

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



27 November 2022 (YEAR A)

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday **27 November** at 5 pm at Balmain there will be a **Family Mass and farewell celebration for Bishop Terry Brady**. Please RSVP Angela Mills balrozparishes@gmail.com for catering. Flyer attached (and on the tables at the back of the two churches).

The Balmain Christmas Crib and Tree: Thanks to Ray and Margarita Pozzato for erecting our crib this year and to Stephen Charnock for once again erecting our Christmas tree.

The **Daily Mass Booklets 2023** have arrived and are at the entrance to St Augustine's and the aisle crossing table at St Joseph's.



O Magnum Mysterium – A Choral Celebration

Sunday 27 November at 3pm at St Joseph's Church, Rozelle.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/CDXSS

Enquiries: 0410 505 562

Follow us on social media to see what is happening in our parishes.

On **Tuesdays until the end of the year**, Mass will be celebrated at Balmain at **9.15 am** rather than at 6.30 pm because of other events being scheduled for that time slot.



Vinnies gifts for the Christmas Tree

Our Vinnies Christmas Tree is here! Please help us to brighten someone's Christmas by taking a numbered card and putting a gift-wrapped present under the tree with the card firmly attached. Presents could be personal gifts, Christmas food, or anything to make Christmas special. Gift vouchers such as, Woolworths, K Mart or movie vouchers are very welcome. If vouchers are included, it would be helpful if you indicate this on the gift. Our Vinnies volunteers will deliver the gifts with a Vinnies hamper. Gifts must be under the tree by the weekend **17/18 December**.

Please give generously to **St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal**, envelopes are on the seats and at the back of the church. Christmas is a time of sadness and hardship for many people.

The next meeting of the **Dante Group** will now be on **Wednesday 7 December** at **7.30 pm** in the Presbytery.

The Advent Group will meet on **Tuesday 29 November, 6 December, and 13 December** at **6.30pm** at the home of Angela Finnigan. Please contact her on 0414 684 447.

First Communion Masses will be celebrated at 12 noon this Sunday 27 November (Balmain), Sunday 4 December (Balmain) and Sunday 11 December (Rozelle).

The Parrot in the Mirror – Wednesday 30 November at 7.30 pm – a talk by our parishioner **Dr Antone Martinho-Truswell** about evolutionary similarities between parrots and humans – we have a lot in common! Antone has just published a popular book on this subject – it would make a great Christmas present. We will have a little wine and some savouries.



On **Sunday 4th December**, Rozelle will recommence their monthly morning tea after the 10.30 am Sunday Mass. Bp Terry will attend on the 4th which will give us all at Rozelle a chance to catch up before he leaves. All are welcome.

Feedback regarding the *Catholic Weekly*: I have been asked to gather some opinions from parishioners regarding the current format and content of the *Catholic Weekly*. **We are focussing on the last four issues.** Participating critics are invited to contribute their views (which will be summarised and forwarded to the Chancery at about 10.15 am on **Sunday 4 December (after the 9 am Mass) in the Presbytery.**

Preparations are underway for the Gaudete Party on Saturday 10 December.

At the Vigil Mass at 5 pm, a choir will sing **Bob Chilcott's *Little Jazz Mass***. This will be a special event!

Please use the following link to purchase tickets for the supper afterwards

<https://www.trybooking.com/CELQR> Flyer attached (and on the tables at the back of the two churches).

Wednesday 14 December 7 pm at Balmain – Rite 2 Sacrament of Penance.

Visiting priests will be participating.

The proposed **Pilgrimage to Rome** is for **September/October 2023**. Please advise the Office if you are interested. I propose a meeting of interested persons for 10.15 am on **Sunday 18 December at the Presbytery (after the 9 am Mass)**. We will discuss the dates and length of the trip and the itinerary and then put a proposal to the Rome Pilgrimage Office of the Archdiocese.

The **Parish Office** will be closed from 27 December 2022 until 30 January 2023.

Fr Richard Waddell

Administrator

Catholic Weekly - 27 November 2022

- Theology of the Body. Christopher West heads to Sydney.
- NSW Floods: Refugees return the favour
- “I’ll close them all”. NT Bishop confronts government over schools
- The Shadow Bishops
- Knights and Dames: Ten Sydneysiders honoured
- Christmas at the Cathedral Lights



Safeguarding School Age Children and Young People Online

Children from a very young age are using devices for distraction, entertainment, school work, keeping in touch with friends etc. and particularly when the C19 virus has limited other activity. It is important for parents and

guardians to take some practical internet safety precautions to protect your children from risky or inappropriate content and activities. This also allows children to get the most out of their online experience with its potential for learning, exploring, being creative and connecting with others.

There are three main risk categories (a) **content risks**: which might include violence, cruelty, pornography or other things that may be upsetting to your child; (b) **contact risks**: children coming into contact with people they don't know or with adults posing as children online, sharing personal information with strangers, or providing contact details after clicking on pop-up messages; (c) **conduct risks**: includes children acting in ways that might hurt others, or being the victim of this kind of behaviour or accidentally making in-app purchases.

It is important for parents and guardians to build trust with their child to help keep them safe online through calm open conversations. If your child feels trusted, he/she is more likely to talk about what they do online and what online content and contracts are of concern. This includes creating a family media plan such as locations in the house where the internet can be accessed and rules such as not giving out personal information and programs, apps, games, user friendly browsers/search engines that are able to be used by children. Also checking privacy settings and parental controls. It is also important to ensure that older siblings follow your internet safety rules like watching only age appropriate programs when they are online with younger children. Teaching and talking to your children about online risk will help your children know how to use the internet safely, responsibly and enjoyably.

Miraculous Harvest! Nadia Piave's **Soqqadro Christmas Concert**, 2022



Thursday December 22 - 6.45pm for 7pm concert

St Augustine's Church

Eaton St, Balmain

Tickets:

\$47.50 – on-line purchase

\$50.00 - at the door

On-line Ticket purchases and Enquiries: rb@benvenutisc.com

Children under 12 – FREE



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[instagram.com/st.augustines.balmain/](https://www.instagram.com/st.augustines.balmain/)

DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

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

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 at 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.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

BALMAIN

Saturday 24 December

5 pm Family Mass

9 pm Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

9 am

THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

ROZELLE

Saturday 24 December

7 pm Family Mass

Christmas Day

10.30 am



St Andrew, also called **Saint Andrew the Apostle**, one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus and the brother of St Peter. He is the patron saint of Scotland and of Russia.

In the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke), Peter and Andrew—whose Greek name means “manly”—were called from their fishing by Jesus to follow him, promising that he would make them “fishers of men.” With Saints Peter, James, and John, Andrew asked Jesus on the Mount of Olives for signs of the earth’s end, which inspired the eschatological discourse in Mark 13. In The Gospel According to John, Andrew is the first Apostle named, and he was a disciple of St John the Baptist before Jesus’ call.

St Jerome records that Andrew’s relics were taken from Patras to Constantinople by command of the Roman emperor Constantius II in 357. From there, the body was taken to Amalfi, Italy (church of Sant’ Andrea), in 1208, and in the 15th century the head was taken to Rome (St. Peter’s Basilica, Vatican City). In September 1964 Pope Paul VI returned Andrew’s head to Pátrai as a gesture of goodwill toward the separated Christians of Greece.

Many Catholics participate in an Advent devotion known as the St Andrew Novena, or the St Andrew Christmas Novena, in which a specific prayer is recited 15 times a day from his feast day on November 30 until Christmas.

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

With those more recently added to our sick list: Bill Warner, Fr Peter Guy, Peter Rouse, Paul Joseph Clark, Lucy Tyler, Michael Fitzpatrick, Bryan Fitzpatrick, Laura Quintili, Allan Lee, Silvana Cocilova, Elio Cacciotti, Colleen Power, Pauline Yates, Terri Leonard, Gary Walford, and Phil Bawden.

For the faithful departed – those recently deceased: Margo Buckingham (26.10.22), Noel Joseph Dunne (29.10.22) and Mary Rooney (09.11.22).

For the faithful departed – year's mind Kit Grindley (26.10.18).

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

ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS

St Augustine of Hippo’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: Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm.

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