

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



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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

We have a **report on the Plenary Council** from our parishioner John Dickie who has been following developments closely. This will be attached to the *eBulletin*.

The FJT School resumes normal classes on Monday 25 October.

Events over the remainder of 2021: It seems to me to be a good idea to have a **post-Covid-Advent-Christmas party for the two parishes**. Accordingly, on Saturday 11 December there will be a **Gaudete Party** (for the Third Sunday in Advent – 'Gaudete Sunday') commencing after the 5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass. The party will be held in the Hall and the Presbytery Grounds. The details of the organisation are being worked out now and will be revealed in the coming week. **The important thing is to set Saturday 11 December aside for Mass at 5 pm and Gaudete Party at 6 at Balmain (for both parishes).**

In the Sacramental Programme, we will confine ourselves to First Communions but preparation will include a First Confession programme for those young people preparing for their First Communion who have not yet made their First Confession. The Sacramental Programme is, of course, a parish programme and includes children from the Public Schools as well as the Parish School.

The important dates for the First Communion Programme HAVE BEEN CHANGED and are:

- Wednesday 27 October at 7 pm (lasting until 8.30 pm) – First Session at St Augustine's Church
- Wednesday 3 November at 7 pm (lasting until 8 pm) - Second Session by ZOOM
- First and other Confessions will be heard on Saturday 6 Nov at St Augustines from 10 – 11 am
- Wednesday 10 November at 7 pm (lasting until 8 pm) – Third Session at St Augustine's
- First and other Confessions will be heard on Saturday 13 Nov at St Joseph's from 10 – 11 am
- **FIRST COMMUNION MASS** will be celebrated on Sunday 14 November at 10.30 am at St Augustine's. For those who are unable to attend this Mass, it will be possible to make their First Communions at normal parish Masses with some special arrangements.

Other Parish School events to note in your diaries:

- There will be a **School Family Mass** on Advent Sunday 28 November. This Mass will probably be at 5 pm, depending on the results of the consultation with the 6 pm Sunday congregation.

- The **Graduation Mass** for departing Year 6 pupils will be celebrated on Wednesday 8 December at 5 pm
- The **end of the School Year** will be marked by a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word and the usual giving of prizes and awards on Tuesday 14 December at 10 am. At present, the venue is being decided.

Parish Council meetings: If possible, these will resume in November (to be on the safe side).

List of departed for October: Barbara Howard has researched the Balmain AND the Rozelle records for names of deceased in October from 2000 onwards and they are now included in the intercessions.

Dante study group: I will be meeting with some parishioners during this week to map out our programme.

Daily Masses: The new timetable is continuing. It is hoped that, starting next year, classes from the School will be able to attend the 9.15 am Masses. These will still be regular Masses and will take no longer than the usual time.

The **Church at Balmain will be opened every morning at 8 am (7am on Fridays)**. It is hoped that parishioners, particular the Rosary Group, will be able to recite the Rosary before or after Mass, as it suits them. Exposition will continue after the Friday Mass on the first Friday.

Changing the time of the Sunday evening Mass. Last Sunday, of an attendance of 23, only one person objected to shifting the time of the Mass to 5 pm. There was one family with children present and they were enthusiastic. I will continue to canvass the proposal over the next few Sunday nights to let everyone have a say.

Fr Richard Waddell

Parish Administrator

WEEKDAY MASSES AND CONFESSIONS

Accordingly, the new schedule *ad experimentum* for weekdays is as follows:

<i>Monday</i>	9.15 am (Balmain)
<i>Tuesday</i>	6.00 pm (Balmain) - Confessions from 5 pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	7.30 am (Rozelle) which will always be a Mass 9.15 am (Balmain) depending on availability of clergy, it will be either a Mass or a Communion Service.
<i>Thursday</i>	9.15 am (Balmain)
<i>Friday</i>	7.30 am (Balmain) (early because Friday is my day at the Tribunal)
<i>Saturday</i>	9.15 am (Balmain) - Confessions after Mass

THE WEEKEND SCHEDULE REMAINS UNCHANGED

SATURDAY VIGIL **05.00pm - Balmain** - Confessions from 4.15 pm

SUNDAY **09.00am - Balmain**

10.30am - Rozelle

06.00pm - Balmain

BRIEF ANSWERS TO THE BIG QUESTIONS

Q. How do you prepare your lectures? I use the blink switch and write at around five words per minute. – Stephen Hawking, *Brief Answers to the Big Questions*, 237.

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The local Conference of the **Society of St Vincent de Paul** has a message as follows:

Vinnies are available to help families and individuals in need. We can help with food assistance, financial assistance, clothing, counselling as a start. If you or anyone you know needs help, we can help. Just have to call the Vinnies office on 98184365 or Maureen Robinson on 0414 634208 and we will be there.



HELP NEEDED TO KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE ON THE ROAD

Fr John Therry Catholic Primary School, Balmain & St Fiacre's Primary School, Leichhardt are looking for **School Crossing Supervisors**. There are two Permanent Part-Time Positions available:

- 20 hours of supervising per fortnight.
- Shifts for both schools are Monday to Friday Morning and Afternoon shift during the school term.
- St Fiacre's Primary School, Leichhardt: 8:00am - 9:00am and 2:30pm - 3:00pm
- Fr John Therry Catholic Primary School, Balmain: 8:15am - 9:15am and 2:30pm - 3:00pm
- [visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au](https://www.jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au) to apply today!
- Applications close: Friday 29th October 2021



Humanitarian crises unfolding in Afghanistan and Lebanon

As the situations in **Afghanistan** and **Lebanon** deteriorate, you can help to support families caught up in the crises.

In **Afghanistan**, people have been forced from their homes, with half of the population in urgent need of food, water, shelter and protection.

In **Lebanon**, the country is running out of power, water, fuel, medicine and food. Even hospitals are facing massive fuel shortages and will soon have to turn off the lights.

Please donate to Caritas Australia so that we are able to respond to crises like these and others across the world.

Visit [caritas.org.au/lebanon](https://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon) or www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.

POSTPONED EVENTS

The Hunter's Hill Theatre Company have advised that their production of **84 Charing Cross Road** will be staged in February 2022 – dates and times to be advised in the near future.

Further details regarding the other events will be provided when the future becomes a bit more certain.

FROM MY RECORD SEARCH: Barbara



Joe ANDREOLI: A sporting legacy

A former professional sculler, Joe started his rowing career with the old East Sydney Rowing club, and during his lifetime took a great interest in rowing and sculling, professional boxing, swimming and sailing.

He was keen member of the Balmain Rowing Club, giving his time to coaching members including his youngest daughter Beryl's husband, Cecil Pearce, the Australian and State amateur champion sculler who represented Australia in the

1936 Berlin Olympics.

The Andreoli family's sporting tradition, continued through another of Joe's daughters Else as her son, Dave Woods, represented Australia in water polo at the Munich and Montreal Olympics and in turn, his children Gavin and Taryn were members of Australian water polo teams at the Sydney Games.

When Joe Andreoli moved to Birchgrove Rd, Balmain with his family in 1918 he created quite an interest when soon after he built a garage at the rear of the property to accommodate his Italian motorcar. It was said to be the first privately-owned automobile in the Balmain/Birchgrove area.

Joe Andreoli's funeral was held at St Augustine's on 26 August 1943



FORTHCOMING BAPTISMS

Finn James MERRYFULL on Sunday 21 November 2021 at noon at Balmain
Auguste Benedict BERTAUD on Saturday 27 November at 10.15 am at Balmain
Alessia Daniela MUSCAT on Sunday 12 December at 12 noon at Balmain
Camilla Antonia SHAW-TAYLOR on Saturday 18 December at 10.15 am at Balmain
Isla Marie FORREST on Saturday 18 December at 12 noon at Balmain
Leo BARBAGALLO on Saturday 22 January 2022 at 11.30 am at Balmain
Luca Bailey HOBSON on Sunday 23 January 2022 at 12 noon at Balmain



FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

Dylan HARVEY with Brittani BATTLE on Saturday 15 January 2022
Michael GALLARDO with Thalia FLOGERAS on Sunday 23 January 2022
Ben WEISSEL with Giovannella GUTIERREZ-DALY on Friday 4 March 2022
Mak CAVANAGH with Gabrielle Anna SMALL on Saturday 23 April 2022

†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: John, Karen, Ray, Jaime *Aponte*, Brenda *Atkinson*, Nela and Brian *Blakemore*, Pina *Borg*, Margo *Buckingham*, Tony *Carbon*, Paul Joseph *Clark*, Ann *Diver*, Brent *Egan*, Vincent and Catherine *Erskine*, Mary *Ferguson*, Christine *Forner*, Sylvia *Gallagher*, Martha Lucia *Gomez*, Marcella *Holsten*, Beverley *Kerin*, Joan *Leonard*, Jill *Losurdo*, Shirley *Lowe*, Marie *Meyrick*, Roger *Parsons*, Anna *Pasqua*, Patricia *Webster*, Lyn *Wilson*, Keith *Yates*

With those more recently added to our list: Henry *Nicholls*, John *Coorey*, Lucy *Tyler*, Christine *Mangala Frost*, Fr *Lyall Cowell*.

† **For the faithful departed – those recently deceased:** Elaine Eleanor *Salvestro* (20.09.21), Lucien *Leech-Larkin* (26.09.21) and Santa *Amendolia* (20.09.2021)

- those whose year's mind occurs this month: Sally *Bisat* (01.10.02); Noel *Fehon* (01.10.09); Graeme *Barlow* (03.10.15); Mary *Goeley* (03.10.00); Shirley *Covich* (03.10.03); Stephen *Peters* (03.10.06); Dooreen *Muir* (03.10.11); Antonio *Bianchino* (04.10.04); Marcia *Hammond* (05.10.10); Stephen *Carter*

(06.10.13); Mary Rodwell (06.10.12); Saverio Aliperti (09.10.03); Joyce Argent (10.10.05); Barry Walker (10.10.12); Shirley Austin (11.10.13) John Brennan (11.10.06); Beverley Leis (13.10.13); Michael Carroll (14.10.11); George Wilson (13.10.13); Robyn Cruden (16.10.08); Victoria Brooks (18.10.02); Mervyn Houghton (18.10.09); Poline Hacio (18.10.15); Donald Allen (19.10.19); Margaret Keegan (21.10.03); Cameron Books (22.10.07); Richard O'Connor (23.10.08); Bertie Joseph Clark (25/10/2010); Allan White (26.10.03); Ida Jensen (31.10.12).

- 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 *McMahon*, 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.

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION
EVANGELII GAUDIUM
OF THE HOLY FATHER
FRANCIS

**TO THE BISHOPS, CLERGY, CONSECRATED PERSONS
AND THE LAY FAITHFUL ON THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL
IN TODAY'S WORLD**

(24 November 2013)

III. The new evangelization for the transmission of the faith

14. Attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit who helps us together to read the signs of the times, the XIII Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops gathered from 7-28 October 2012 to discuss the theme: *The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith*. The Synod reaffirmed that the new evangelization is a summons addressed to all and that it is carried out in three principal settings.^[10]

In first place, we can mention the area of *ordinary pastoral ministry*, which is “animated by the fire of the Spirit, so as to inflame the hearts of the faithful who regularly take part in community worship and gather on the Lord’s day to be nourished by his word and by the bread of eternal life”.^[11] In this category we can also include those members of faithful who preserve a deep and sincere faith, expressing it in different ways, but seldom taking part in worship. Ordinary pastoral ministry seeks to help believers to grow spiritually so that they can respond to God’s love ever more fully in their lives.

A second area is that of “*the baptized whose lives do not reflect the demands of Baptism*”,^[12] who lack a meaningful relationship to the Church and no longer experience the consolation born of faith. The Church, in her maternal concern, tries to help them experience a conversion which will restore the joy of faith to their hearts and inspire a commitment to the Gospel.

Lastly, we cannot forget that evangelization is first and foremost about preaching the Gospel to *those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him*. Many of them are quietly seeking God, led by a yearning to see his face, even in countries of ancient Christian tradition. All of them have a right to receive the Gospel. Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone. Instead of seeming to impose new obligations, they should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet. It is not by proselytizing that the Church grows, but “by attraction”.^[13]

15. John Paul II asked us to recognize that “there must be no lessening of the impetus to preach the Gospel” to those who are far from Christ, “because this is the first task of the Church”.^[14] Indeed, “today missionary activity still represents the greatest challenge for the

Church”[15] and “the missionary task must remain foremost”. [16] What would happen if we were to take these words seriously? We would realize that missionary outreach is *paradigmatic for all the Church’s activity*. Along these lines the Latin American bishops stated that we “cannot passively and calmly wait in our church buildings”; [17] we need to move “from a pastoral ministry of mere conservation to a decidedly missionary pastoral ministry”. [18] This task continues to be a source of immense joy for the Church: “Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance” (Lk 15:7).

The scope and limits of this Exhortation

16. I was happy to take up the request of the Fathers of the Synod to write this Exhortation. [19] In so doing, I am reaping the rich fruits of the Synod’s labours. In addition, I have sought advice from a number of people and I intend to express my own concerns about this particular chapter of the Church’s work of evangelization. Countless issues involving evangelization today might be discussed here, but I have chosen not to explore these many questions which call for further reflection and study. Nor do I believe that the papal magisterium should be expected to offer a definitive or complete word on every question which affects the Church and the world. It is not advisable for the Pope to take the place of local Bishops in the discernment of every issue which arises in their territory. In this sense, I am conscious of the need to promote a sound “decentralization”.

17. Here I have chosen to present some guidelines which can encourage and guide the whole Church in a new phase of evangelization, one marked by enthusiasm and vitality. In this context, and on the basis of the teaching of the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium*, I have decided, among other themes, to discuss at length the following questions:

- a) the reform of the Church in her missionary outreach;
- b) the temptations faced by pastoral workers;
- c) the Church, understood as the entire People of God which evangelizes;
- d) the homily and its preparation;
- e) the inclusion of the poor in society;
- f) peace and dialogue within society;
- g) the spiritual motivations for mission.

18. I have dealt extensively with these topics, with a detail which some may find excessive. But I have done so, not with the intention of providing an exhaustive treatise but simply as a way of showing their important practical implications for the Church’s mission today. All of them help give shape to a definite style of evangelization which I ask you to adopt *in every activity which you undertake*. In this way, we can take up, amid our daily efforts, the biblical exhortation: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say: Rejoice” (Phil 4:4).

ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS

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