

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN AND ROZELLE,
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
9 January 2022 (YEAR C)
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

From this weekend on, we are resuming the usual schedule of public Masses together with the celebration of some Baptisms, Funerals, and Weddings. The Parish Office will not open until 27 January 2021. St Augustine's will be open daily from 8 am until 6 pm.

On New Year's Day, I saw a parking warden prowling around Eaton Street. It would seem that parking is once again being metered in the precinct of St Augustine's so parishioners should take care when parking.

The Dante Group will be meeting on Wednesday 19 January at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery. We will be looking more closely at Canto 2. Further general enquiries may be directed to Stephen: stephen.briggs@yahoo.com.au; 0450 521 670.

Balmain Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday 8 February at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery.

Lent will commence on Ash Wednesday, 2 March.

Fr Richard Waddell

Administrator

DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

(at St Augustine's)

7.30 am Wednesday and Friday

9.15 am Monday, Thursday, and Saturday

6.00 pm Tuesday

WEEKEND MASSES

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

Rozelle: Sunday at 10.30 am.

CONFESSIONS

Before or after any Mass.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

After the 7.30 am Mass on Friday

SILENCE MAKES US PILGRIMS

Abba Tithoes once said, "Pilgrimage means that a man should control his tongue". The expression, "To be on pilgrimage is to be silent" (*peregrinatio est tacere*), expresses the conviction of the Desert Fathers that silence is the best anticipation of the future world...This might

sound to unworldly for us, but let us at least recognize how often we come out of a conversation, a discussion, a social gathering, or a business meeting with a bad taste in our mouth. How seldom have long talks proved to be good and fruitful? Would not many if not most of the words be use be better left unspoken? We speak about the events of the world, but how often do we really change them for the better? We speak about people and their ways, but how often do our words to them or us any good? We speak about our ideas and feelings as if everyone were interested in them, but how often do we really feel understood? We speak a great deal about God and religion, but how often does it bring us or others real insight? Words often leave us with a sense of inner defeat. They can even create a sense of numbness and a feeling of being bogged down in swampy ground. Often, they leave us in a slight depression, or in a fog that clouds the window of our mind. In short, words can give us the feeling of having stopped too long at one of the little villages that we pass on our journey, of having been motivated more by curiosity than by service. Words often make us forget that we are pilgrims called to invite others to join us on the journey. *Peregrinatio est tacere*. "To be silent keeps us pilgrims".

P- HENRI NOUWEN, *The Way of the Heart*, 50-53.

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);

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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