

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

CORPUS CHRISTI

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, the **St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal** is to be held. There will be speakers at each of the weekend Masses in both parishes. Your interest and support are greatly appreciated. Please see the two notices below regarding this year's Winter Appeal and the Meal Delivery Programme.

A mislaid Bible: a well-thumbed black leather-bound King James Bible was found last week in St Augustine's and is being held at the Parish Office for collection by its rightful owner.

The Benedictine Community at Colebrook in Tasmania, where I recently spent a week, publishes a regular newsletter *Ab Austro* (meaning, "From the South"). Copies of the two latest issues may be taken from one of the tables at the entrances to the churches.

Special intentions and Mass stipends: Fr Gregory and I frequently receive envelopes asking for prayers for particular people and intentions at Mass. Sometimes, we do not know whether the prayers are being asked for the living or the dead and we have no way of knowing who has asked for the prayers, so as to follow up. *There are Mass intention envelopes at the entrances to both churches.* It would really help if all the details were filled in and the envelope given to a priest or left at the Parish Office. If you want a Mass said on a particular day for your intention, it is best to give reasonable notice. In accordance with canon law, a record is kept of the intentions received, the date it is received, the name of the donor, and the day the intention is carried (and in which church).

Readers Roster: We now have a cohort of readers at St Augustine's and the roster is being ably managed by Angela Mills. The names of the readers at Balmain will be published in the Bulletin hereon – both for the actual weekend of publication and for the following week.

Altar Guild: There has been a response to my suggestion that we form an altar guild in Balmain parish. Jill Ditton, Pauline Yates, and Agnes Yoo have volunteered to be the foundation members of an 'Altar Society'. They will undertake responsibility for the flowers in the sanctuary at the three altars and the St Joseph's shrine. We also propose to do some work on the tables at the entrance of the church – they could do with a paint. Further expressions of interest are greatly encouraged; please contact Jill at jditton@bigpond.net.au or 0419 635 761.

The Balmain church doors: Work continues on these doors. They require a number of coats and there must be time between the applications of the coats. The excessively wet weather has not helped matters. We thank Sam Karam for his work and for his great attention to preparation and to the details of the finish.

The Intercessions: We are struggling to keep these lists up to date. First, with respect to the list of the sick, it would be good to be confident that they are up to date. Secondly, the same thing with the list of the recently departed. Thirdly, last year I attempted to begin to list those whose year's mind (or anniversary) occurs in the current month. I had a list of names on my computer but I have never been sure where it came from. It now seems most likely that they come from my previous parish – Newtown. We do not seem to have a book of the departed for either Rozelle or Balmain parishes. No doubt one could be compiled from our *Libri defunctorum* but, meanwhile, if you would like to have the name or names of departed family members, friends, parishioners, and benefactors, included in a list of the departed for each of our parishes, please feel free to email the following details to Lorraine at the Parish Office:

- The name of the departed
- The date of the death of the departed
- Your name and contact details (required in case there is any further information required).

Meanwhile, I have put some of the lists in alphabetical order. Please feel free to contact the Parish Office to correct any errors and to update the lists.

Fr Richard Waddell
Parish Administrator

READERS AT BALMAIN

THIS WEEK 05/06.VI.21

5pm - Caroline Panounis

9am – Celia Nixon (Pope Francis student)

6pm - Angela Mills

NEXT WEEK 12/13.VI.21

5pm - Caroline Panounis

9am – Brian Lulham

6pm – Shaun Cousins

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL.

This weekend is the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Please give generously as winter is a time of great need in our community. With your help our St V de P volunteers regularly visit and give assistance to people in need in Balmain and Rozelle. This includes food parcels, clothing, furniture and help with payment of bills. Vinnies members will speak at Masses this weekend.

Envelopes for your tax- deductible donations are on the seats, and gifts can always be placed in the Poor Box at the back of the church, or you may donate by going on line through this link <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>

20 for One Meal Delivery Programme.

This is a recently established programme to deliver restaurant meals to families and people in our area. Originally the initiative of Marco de Angelis of “Our Place”, meals are now provided by a number of restaurants and generous donors. They provide meals which are delivered weekly by teams of volunteers. The expanded program is administered jointly by Vinnies and Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre, with volunteer deliverers already involved, but we would welcome more people who could deliver meals one afternoon or evening a fortnight. We would also welcome suggestions from parishioners, of people who would benefit from a meal delivery every week from one of our restaurants.

If you would like more details or you would like to volunteer, or nominate a recipient or family, please contact Maureen Robinson on 0414 634 208 or at Maureen.e.m.robinson@gmail.com.



19 June: Commemoration of Ven. Matt Talbot

SUNDAY MASSES

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

Rozelle: Sunday at 10.30am.

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK

(Friday: *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*; Saturday: *The Immaculate Heart of Mary*)

Balmain: Monday to Friday at 7.30 am and Saturday at 9 am (Tridentine Mass on the 3rd Saturday of the month). **Rozelle:** Wednesday 7. 30 am.

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION ON THE FIRST FRIDAY

After the 7.30am Mass at Balmain.

CONFESSIONS

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

FORTHCOMING BAPTISMS

Evelyn Rose KIM on Sunday 6th June at 12 noon at Balmain
Lola RIPPON on Sunday 6th June at 12 noon at Balmain
Ignatius CARR on Sunday 19th June at noon at Balmain
Layla MASTRANTUONI on Sunday 20 June at 11.30 at Balmain
Sunny James NEICH on Sunday 4th July at 12 noon at Balmain
Luka HOBSON on Friday 16th July at 4pm at Balmain
Leo Stan on Saturday 17th July at 12 noon at Balmain
Sebastian Paul CORREIA on Saturday 24th July at Balmain
Oliver Cameron HOLLAND on Sunday 25 July at 12 noon at Balmain



Music in the Parishes: 11 June : St Joseph's Rozelle
OPUS NOW – details to come

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: Jaime Aponte, Brenda Atkinson, Nela and Brian Blakemore, John Blunt, Pina Borg, Margo Buckingham, Tony Carbon, Paul Joseph Clark, Ann Diver, Brent Egan, Vincent, Catherine and Eric Erskine, Mary Ferguson, Bruce Fernandez, Christine Forner, Sylvia Gallagher, Martha Lucia Gomez, Marcella Holsten, Beverley Kerin, Joan Leonard, Rosemarie Longworth, Shirley Lowe, Marie Meyrick, Roger Parsons, Anna Pasqua, Patricia Webster, Lyn Wilson, Keith Yates, John, Karen, and Ray.

For the faithful departed – those recently deceased: Red O'Connor (06.02.21), Millie Leung (22.02.21), Veronica Jardin (27.02.21), Wendy Wheatley, Harry Fullerton, and Charlie Veech, Millie Leung, Pat Britton, Mary Haylen (23.04.21), and Carmelo Battaglia (30.04.21).

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

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

JESUS SAID: 'DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME'.

Was ever another command so obeyed? For century after century, spreading slowly to every continent and country and among every race on earth, this action has been done, in every conceivable human circumstance, for every conceivable human need from infancy and before it to extreme old age and after it, from the pinnacle of

earthly greatness to the refuge of fugitives in the caves and dens of the earth. Men have found no better thing than this to do for kings at their crowning and for criminals going to the scaffold; for armies in triumph or for a bride and bridegroom in a little country church; for the proclamation of a dogma or for a good crop of wheat; for the wisdom of the Parliament of a mighty nation or for a sick old woman afraid to die; for a schoolboy sitting an examination or for Columbus setting out to discover America; for the famine of whole provinces or for the soul of a dead lover; in thankfulness because my father did not die of pneumonia; for a village headman much tempted to return to fetish because the yams had failed; because the Turk was at the gates of Vienna; for the repentance of Margaret; for the settlement of a strike; for a son for a barren woman; for Captain so-and-so wounded and prisoner of war; while the lions roared in the nearby amphitheatre; on the beach at Dunkirk; while the hiss of scythes in the thick June grass came faintly through the windows of the church; tremulously, by an old monk on the fiftieth anniversary of his vows; furtively, by an exiled bishop who had hewn timber all day in a prison camp near Murmansk; gorgeously, for the canonisation of S. Joan of Arc—one could fill many pages with the reasons why men have done this, and not tell a hundredth part of them. And best of all, week by week and month by month, on a hundred thousand successive Sundays, faithfully, unfailingly, across all the parishes of Christendom, the pastors have done this just to make the plebs sancta Dei—the holy common people of God.

- Dom Gregory Dix (1901-1952), *Monk of Nashdom Abbey, Bucks, U.K.*, in *The Shape of the Liturgy*.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO COVID WE DO NOT TAKE UP COLLECTIONS DURING OUR SERVICES. AT THE WEST ENTRANCE IN BOTH OUR CHURCHES, THERE ARE TWO COLLECTION BOXES. THE FIRST COLLECTION GOES TO THE DIOCESAN FUND FOR THE SUPPORT OF ALL OUR PRIESTS. THE SECOND COLLECTION GOES TO THE EXPENSES OF EACH PARISH. AT BALMAIN THERE IS A TAP AND PAY SYSTEM – IT IS A BIT SLOW BUT IT WORKS.

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

CHAPTER FOUR

SIGNS OF HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD

IN COMMUNITY

140. When we live apart from others, it is very difficult to fight against concupiscence, the snares and temptations of the devil and the selfishness of the world. Bombarded as we are by so many enticements, we can grow too isolated, lose our sense of reality and inner clarity, and easily succumb.

141. Growth in holiness is a journey in community, side by side with others. We see this in some holy communities. From time to time, the Church has canonized entire communities that lived the Gospel heroically or offered to God the lives of all their members. We can think, for example, of the seven holy founders of the Order of the Servants of Mary, the seven blessed sisters of the first monastery of the Visitation in Madrid, the Japanese martyrs Saint Paul Miki and companions, the Korean martyrs Saint Andrew Taegon and companions, or the South American martyrs Saint Roque González, Saint Alonso Rodríguez and companions. We should also remember the more recent witness borne by the Trappists of Tibhirine, Algeria, who prepared as a community for martyrdom. In many holy marriages too, each spouse becomes a means used by Christ for the sanctification of the other. Living or working alongside others is surely a path of spiritual growth. Saint John of the Cross told one of his followers: "You are living with others in order to be fashioned and tried".^[104]

142. Each community is called to create a "God-enlightened space in which to experience the hidden presence of the risen Lord".^[105] Sharing the word and celebrating the Eucharist together fosters fraternity and makes us a holy and missionary community. It also gives rise to authentic and shared mystical experiences. Such was the case with Saints Benedict and Scholastica. We can also think of the sublime spiritual experience shared by Saint Augustine and his mother, Saint Monica. "As the day now approached on which she was to depart this life, a day known to you but not to us, it came about, as I believe by your secret arrangement, that she and I stood alone leaning in a window that looked onto a garden... We opened wide our hearts to drink in the streams of your fountain, the source of life that is in you... And as we spoke of that wisdom and strained after it, we touched it in some measure by the impetus of our hearts... eternal life might be like that one moment of knowledge which we now sighed after".^[106]

143. Such experiences, however, are neither the most frequent nor the most important. The common life, whether in the family, the parish, the religious community or any other, is made up of small everyday things. This was true of the holy community formed by Jesus, Mary and Joseph, which reflected in an exemplary way the beauty of the Trinitarian communion. It was also true of the life that Jesus shared with his disciples and with ordinary people.

144. Let us not forget that Jesus asked his disciples to pay attention to details.

The little detail that wine was running out at a party.

The little detail that one sheep was missing.

The little detail of noticing the widow who offered her two small coins.

The little detail of having spare oil for the lamps, should the bridegroom delay.

The little detail of asking the disciples how many loaves of bread they had.

The little detail of having a fire burning and a fish cooking as he waited for the disciples at daybreak.

ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS

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

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