

NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN AND ROZELLE,
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
18 December 2022 (YEAR A)
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR


Dear Parishioners,

Today there will be a meeting in the Presbytery immediately after the 9 am Mass to discuss the **parishes' Rome Pilgrimage** in September/October 2023. If we can agree on some ideas regarding dates and places, then these will be put to *Rome Pilgrimages* and a further meeting held to finalise details in the new year.

Since Monday last, I have been a bit under the weather with **Covid again**. The acute symptoms have abated and, under medical advice, I am resuming duties gradually, with the help of Fr Victor and Bishop Brady, for whose assistance I am very grateful.

During the coming week, **daily Mass** will be celebrated only on Wednesday (at Rozelle) and Thursday and Friday (at Balmain). Mass will not be celebrated on Saturday morning.

During the storm last Monday afternoon, the high winds caused a **drainpipe on the tower of the Balmain church** to be dislodged with part of it remaining on the tower and in danger of falling to the ground. Access to the surrounding area is cordoned off. To access the Presbytery, come through the garage on Eaton Street to the back door. Only the west doors of the church will be open for use. Arrangements are being made for repairs.

 **Vinnies gifts for the Christmas Tree THIS WEEKEND:** 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, Gift vouchers (Woolworths, K Mart or movie vouchers). If vouchers are included, please indicate this on the gift. Our Vinnies volunteers will deliver the gifts with a Vinnies hamper. Gifts must be under the tree **this weekend**.

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

Would someone like to donate a grand piano for the Balmain Church?

If you would like to contribute towards **flowers** for the church for Christmas, please place your donation in the red box near the candle stand (Balmain) and collection stand (Rozelle).

Fr Richard Waddell

Administrator

Online Safety: Parents and Guardians, it is important to closely monitor the children's and young adults use of their devices on the internet. The Diocese has also provided advice on this matter " *Information for Young People about Online Safety*" Copies are on the table inside the Church.

St Joseph's monthly morning tea: The first morning tea of 2023 will be held after 10:30am Mass on January 1. All are welcome.



CHRISTMAS MASSES

BALMAIN

Christmas Eve: 5 pm and 9 pm (Solemn Mass)

Christmas Day: 9 am

ROZELLE

Christmas Eve: 6.30 pm (Carols and a procession building the stable)

Mass 7 pm

Christmas Day: 10.30 am

Catholic Weekly – 18 December 2022

- SPECIAL WRAP AROUND Go Make Disciples: Two year anniversary.
- Christmas at the Cathedral
- Marist Milestone
- Beloved Bishop retires
- It's not just about sex

Miraculous Harvest! Nadia Piave's Soqqadro Christmas Concert

Thursday December 22 - 6.45pm for 7pm concert at St Augustine's Church, Eaton St, Balmain Tickets: \$47.50 – on-line purchase or \$50.00 at the door
Enquiries: rb@benvenutisc.com Children under 12 – FREE



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DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

Balmain: 7.30 am Friday, 9.15 am Thursday.

Rozelle: Wednesday 7.30 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.

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

With those more recently added to our sick list: Allan Thom, 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), Mary Rooney (09.11.22) and Brent Egan (14.12.22).

For the faithful departed – year's mind John Morris (04.12.17), John Trevor Franklin, and Elizabeth Aranibar Ayala (17.12.14).

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

ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS

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