

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN AND  
ROZELLE,  
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY  
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
2 January 2022 (YEAR C)**

**FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

Over the last week – beginning on Christmas Day, unfortunately, – it has been necessary, out of an abundance of caution, to implement some Covid isolation measures at Balmain Presbytery and St Augustine's Church. These precautions will continue until next Saturday 8 January when the normal weekend Mass schedule will resume with the Saturday morning Mass at 9.15 am.

Balmain/Rozelle has not been the only parish affected by the greatly increased number of Omicron Covid infections but we have been lucky in having clergy available to help out. Bishop Terry and Fr Victor ensured a full schedule of Masses over Christmas Day and Holy Family Sunday and Fr Gerry Gleeson, our Vicar-General, and Bishop Terry are celebrating our Masses this weekend. Our thanks to each of these faithful priests for their ready and willing help.

I was intending to spend a couple of weeks taking a break in Melbourne and Hobart between New Year and 15 January but the ongoing Covid pandemic has made it practically impossible to get away. One can only hope that after this latest outbreak, Covid 19 will now settle down to an unspectacular life as a member of the common cold family and leave most of us alone most of the time.

I wish to thank you – the parishioners of Balmain and Rozelle – for your patience and understanding as we have struggled to keep up with and comply with the ever-changing Government regulations concerning Covid 19.

I would also like to thank parishioners – individuals and families – from whom I have received Christmas Cards and some very nice gifts of books and of wine, chocolate, shortbread, and other types of festive nourishment which I look forward to sharing over the season of Christmastide (which traditionally concludes on 2 February, so there is plenty of time).

Let us pray for God's blessing upon the Church, the world, our country, our families, and our friends, as we face the challenges of a new year of Grace, the year of our Lord 2,022.

Fr Richard Waddell

**Administrator**

**THIS COMING WEEK**

THERE WILL BE NO MASSES IN EITHER ST AUGUSTINE'S OR ST JOSEPH'S UNTIL SATURDAY MORNING AT 9.15 AT BALMAIN. THIS WEEK, HOWEVER, ST AUGUSTINE'S WILL BE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 6 PM DAILY

**NEXT WEEKEND**

**Balmain:** Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5 pm; Sunday at 9 am and 5 pm. **Rozelle:** Sunday at 10.30 am.

**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

(Easiest access to St Augustine's Church and the Presbytery is from Eaton and Darvall Streets – fewer steps than Jane Street but parking is usually metered, although not at present);

**Parish Office:** CLOSED 24 DECEMBER AND REOPENS ON 27 JANUARY 2022. FOR URGENT CALLS LEAVE A MESSAGE OR FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS ON THE RECORDED MESSAGE.

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