

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

Dear Parishioners,

There is a **Family Mass this Sunday evening at 5 pm** which will combine with the **Pope Francis Group**.

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

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.

The 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 6. Please bring a Bible. There will be a handout. Convened by Angela Finnigan: 0414 684 447.

Sunday 10 September is the proposed but unconfirmed date for our 175th Anniversary Mass.

Rome Pilgrimage 7-17 October 2023: It has not been possible to find sufficient support at this stage so it will have to be another day.

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

The **half-grand piano in St Augustine's** belongs to Fr Pierluigi. It fits in very nicely but probably needs a bit of work on it before it is good enough for concert performances. We will, however, be using it at the Family Mass this Sunday at 5 pm.

The remaining **hand-made, lamb shaped, beeswax candles** will be on sale after the masses this weekend. They are \$5.50 each and proceeds will go to support the Carmelite Sisters at Goonellabah. Cash only, as there are no credit card facilities: Jill Ditton

Some renovations are proceeding at a snail's pace but **others** are progressing well. Fr Richard Waddell

Administrator

St Joseph's Readers: Two more readers are needed for Sunday Masses at St Joseph's. Email Peter Tangney at ptangney@hotmail.com.

Children's Liturgy will be offered at every Sunday 9am Mass. 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

Altar Serving: If your child has received their **First Communion** and is interested in altar serving at Mass please email 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: Monday 9.15 am, 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 9.15 am.

Rozelle: 7.30 am 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.

HOLY WEEK AND THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Palm Sunday	The usual Sunday Masses with blessings and distributions of branches
Monday to Wednesday	The usual weekday Masses
Maundy Thursday	7 pm Mass of the Last Supper at Balmain
Good Friday	10.30 am Stations of the Cross at Balmain 3 pm Liturgy of the Passion at Rozelle
Easter Eve	8 pm Paschal Vigil at Balmain
Easter Day	Mass at 9 am and 5 pm at Balmain Mass at 10.30 am at Rozelle

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: Valerie Staggs (19.02.23).

For the faithful departed – year's minds: 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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