

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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 September 2022 (YEAR C)

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today is **Father's Day** – we ask for God's blessing upon our family celebrations.

On Thursday morning last, a long-time parishioner **Mary Ferguson** died at Lewisham aged 106 years. Brian Lulham has been visiting Mary for years and taking her Communion. Mary always maintained a great interest in the parish. Brian reports, "Mary had been in good health and spirits until a fall about 6 weeks ago. She had been very active in the Parish for many years and attended several retreats right across Australia each year." She will be cremated privately. A memorial Mass will be arranged in the near future.

The next Balmain **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting will be on **Tuesday 13 September** in the presbytery at the new time of **8pm**.

The Dante Group will meet on **Wednesday 14 September** at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. Enquiries may be directed to Stephen Briggs: stephen.briggs@yahoo.com.au; 0450 521 670.

The proposed **Pilgrimage to Rome** is for **2023**. The plan is to spend about two weeks in late September or in October **2023** in Rome and its environs. Already, some parishioners have expressed an interest. We will plan a meeting in the very near future to sort out times and places. Please advise the office if you are interested.

Priests' Retirement Foundation 2022: This weekend marks the start of the PRF Appeal. Your generous donations support our sick and retired priests, providing them with appropriate accommodation and assistance with transition into retirement, medical care, pastoral and other practical support – to give them a life of relative comfort and dignity in retirement. To donate, visit www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf

On **Sunday 11 September at 6pm**, Fr Pius Noonan OSB, Prior of the Benedictine Monastery at Colebrook, Tasmania, will give a short talk in the presbytery about **the foundation of this monastery** and their plans for the future.

Fr Richard Waddell
Parish Administrator

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: The students will celebrate their First Confessions 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/

The Archdiocese will be celebrating Child Protection Week between 5 and 11 September 2022. Last year Isobel O'Sullivan received an Archdiocesan award for her artwork and will be presented to her by Fr Richard.

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.

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

With those more recently added to our sick list: Lucy Tyler, Christine Mangala Frost, Michael Fitzpatrick, Bryan Fitzpatrick, Laura Quintili, Allan Lee, Silvana Cocilova, Peter Kingston, Elio Cacciotti, Paul Ryan, Lois Blakemore, Colleen Power, Pauline Yates, and Terri Leonard.

For the faithful departed – those recently deceased: Christine Leaver, Mary Ferguson (1.09.22).

For the faithful departed – year's mind: Delia Dakis (July 2019), Wayne McIlvenna (7.09.81).

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace. Amen.

ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS

Parish Office: Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm.

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