

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4 December 2022 (YEAR A)

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

This **Sunday 4 December**, Rozelle will recommence their monthly morning tea after the 10.30 am Sunday Mass. Bp Terry will attend and this will give us all at Rozelle a chance to catch up before he leaves.

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

After the 9 am Mass this Sunday, anyone who would like to be part of **feedback to the Archdiocese regarding the Catholic Weekly** is welcome to gather for a meeting in the Presbytery. Participating critics will be invited to contribute their views (which will be summarised and forwarded to the Chancery).

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: 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 **17/18 December**.

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

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

Christmas tree decorations and other small items made by the Carmelite nuns at Goonellabah will be on sale after the masses on the weekend of **10-11 December**. Sales are cash only as there are no credit card facilities.

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. There will be 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 until 30 January 2023.

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.

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- Fr Chris Riley opens up about his 'Miracle' recovery
- Our game plan is Heaven. Gynea launches Labouré lecture
- The atheist who entered the Church • Faith in the marketplace
- Get ready for ... The Catechism in a Year • The goodness of wine

Miraculous Harvest! Nadia Piave's Soquadro 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

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.

ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS

Parish Office: Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm. **Parishes Secretary:** Lorraine Thomy

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