

**BULLETIN OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN AND ROZELLE,
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

The FJT School resumed normal classes on Monday 25 October. There have been some Covid complications from last Thursday and Year 2 and their teachers are isolating but otherwise things are returning to normal.

The First Communion Programme continues:

- 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 Augustine's** 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 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.

Balmain Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 16 November at 7.30 pm.

Dante study group: This will be led by Stephen Briggs. Those who have expressed an interest will be contacted during the coming week. It is not too late to join.

Changing the time of the Sunday evening Mass. Last Sunday, at 6 pm, the congregation was asked what time they *preferred* for Mass. Fourteen people preferred 6 pm and 16 preferred 5 pm. I am not sure the purpose of the change, namely, to make it easier for families to make Sunday Mass, was explained to them. The third time of asking will be this Sunday night.

Gaudete party Saturday 11 December at 6 pm: Further details very soon.

Planned Giving Envelopes, Envelopes for the November Masses and notices about the **Appeal for the Priests' Retirement Fund** are at the back of the churches.

Fr Richard Waddell

Parish Administrator

WEEKDAY MASSES AND CONFESSIONS (VARIATIONS THIS WEEK)

Monday ALL SAINTS' 9.15 AM and 6 PM (Balmain) Tuesday ALL SOULS 9.15 AM and 6 PM (Balmain) Wednesday 7.30 AM (Rozelle) 9.15 AM (Balmain) Thursday 9.15 AM (Balmain) Friday 7.30 AM followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Balmain) Saturday 9.15 AM (Balmain)

THE WEEKEND SCHEDULE REMAINS UNCHANGED

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

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* (and his wife Rebecca, at this time), 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)

Changes to Parish office structure: The report on Church governance, *The Light from the Southern Cross*, made a number of recommendations regarding church structures and how they should operate to meet the changing needs of a parish. In line with this and following discussions with Parish Support office in the Archdiocese and the Balmain Parish Pastoral Council, several important changes have been made to the Parish Office.

These changes have meant that the position of Parish Ministry Coordinator is no longer required. The residual duties of that office will be performed by other existing office holders, including the Parish Secretary, Lorraine Thomy. Barbara Howard will no longer be performing the duties associated with the role and will be no longer with the Parish Office.

Barbara has worked in the Parish Office as an employee of the parishes since 2017. She has worked with several parish priests and has been a great asset in the way she went about her tasks. She has a strong commitment to the parishes and a deep knowledge of their histories and of their present communities.

On behalf of the parishes, I would like to thank Barbara for the contribution she has made as Ministry Coordinator over the last four years and look forward to her continuing contribution as a long-time parishioner to our community life, especially in the sphere of music and historical research.

Lorraine Thomy, our present Parish Secretary has had her duties altered slightly to accommodate these and other changes.

The Parish Office opening times remain limited until December – see below.

ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS

St Augustine'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

Parish Office: The Office is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9.30 am until 3.30 pm until the beginning of December. The 'phone is being monitored. **Parish Secretary:**

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