

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN AND  
ROZELLE, ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY  
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

21 August 2022 (YEAR C)

**FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

**This Tuesday at 10 am at St Joseph's Church**, we will be farewelling **Nila Swanson**, a long-time parishioner of Rozelle, with a Funeral Mass at Rozelle. Nila was a lifetime resident of Rozelle and very involved with the local Catholic and wider community. She studied alongside Margaret Ollie at East Sydney Technical College and displayed great talent but circumstances prevented her from following her artistic vocation. Nevertheless, she loved life, books, and things of beauty, and enjoyed a rich cultural and intellectual life, much of it connected to Rozelle parish. Parishioners are warmly invited to the Funeral.

**Pilgrimage to Rome:** The Development and Fundraising Office of the Archdiocese organises trips to the Eternal City and **Isabella Conde** has suggested a parish pilgrimage as part of our celebration of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **establishment of Balmain Parish in September 1848**. The Parish Pastoral Council has given this proposal its full support. The plan is to spend about two weeks in late September or in October in Rome and its environs. Neither the timetable nor the itinerary has been settled. The intention is to visit places not on the typical tourist path, for example, the excavations under St Peter's Basilica, Orvieto, Subiaco, Monte Cassino, Naples...there are a number of alternatives. We need a group of about 20 people and then we can work out a bespoke tour. If you are interested in being part of the discussions, please leave a message and contact details with Lorraine at the Parish Office. Next Sunday, we will announce a date for a planning meeting.

On **Sunday 28 August** after the 5pm Family Mass we will celebrate St Augustine of Hippo's Feast Day with a pizza night in the hall. Places are limited so please book ASAP [www.trybooking.com/CBTOS](http://www.trybooking.com/CBTOS)

**The Genesian Theatre Company** will be celebrating next **Sunday 28 August with a morning tea in St Joseph's hall immediately after our 10:30am Mass**. Everyone is invited to join them for a snack, a cuppa, to meet some of their amazing team and to find out what the Theatre does. **The Adult Catechesis Group will meet next on Sunday 4 September after 5pm Mass** in the Presbytery. Call Angela Finnigan on 0414 684 447.

**The Dante Group** will meet on **Wednesday 14 September** at 7.30 in the Presbytery. We are just finishing our visit to Purgatory and will be entering Paradise at the end of September, coinciding with spring. Enquiries may be directed to Stephen Briggs: [stephen.briggs@yahoo.com.au](mailto:stephen.briggs@yahoo.com.au); 0450 521 670.

Fr Richard Waddell  
*Parish Administrator*

**Safeguarding Refresher Training for St Augustine's Volunteers:** It is a requirement all Volunteers who received Safeguarding Induction Training in 2019 or earlier should make every effort to attend the Refresher Training course to be conducted in the Church Hall on Sunday 28th August after the 9am Mass. **The Certificated course is a requirement** to continue in their role and will take approximately some 45 minutes. All participants will receive a certificate of attendance for their record. The only other option is to do the course online at Refresher Training for Volunteers: [Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Online REFRESHER Safeguarding Training Registration for VOLUNTEERS](https://www.catholicarchdioceseofsydney.org.au/REFRESHER-Safeguarding-Training-Registration-for-VOLUNTEERS)

Preparation classes have commenced for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. The students will celebrate their first confession on 6/7/8 September. Please pray for these students as they prepare their hearts to fully embrace God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

**First Communions:** Masses for the First Communions will be celebrated on Sunday 27 November and Sunday 4 December 2022. All candidates are expected to participate in a **4-week preparation course** and to go to Confession prior to making their First Communions. Register through [https://www.staugbalmain.org.au/sacraments/first\\_reconciliation-first\\_eucharist-confirmation/](https://www.staugbalmain.org.au/sacraments/first_reconciliation-first_eucharist-confirmation/)

**Bel a cappella | Vidi Aquam** - Sunday 21 August 2022, 3pm to 4pm  
St Augustine's Church, Eaton St, Balmain.

TICKETS: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=905623&>

**DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK**

**Balmain:** Friday 7.30 am, Monday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9.15 am, and Tuesday at 6 pm.

NO MASS AT BALMAIN ON WEDNESDAY. **Rozelle:** Wednesday 7.30 am.

**WEEKEND MASSES**

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

**Rozelle:** Sunday at 10.30 am.

**CONFESSIONS**

Tuesdays 5-6 pm; before or after any Mass and by appointment

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

After Mass until 8.30 am every Friday at St Augustine's.