

Dear Parishioners,

Not surprisingly, the last week has been very quiet in the parishes of Balmain and Rozelle. Under this lockdown, the rules have been more strictly enforced because the present variety of the Covid 19 is more contagious than the former varieties. At this point, the lockdown applies until 11.59 pm on Friday.

The restrictions are set out in detail at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/greater-sydney#stay-at-home-from-26-june-2021> .

The **Parish Office** has been closed during the last week. In the coming week, it will probably remain closed, depending on further developments. Please don't hesitate to call the Parish Office and leave a message. From Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July, the normal round of public liturgies will be restored, subject to further announcements regarding restrictions from the NSW Government.

Some events to which many of us were looking forward have been postponed but not cancelled, including our **At Home to farewell Fr Gregory**, our **Poetry Evening with Professor Barry Spurr**, and the performance of **84 Charing Cross Road** by the Hunter's Hill Theatre Company. Further details of the changed arrangements will be provided when the future becomes a bit more certain.

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 6 pm, *Deo volente*, Bishop Brady will **Confirm Matthew Newcombe**. Matthew is a student from Sydney University and a member of St Paul's College. We will remember him in our prayers.

All things being equal, the **Parish Council** will meet on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery.

In the last Bulletin, the generosity of John Navarra in his contribution towards the cost of the repainting of the ceiling in St Augustine's was acknowledged. We would also want to acknowledge that this gift was from both **John and Joanne Navarra**. Once again, thanks to you both.

The installation of the **lighting at Balmain** is continuing and the next few weeks will see some significant changes. Wet weather has delayed any further external painting of the church doors. The public address system is still a work in progress.

Fr Richard Waddell

**Parish Administrator**