

**BULLETIN OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN AND ROZELLE,
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
CHRIST THE KING YEAR B (21 Nov 21)
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

All our **November Masses** are being offered for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed, with special remembrance of those whose names appear on the lists in the porches of both St Augustine's and St Joseph's.

The **First Communion Masses** went very well last Sunday. Many thanks to all who contributed to the smooth running of the preparation classes and the celebrations which were superbly coordinated by **Angela Mills**.

Balmain Parish Council met on Tuesday night. Among other things, it supported the proposal to change the time of the Sunday evening Mass to 5 pm. **Accordingly, the Sunday night Mass will now be at 5 pm commencing on Sunday 28 November with a FAMILY MASS.**

Likewise, the **Dante Study Group** got off to a flying start with 12 participants on Wednesday evening at the Presbytery. Stephen Briggs introduced Dante and *The Divine Comedy* to us and we looked at Cantos 1, 4, and 5. Our next meeting will be on 19 January 2022. For further information, contact Stephen Briggs: stephen.briggs@yahoo.com.au; 0450 521 670.

GAUDETE SUNDAY 5 PM MASS – MUSIC BY CORO AUSTRAL including Haydn's *Little Organ Mass*. Coro Austral is also giving a concert on Sunday 28 November at St Joseph's. See below.

GAUDETE PARTY SATURDAY 11 December at 6 pm: This will be a family occasion. Food, non-alcoholic drinks and, now, wine will be provided (**Paul Ryan of Union Wine Cellars, Terry Street, Rozelle**, has donated 60 bottles of high-quality wine!). The Hall and the Presbytery grounds will be used for the occasion. We will need some volunteer help. Joanne Navarra is the convener: 0419 608 194; jnavarra@westnet.com.au. **Please see the Posters and the Flyers for more information. Tickets must be purchased by Sunday 5 December.**

Planned Giving Envelopes are at the back of the churches.

I purchased four-inch votive candles for the candle stand at Balmain but, unfortunately, the candles are a little bit thicker and difficult to put in the stand. Regrettably, I think we will have to return to the three-inch candles.

The **Parishes Websites** have been very neglected over the past two years. I have no expertise nor the time to manage them. If you have the necessary skills and time, please contact the Parish Secretary and we will try to set something up. The same goes for the Parish **Facebook**. It is not quite clear what is happening with that at the moment.

Fr Richard Waddell

Parish Administrator

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH IS CLOSED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW LIGHTING UNTIL FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER. ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH (BUT BAPTISMS WILL BE HELD AT ST AUGUSTINE'S)

WEEKDAY MASSES AND CONFESSIONS (ALL AT ROZELLE)

MASSSES: *Monday* 9.15 am *Tuesday* 6 pm, *Wednesday* 7.30 am AND 9.15 am *Thursday* 9.15 am *Friday* 7.30 am *Saturday* 9.15 am; CONFESSIONS: *Tuesday* 5 -6 pm; *Saturday* 9.45-10.15 am; 4.15-4.45 pm

THE WEEKEND SCHEDULE IS CHANGED – THE SUNDAY NIGHT MASS IS NOW AT 5 PM

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

For the sick and those in old age: John, Karen, Ray, Jaime Aponte, Brenda Atkinson, Nela and Brian Blakemore, Pina Borg, Margo Buckingham, Tony Carbon, Paul Joseph Clark, Ann Diver, Brent Egan, Vincent and Catherine Erskine, Mary Ferguson, Christine Forner, Sylvia Gallagher, Martha Lucia Gomez, Marcella Holsten, Beverley Kerin, Joan Leonard, Jill Losurdo, Shirley Lowe, Marie Meyrick, Roger Parsons, Anna Pasqua, Patricia Webster, Lyn Wilson, Keith Yates.

With those more recently added to our list: Henry Nicholls, John Coorey (and his wife Rebecca, at this time), Lucy Tyler, Christine Mangala Frost, Fr Lyall Cowell, Michael Fitzpatrick, Bryan Fitzpatrick, and Anne Tangney.

For the faithful departed – those recently deceased: Elaine Eleanor Salvestro (20.09.21), Lucien Leech-Larkin (26.09.21), Santa Amendolia (20.09.2021), and Anna Scarpellino (11.11.21).

VINNIES GIFTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE

*The Vinnies Christmas tree is now at the back of St Joseph's. Please help us brighten someone's Christmas by taking a numbered card and putting a gift-wrapped present under the tree with the card firmly attached. Presents could be personal gifts, Christmas food, or anything to make Christmas special. Gift vouchers, e.g., store vouchers such as Woolworths, K Mart, etc, or movie vouchers, are very welcome. If vouchers are included, it would be helpful if you indicate this on the gift. Our Vinnie's volunteers will deliver the gifts with a Vinnie's hamper. **GIFTS MUST BE UNDER THE TREE BY THE WEEKEND OF 11/12 DECEMBER.***

N.B. From 28 November, both St Augustine's and St Joseph's will have their own trees.

Ensalada Musical, a 'musical salad' of some of our favourite works at **3pm on Sunday 28th November** in the beautiful acoustic of **St Joseph's Church, 2a Gordon Street, Rozelle**. The highlights of this concert will include: Choral music from Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, Germany and Australia. There will be no admission charge, although we would welcome any donation you can make to help us present concerts in the future. For further information, see www.coroaustral.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE (Friday)

5 pm FAMILY MASS at Balmain; 7 pm FAMILY MASS at Rozelle; 9 PM FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS at Balmain

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES (Saturday)

9 am Balmain; 10.30 am. Rozelle; 5 pm. Balmain

ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS

St Augustine's Church, Eaton Street, Balmain St Joseph's Church, Cnr Victoria Road and Gordon Street, Rozelle The Presbytery/Office: 3 Jane Street, Balmain NSW 2041 **Parish Office:** Given the opening up of NSW, the Parish Office will now be re-open from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm Tuesday to Friday starting this week. **Parish Secretary:** Lorraine Thomy; **Sacramental Programme Coordinator:** Angela Mills: 0432 355 408; angela.mills@syd.catholic.edu.au; **Parish Safeguarding Officers:** David Kelaher 0458 352 257 & Kathleen Curry 0410 877 227 **Phone:** 61 2 9810 1157 (for both parishes) Email addresses for the Parishes: (Balmain) office@staugbalmain.org.au; (Rozelle) office@stjosephrozelle.org.au.