelyn Morris

6pm - Sophia Stanley (Pope Francis student)

4 July

5pm - Brendan Allen

9am -

6pm - Mark Dal Maso

BRIEF ANSWERS TO THE BIG QUESTIONS

Q. What came before the Big Bang?

According to the no-boundary proposal, asking what came before the Big Bang is meaningless – like asking what is south of the South Pole – because there is no notion of time available to refer to. The concept of time only exists within our universe. - Stephen Hawking, *Brief Answers to the Big Questions*, 58.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

20 for One Meal Delivery Programme.

This is a recently established programme to deliver restaurant meals to families and people in our area. Originally the initiative of Marco de Angelis of “Our Place”, meals are now provided by a number of restaurants and generous donors. They provide meals which are delivered weekly by teams of volunteers. The expanded program is administered jointly by Vinnies and Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre, with volunteer deliverers already involved, but we would welcome more people who could deliver meals one afternoon or evening a fortnight. We would also welcome suggestions from parishioners, of people who would benefit from a meal delivery every week from one of our restaurants.

If you would like more details or you would like to volunteer, or nominate a recipient or family, please contact Maureen Robinson on 0414 634 208 or at Maureen.e.m.robinson@gmail.com.

SUNDAY MASSES

Balmain: Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5pm; Sunday at 9am and 6pm.

Rozelle: Sunday at 10.30am.

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK

(Monday: *St Irenaeus*; Tuesday: **Sts PETER AND PAUL**; Saturday: *St Thomas the Apostle*)

Balmain: Monday to Friday at 7.30 am and Saturday at 9 am (Tridentine Mass on the 3rd Saturday of the month). **Rozelle:** Wednesday 7. 30 am.

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION ON THE FIRST FRIDAY

After the 7.30am Mass at Balmain.

CONFESSIONS

Balmain: On Saturday after the morning Mass and 4.15 to 4.45pm; after any other Mass; and by appointment.

FORTHCOMING BAPTISMS

Sunny James NEICH on Sunday 4 July at 12 noon at Balmain

Luka HOBSON on Friday 16 July at 4pm at Balmain

Leo Stan on Saturday 17 July at 12 noon at Balmain

Sebastian Paul CORREIA on Saturday 24 July at Balmain

Oliver Cameron HOLLAND on Sunday 25 July at 12 noon at Balmain

Auguste Benedict BERTAUD on the Assumption 15 August at 10.15am at Balmain

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers (1 Thess 1: 2)

For the sick and those in old age: Jaime Aponte, Brenda Atkinson, Nela and Brian Blakemore, John Blunt, Pina Borg, Margo Buckingham, Tony Carbon, Paul Joseph Clark, Ann Diver, Brent Egan, Vincent, Catherine and Eric Erskine, Mary Ferguson, Bruce Fernandez, Christine Forner, Sylvia Gallagher, Martha Lucia Gomez, Marcella Holsten, Beverley Kerin, Joan Leonard, Shirley Lowe, Marie Meyrick, Roger Parsons, Anna Pasqua, Patricia Webster, Lyn Wilson, Keith Yates, John, Karen, and Ray.

For the faithful departed – those recently deceased: Red O'Connor (06.02.21), Millie Leung (22.02.21), Veronica Jardin (27.02.21), Wendy Wheatley, Harry Fullerton, and Charlie Veech, Millie Leung, Pat Britton, Mary Haylen (23.04.21), Carmelo Battaglia (30.04.21) and Paul Kok (28.04.21).

As well as for: Rita Agius, Anthony & Ron Barnes, Charlie, Teresa, Rose & Lawrence Borg, Ron Bovey, John Bransby, William, Irene & Gertrude Briggs, Charlie Camilleri, Martin Camilleri, Violet & Emanuel Camilleri, Joyce Josephine & Bertie Joseph Clark, Sr Mary Constable, André, Michel & Ginette Comolle, Gary Dollar, Sydney, Edna & Cecilia Edmonds, Doris Falzon, Bill Gallagher, Susan Hanchard, Kathleen & Maxwell Harris, Mary Houghton, Kate Kenna, John & Jackie Lowe, Marcia Cadiz McIlvenna, Sr Marie McMahan, Mable & Catherine Miles, Peter Modellino, Mollie Monan, Mary Anne, Anthony & Hugh Mulligan, Hazel & Bernie Olson, Vicky Pisani, Winifred & David Preece, Maria Roach, Antoinetta Scalone, Joyce Shiner, and deceased members of Manuli, Nitopi & Scalone families.

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

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO COVID WE DO NOT TAKE UP
COLLECTIONS DURING OUR SERVICES.**

**AT THE WEST ENTRANCE IN BOTH OUR CHURCHES,
THERE ARE TWO COLLECTION BOXES.**

**THE FIRST COLLECTION GOES TO THE DIOCESAN FUND
FOR THE SUPPORT OF ALL OUR PRIESTS.**

**THE SECOND COLLECTION GOES TO THE EXPENSES
OF EACH PARISH.**

**AT BALMAIN THERE IS A
TAP AND PAY SYSTEM – IT IS A BIT SLOW BUT IT WORKS.**

Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et exultate* of the Holy Father Francis on the call to holiness in today's world (continued)

CHAPTER FIVE

SPIRITUAL COMBAT, VIGILANCE AND DISCERNMENT

158. The Christian life is a constant battle. We need strength and courage to withstand the temptations of the devil and to proclaim the Gospel. This battle is sweet, for it allows us to rejoice each time the Lord triumphs in our lives.

COMBAT AND VIGILANCE

159. We are not dealing merely with a battle against the world and a worldly mentality that would deceive us and leave us dull and mediocre, lacking in enthusiasm and joy. Nor can this battle be reduced to the struggle against our human weaknesses and proclivities (be they laziness, lust, envy, jealousy or any others). It is also a constant struggle against the devil, the prince of evil. Jesus himself celebrates our victories. He rejoiced when his disciples made progress in preaching the Gospel and overcoming the opposition of the evil one: "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven" (*Lk* 10:18).

More than a myth

160. We will not admit the existence of the devil if we insist on regarding life by empirical standards alone, without a supernatural understanding. It is precisely the conviction that this malign power is present in our midst that enables us to understand how evil can at times have so much destructive force. True enough, the biblical authors had limited conceptual resources for expressing certain realities, and in Jesus' time epilepsy, for example, could easily be confused with demonic possession. Yet this should not lead us to an oversimplification that would conclude that all the cases related in the Gospel had to do with psychological disorders and hence that the devil does not exist or is not at work. He is present in the very first pages of the Scriptures, which end with God's victory over the devil.^[120] Indeed, in leaving us the Our Father, Jesus wanted us to conclude by asking the Father to "deliver us from evil". That final word does not refer to evil in the abstract; a more exact translation would be "the evil one". It indicates a personal being who assails us. Jesus taught us to ask daily for deliverance from him, lest his power prevail over us.

ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS

St Augustine of Hippo's Church, Eaton Street, Balmain

St Joseph's Church, Cnr Victoria Road and Gordon Street, Rozelle

The Presbytery/Office: 3 Jane Street, Balmain NSW 2041

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