

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

2 April 2023 (YEAR A)

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

The **new PA system** has been installed at Balmain. Feedback is requested. **FJT School** will be performing a **Passion Play on Wednesday in Holy Week** in the Balmain church at 2 pm. Pupils and parents will be attending but there may be some room for parishioners.

A Roster for prayer before the Altar of Repose from the conclusion of the Mass of the Last Supper and 12 midnight is on the notice board in the porch at Balmain.

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. Altar Servers and members of the congregation are asked to **bring hand bells** for ringing at the beginning of the Gloria at the Maundy Thursday Mass and at the Paschal Vigil.

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 7. 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.

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

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.

Catholic Weekly – 2 April 2023

- Faith groups respond to Labor win in NSW
- Monica Doumit: What to expect from the Minns government
- Sherry Wadell to explore the power of the Holy Spirit
- The blessing of a dog's breakfast
- Reflections for Palm Sunday
- Day of the Unborn Child draws record numbers

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

Maundy Thursday 4-5 pm Fr Pierluigi at Balmain

Good Friday after the Liturgy of the Passion Fr Richard at Rozelle

Holy Saturday 11-12 Fr Pierluigi at Balmain

Before or after any Mass and by appointment

HOLY WEEK AND THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Palm Sunday

The usual **Sunday Masses** with blessings and distributions of branches

Monday

9.15 am Balmain

Tuesday

7.30 am and 9.15 am at Balmain

Spy Wednesday

7.30 am at Rozelle and 7.30 am at Balmain

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, Valerie Tattersall.

For the faithful departed – those recently deceased: Valerie Staggs (19.02.23), Nanette Palmer (27.03.23).

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)

Pastoral Associate & Sacramental Coordinator: Angela

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