

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

26 February 2023 (YEAR A)

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

The Lenten book for daily use, *From Ashes to Hope – Daily Reflections for Lent and the Easter Octave 2023* provided by the Archdiocese of Brisbane, is still available for those who would like to use it. Fifty copies have already been taken. There is another fifty copies available on the tables at the entrances to our two churches. This will enable parishioners to pray 'from the same page' during Lent. Lenten Study Groups: The Men's Group is conducting a Lenten Study Group convened by Keith Longworth: 0417 277 112. There will be a Lenten Study Group on Saturday mornings after Mass in St Augustine's convened by Jill Ditton: 0419 635 761. The book *Spirit and Truth – The Power of Christ Revealed* provided by the Archdiocese of Sydney will be used.

Bible Study Group will meet Monday 7 pm in the Presbytery. The first passage to be studied is Romans 1:18-2:16. Please bring a Bible. There will be a handout. The frequency of future meetings will be decided at this meeting. It may be appropriate for the Bible Study Group to form a Lenten Study Group.

Gary Walford died on 14 February 2023. Gary was the leader of the jazz band at the Unity Hotel for fifty years. He shared a house with our parishioner Kitty Carol. His funeral will be on Ash Wednesday at 11.30 am in St Augustine's and will be conducted by Fr Brian Egan.

Rome Pilgrimage 7-21 October 2023: Persons interested in this are invited to meet with Isabella Combe in the Presbytery on Thursday 23 February at 7 pm for an hour to discuss the proposed itinerary. Once the itinerary is agreed, it will be possible to provide information regarding the costs.

The (Women's) World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 3 March at 10 am at St John's Anglican Church, Birchgrove Road, Birchgrove. Parishioners of both sexes are invited to attend. The contact person is Joan: 0412 315 665.

The Dante Group, convened by Stephen Briggs, will meet after Easter, since there are many other competing activities during Lent. The group has made it through the Inferno and Purgatory and, appropriately, will be entering Paradise in Eastertide. More details anon.

The **card swipe machine for the second collection at Balmain** continues to malfunction. For the time being, donations to the first collection will be divided 50:50 between the first and second collections.

Fr Richard Waddell

Administrator

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 aged

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

If your child has received their **First Communion** and is interested in altar serving at Mass please email balrozparishes@gmail.com. Training will commence soon. More details to come.

The **Pope Francis group** will be participating at the Sunday 5pm Mass. Here is an article about the group in the Catholic Weekly <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/pope-francis-award-program-with-a-difference/>

Catholic Weekly - 26 February 2023

- Bumper Year: Seventeen enter Sydneys' Seminary
- SPECIAL FEATURE: Neighbours in need: Project Compassion in East Timor
- Misunderstanding the rise of the Nones • The false God of Gluttony
- Welcome to Australia. New pathway for refugees
- In a dark hour. Bishops who inspire.

DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

Balmain: Monday 9.15 am, Tuesday 9.15 am, Thursday 9.15 am, Friday, 7.30 am, Saturday 9.15 am. **Rozelle:** 7.30 am Ash 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, Peter Rouse, 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, and Moira Forster.

For the faithful departed – those recently deceased: Lucas Williams (03.02.23), Margaret Clare Scott (09.02.23), and Gary Walford (14.02.23).

For the faithful departed – year's mind: John Maxwell Harley (04.02.23), Marcia Cadiz McIlvenna (22.02.17), and Veronica Jardine (27.02.21).

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

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