

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

(YEAR B) 28 February 2021

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

COMMUNION HYMN

Be Still, For the Presence of the Lord, the Holy One Is here
Come bow before Him now, with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

Our condolences and the assurance of our prayers are extended to **Michael Leung and his two daughters Cindy and Carmen** on the death of their wife and mother **Millie Leung**. The Leung family has long been parishioners at St Joseph's. I was able to visit Millie twice and on the second occasion to minister the Last Rites and Apostolic Pardon with the family gathered in prayer around her at home. **The Requiem Mass and Funeral** will be held at Rozelle on Tuesday at 10 am.

Kevin Bryson, our new FJT School Principal, will be speaking to parishioners at the conclusion of the 9am Mass at Balmain.

Today at 10.30 am, there will be a **FJT School Family Mass** at St Augustine's.

Congregational singing is now permitted if you are wearing a face mask! I hope we will now get back into the habit of singing the Ordinary of the Mass (*Kyries, Sanctus, Agnus Dei*) and a Communion Hymn which will be printed in the weekly Bulletin as it is today, above.

Last week, I incorrectly described the choir which now meets on Wednesday nights as the 'Balmain' choir whereas in fact it is **the Balmain/Rozelle Choir**. Each of our two parishes has a choir which will resume singing with greater gusto since the latest lifting of restrictions and each of them sings the same music on Sundays (and at Holy Week and

Easter), so it makes sense for them to rehearse together. More singers are needed and training will be provided ((Michael Murphy: 0439419951; michaelmurphy2202@outlook.com; David Hinder: 61 422 587 063; leo.leo@bigpond.com).

Our Balmain parish readers had an enjoyable morning tea last Sunday after the 9 o'clock Mass and completed all the necessary Safeguarding paperwork. Next Sunday, 7 March, they will be meeting in St Augustine's after the 9 o'clock Mass for a training session led by Jocelyn Morris and Peter Hickey. It is not too late to register as a reader: **Angela Mills** is the Readers' Coordinator: 0432 355 408; angela.mills@syd.catholic.edu.au.

Police investigations of our intruder last Friday 12 February are continuing. The CCTV has revealed images of a lone operator. After Mass on Sunday 14 February, an eagle-eyed parishioner driving down Eaton Street saw my oil stock glinting in the gutter and recovered it. Now, the only items missing are my little pocket appointment diary (no interesting revelations), a silver pyx (and its bag), and a sterling silver baptismal shell (probably the only item of value). All the other items stolen have been recovered with minimal damage, although my lap top computer battery is about to give up the ghost, no doubt because of the trauma. Meanwhile, we are installing a lock on the door to the working sacristy and updating our CCTV system.

The Presbytery telephone system: The new Wi-Fi system is yet to be installed.

Our intercessions at Mass: Last Sunday we used intercessions compiled by a parishioner at Rozelle at both churches. They are more oriented to contemporary events and concerns than the ones which I have been taking from a liturgical book. Your feedback is always appreciated.

Our young parishioner and regular altar server at the 9 am Mass, **Sophie Barbour**, has produced a pamphlet on things we can do to play our part in preserving God's handiwork in creation. These have been placed throughout the two churches on the seats. Please take one or more and share them with your family and friends.

Women's World Day of Prayer: This year, because of the lingering Covid pandemic, the World Day of Prayer (formerly known as the Women's World Day of Prayer) will not be an ecumenical service but separate arrangements will be made in each community. I think the Balmain parishioners have decided to pray in their own homes at the same time, 10.30am on Friday 5 March, but the Rozelle parishioners have decided to meet in St Joseph's at that time and to pray together. The service lasts about 30 minutes and is focussed this year on Vanuatu and its Christian communities.

Fr Richard Waddell
Parish Administrator

SUNDAY MASSES

Balmain: Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5pm; Sunday at 9am and 6pm.

Rozelle: Sunday at 10.30am.

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK

Balmain: **7. 30am** on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; **9am** on Saturday (Tridentine Mass on 3rd Saturday)

Rozelle: **7.30am** on Wednesday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday after the 7.30am Mass at Balmain.

CONFESSIONS

Balmain: On Saturday after the morning Mass and from 4.15 to 4.45pm; after any other Mass; and by appointment.

St Augustine's & St Joseph's Lenten Talks

By Father Gregory Morgan

(Talk 7:30-8:00pm

followed by

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

Wednesday 3rd March:

The Real (Spiritual) Absence: Boredom & Fatigue in an Age of Fashion & Fluidity

(A Philosophical-Theological exploration of what Covid-19 has revealed to us about our society)

Wednesday 10th March:

Nothing Superfluous: Rediscovering Why the Mass is the Foretaste of Heaven

(An explanation of signs and symbols in the Mass)

Wednesday 17th March:

Remembering the Last Things: What do Catholics believe about life after death?

(A theological introduction to the Catholic Church's teaching on eschatology)

Wednesday 24th March:

Confronting Catholic Disillusionment & Rediscovering the Romance of the Cross

(Why it is great to be Catholic)

On Saturday mornings after 9 am mass there will be the opportunity to follow the **Archdiocese of Sydney Lenten program "Go Make Disciples"** The program consists of opening prayer, reading of and reflection on the Sunday Lenten gospels and discussion of same. We will meet in the church. All parishioners welcome. J Ditton



FORTHCOMING BAPTISMS

Remy Francesco PALAMARA on Sunday 14 March at 12 noon at Balmain

Neave Aurora FLAHERTY on Sunday 21 March at 12 noon at Balmain

Edward Joseph MURPHY on Easter Sunday 4 April at the 10.30am Mass at Rozelle

Emerson Claire DRUMMOND on Sunday 18 April at 12 noon at Balmain

Edward Thomas BAKER on Saturday 24 April at 10.30am at Balmain

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

Michael Josef HROMEK and Megan Rose LIM on Saturday 6 March at 11.30am at St Francis Xavier's Church, Byron Bay

Christopher James MICHOS and CINZIA ERICA FAVOTTO on Saturday 13 March at 1.30pm at Balmain

Gianmarco PIGNETTI and Cleo TRIFONAS on Saturday 20 March at 1.30pm at Balmain

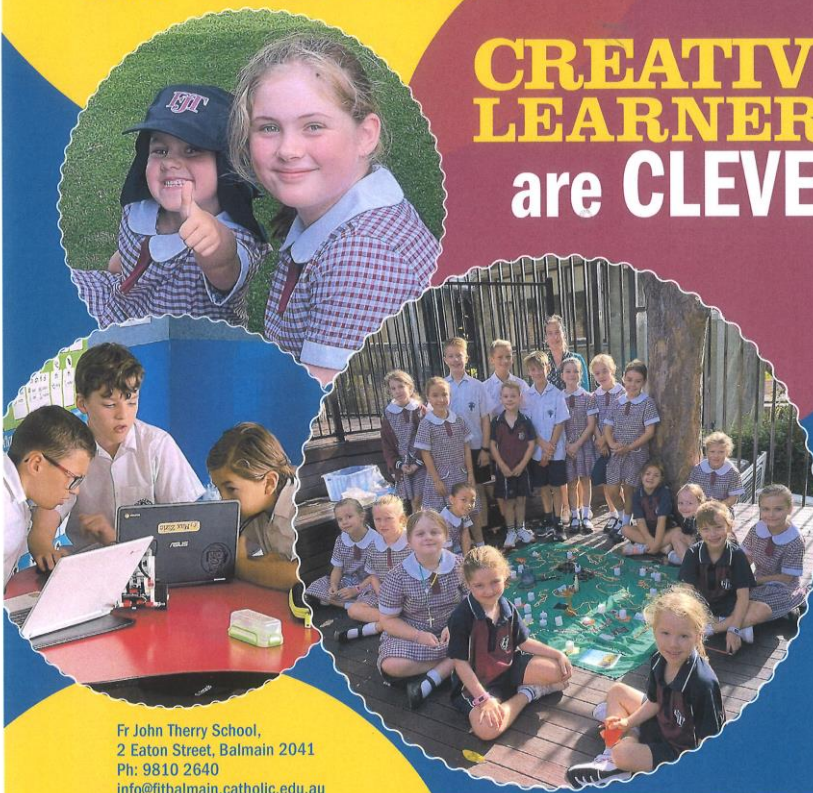
Tait Michael O'SULLIVAN and Samantha Louise OVERTON on Saturday 20 March at 3pm at Balmain

Jude TADEO and Reyginne BANGALAN on Saturday 24 April at 10am at Rozelle

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**OPEN DAY FOR
PROSPECTIVE
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WEDNESDAY 3 MARCH 4-6PM

Come and meet the new Principal,
Mr Kevin Bryson and have a tour of our school.
Enrolment packs available at Open Day and
from the School Office

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COVID safety plan will be in operation, including QR code check in.

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers (1 Thess 1: 2)

For the sick and those in old age: Martha Lucia Gomez, Jaime Aponte, Roger Parsons, John, Bruce Fernandez, Patricia Webster, Anna Pasqua, Christine Forner, Jenni McEntee, Martha Lucia Gomez, Sylvia Gallagher, Shirley Lowe, Margo Buckingham, Karen, Ann Diver, Ray, Brenda Atkinson, Vincent Erskin, Marcella Holsten, Keith Yates, Pina Borg, Beverley Kerin, Wendy Wheatley, Vincent, Catherine and Eric Erskine, Nela and Brian Blakemore, Joan Leonard, Marie Meyrick, Pat Britton, Mary Ferguson and Tony Carbon.

And, of your charity, pray for the souls of the faithful departed: - those whose year's mind occurs at this time: Mary Theresa Garrard (5.2.92), Cecil Henry Franklin (8.2.99), Clarence James Hanson (8.2.97), Kam Chee Chui (9.2.14), James McGuffin (10.2.07), Janice Ryan (21.2.07), Paula Hartigan (21.2.15), Bruce Sheedy (23.2.99), Maureen Ryan (24.2.16), and Paul Camilleri (09.2.64).

- those recently deceased: William Ireland, Pamela Virgona (12.1.21), Mave de Jong (19.1.21), and Anna Camilleri (27.1.21), and Red O'Connor (06.02.21)

As well as for: Joyce Josephine & Bertie Joseph Clark, André, Michel & Ginette Comolle, Mary Anne, Anthony & Hugh Mulligan, John & Jackie Lowe, Mable & Catherine Miles, Vicky Pisani, Ron Bovey, Peter Modellino Charlie Camilleri, Martin Camilleri, Violet & Emanuel Camilleri, Winifred & David Preece, Hazel & Bernie Olson, Maria Roach, Sr Marie McMahon, Doris Falzon, Rita Agius, Kate Kenna, Antoinetta Scalone and deceased members of Manuli, Nitopi & Scalone families, Charlie, Teresa, Rose & Lawrence Borg, Sydney, Edna & Cecilia Edmonds, Anthony & Ron Barnes, William, Irene & Gertrude Briggs, Kathleen & Maxwell Harris, Bill Gallagher, Gary Dollar, Susan Hanchard, Mollie Monan, Joyce Shiner, John Bransby, Sr Mary Constable, Sr Marie McMahon.

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

Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et exultate* of the Holy Father Francis on the call to holiness in today's world (continued)

CHAPTER THREE

IN THE LIGHT OF THE MASTER

THE GREAT CRITERION

95. In the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel (vv. 31-46), Jesus expands on the Beatitude that calls the merciful blessed. If we seek the holiness pleasing to God's eyes, this text offers us one clear criterion on which we will be judged. "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me" (vv. 35-36).

In fidelity to the Master

96. Holiness, then, is not about swooning in mystic rapture. As Saint [John Paul II](#) said: "If we truly start out anew from the contemplation of Christ, we must learn to see him especially in the faces of those with whom he himself wished to be identified".^[79] The text of Matthew 25:35-36 is "not a simple invitation to charity: it is a page of Christology which sheds a ray of light on the mystery of Christ".^[80] In this call to recognize him in the poor and the suffering, we see revealed the very heart of Christ, his deepest feelings and choices, which every saint seeks to imitate.

97. Given these uncompromising demands of Jesus, it is my duty to ask Christians to acknowledge and accept them in a spirit of genuine openness, *sine glossa*. In other words, without any "ifs or buts" that could lessen their force. Our Lord made it very clear that holiness cannot be understood or lived apart from these demands, for mercy is "the beating heart of the Gospel".^[81]

98. If I encounter a person sleeping outdoors on a cold night, I can view him or her as an annoyance, an idler, an obstacle in my path, a troubling sight, a problem for politicians to sort out, or even a piece of refuse cluttering a public space. Or I can respond with faith and charity, and see in this person a human being with a dignity identical to my own, a creature infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ. That is what it is to be a Christian! Can holiness somehow be understood apart from this lively recognition of the dignity of each human being?^[82]

99. For Christians, this involves a constant and healthy unease. Even if helping one person alone could justify all our efforts, it would not be enough. The bishops of Canada made this clear when they noted, for example, that the biblical understanding of the jubilee year was about more than simply performing certain good works. It also meant seeking social change: “For later generations to also be released, clearly the goal had to be the restoration of just social and economic systems, so there could no longer be exclusion” [.\[83\]](#)

ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS

St Augustine of Hippo’s Church, Eaton Street, Balmain

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The Presbytery/Office: 3 Jane Street, Balmain NSW 2041

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SAFEGUARDING - Child and Young Person Protection Legislation

On 1 March 2020, amendments to the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1988 introduced mandatory reporting for clergy, volunteers, contractors and paid employees who provide activities, or come in contact with children in their roles, are required to make a report when they have reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is at risk of significant harm e.g. physical or psychological needs are not being met, not receiving necessary medical care, physical or sexual abuse, living with domestic violence, ill treatment, neglect etc.

On the same date, the new Children's Reportable Conduct Scheme amendment (Children's Guardian Act 2019) came into place requiring religious bodies to notify the Office of the Children's Guardian on reportable allegations and convictions (see list above) against employees that arise in their work both inside and outside the organisation. Other offences include under section 43B (failure to act) and 316A (failure to report).

In both cases the initial report is to be made to the Parish Priest as soon you become aware of risk, harm or reportable allegations or convictions. The Archdiocese Safeguarding and Ministerial Office is to be notified immediately after this.

Resources: The Safeguarding Office has developed two new resource buttons ‘Children’s Resources’ and ‘Young People’s Resources’ on the Safeguarding Website that provides age appropriate resources for Children and Young People about safeguarding and how to stay safe within the Archdiocese of Sydney. These resources can be accessed on the Safeguarding Website <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>