

NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN & ROZELLE,  
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
19 March 2023 (YEAR A)  
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

**Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes** are still available for collection at the entrances to both churches.

A Mass and Procession will be held today (Sunday) at 3 pm **in honour of San Giuseppe**, Patron Saint of Spadafora, a small fishing village in Sicily at 3 pm at Rozelle by Fr Adriano Pittarello. Refreshments afterwards. Tutti sono benvenuti!

**Tomorrow, Monday, is St Joseph's Day (transferred from Sunday).** There will be one Mass, at **Rozelle, at 7.30 am**, followed by a celebratory breakfast.

With **Fr Pierluigi** in residence, it is now possible to **have extra weekday Masses on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays.** See the notices below.

**The Men's Group is having a dinner Thursday 30 March 7 for 7.30 pm** at the London Hotel, Balmain, with **Peter Monaghan**, the CEO Marist 180, the speaker. 2 courses \$50. Drinks at the bar. RSVP Clinton McDonald 0419 646 311 by Monday 27 March.

**Lenten Study Groups:** The Men's Group meets on Thursday evenings convened by Keith Longworth: 0417 277 112. The Saturday morning group meets after Mass in St Augustine's and is convened by Jill Ditton: 0419 635 761.

**Bible Study Group** is meeting on Mondays at 7 pm in the Presbytery (and finishes promptly at 8 pm). The passage to be studied this Monday is Romans 5: 1-21. Please bring a Bible. There will be a handout. Convened by Angela Finnigan: 0414 684 447.

**Year 9 of St Aloysius' College** will begin Term 2 at 48 Victoria Road on **26 April. Sunday 10 September is the proposed but unconfirmed date for our 175th Anniversary Mass.**

**Rome Pilgrimage 7-17 October 2023:** At present we do not have sufficient numbers, but we are hoping there will be further interest in a shorter trip with a new itinerary, copies of which are on the back tables of the two churches. If you are interested, please contact Lorraine.

**The Dante Group**, convened by Stephen Briggs, will meet after Easter, since there are many other competing activities during Lent. More details anon.

There have been some **rumblings about the slowness of the pace of our repairs and renovations.** In the Balmain Church, St Joseph was *supposed* to be reinstated a week or so ago but nothing happened. It is not entirely clear to me whether the installation of the new PA system has been completed. The painting of the east wall, etc, is still pending, as are the window repairs. Even with respect to some minor but important repairs in the Presbytery it has been a battle to get quotes and then the tradesmen disappear into the ether. The tap and pay machines, recommended by the Archdiocese, are too expensive to repair and to replace. New machines will be obtained (for much less, again recommended by the Archdiocese), when the First Collection machine eventually breaks down, as we have been assured it will (!).

If there is a competent person out there who is willing and able to be our **voluntary project manager** he or she will be welcomed with open arms.

After Mass this weekend, please buy a **hand-made, lamb shaped beeswax candle** (which looks but it *not* edible) to support the Carmelite Sisters at Goonellabah. Candles are \$5.50 each cash only, as there are not credit card facilities: Jill Ditton

Fr Richard Waddell

**Administrator**

**St Joseph's Readers:** Two more readers are needed to make up 12 readers plus an auxiliary reader for Sunday Masses at St Joseph's. A six-month commitment is requested and this involves, reading either the first reading, second reading or the Prayers of Intercession once every four weeks during the term of the roster. The next roster begins on 2nd April. Email Peter Tangney at [ptangney@hotmail.com](mailto:ptangney@hotmail.com)."

**Children's Liturgy** will be offered at every Sunday 9am Mass starting on the 19th March. Parents are welcome to **drop their lower primary and preschool age children to the hall before the start of Mass.** The children will pray, listen to the readings, learn about them and do suitable craft activities. We have a small group of teacher volunteers but will need more volunteers as we move forward. If you are interested please email Angela [balrozparishes@gmail.com](mailto:balrozparishes@gmail.com)

**Altar Serving:** If your child has received their **First Communion** and is interested in altar serving at Mass please email [balrozparishes@gmail.com](mailto:balrozparishes@gmail.com). Training for children at FJT has commenced. Children attending Public Schools should contact the Parish Office. We hope to have servers at all the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies.

#### WEEKEND MASSES

**Balmain:** Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 9 am and 5 pm. **Rozelle:** Sunday 10.30 am

#### DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

**Balmain:** Tuesday 7.30 am and 9.15 am, Wednesday 9.15 am, Thursday 7.30 am and 9.15 am, Friday 7.30 am, Saturday (Annunciation) 9.15 am. **Rozelle:** 7.30 am Monday (St Joseph) and Wednesday.

#### CONFESSIONS

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:** Norma Robinson, Allan Thom, Bill Warner, Paul Joseph Clark, Lucy Tyler, Michael Fitzpatrick, Bryan Fitzpatrick, Laura Quintili Allan Lee, Silvana Cocilova, Elio Cacciotti, Pauline Yates, Terri Leonard, Phil Bawden, Keith Forbes, Moira Forster, Lois Blakemore, Paul Clark.

**For the faithful departed – those recently deceased:** Lucas Williams (03.02.23); Gary Walford (14.02.23), Peter Rouse (14.02.23), and Valerie Staggs (19.02.23).

**For the faithful departed – year's minds:** John Maxwell Harley (04.02.23), Marcia Cadiz McIlvenna (22.02.17), Millie Leung (22.02.22), Veronica Jardine (27.02.21), and Margaret Keleher (16.03.22).

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

#### ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS

**Parish Office (at the Balmain Presbytery): Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm**

Parishes Secretary: Lorraine Thomy Phone: 61 2 9810 1157 (both parishes)

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