

**BULLETIN OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN AND ROZELLE,
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY**
THIRTY SECOND YEAR IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B (7 NOV 21)
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

The current *Bulletin* is somewhat shorter than the *eBulletin* at the moment but there will be some more content when the Parish Office reopens fully.

On **Saturday evening at 5 pm**, **Matthew Newcombe** will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** during Mass.

Angela Mills has been appointed **Sacramental Programme Coordinator** for the Parishes of Balmain and Rozelle. Her contact details are below.

The First Communion Programme continues:

- Wednesday 10 November at 7 pm (lasting until 8 pm) – Third Session at St Augustine's
- Confessions will be heard on Saturday 13 Nov at **St Augustine's** 10 – 11.30 am

There will now be **TWO FIRST COMMUNION MASSES** on **Sunday 14 November**, both at St Augustine's, **the first at 10.30 am and the second at 12 noon**. This is to accommodate the increased numbers. It will be possible to make First Communions at normal parish Masses with due notice so we can make some special arrangements.

Balmain Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 16 November at 7.30 pm.

Dante study group: The first meeting will be on **Wednesday 17 November at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery**. Our convener Stephen Briggs, will present some material about the literary significance of the *Divine Comedy*, its historical context, and the life of Dante himself. We will also settle on a plan of attack and a schedule for our meetings in the future. Stephen's contact details are: stephen.briggs@yahoo.com.au; 0450 521 670.

Changing the time of the Sunday evening Mass: Last Sunday, at 6 pm, the congregation was asked for the third time about my proposal to change the time to 5 pm for the sake of young families. Out of about 30 attendees, about 25 voted in favour. The Balmain Parish Council will consider the proposal on 16th November.

GAUDETE PARTY SATURDAY 11 December at 6 pm: This will be a family occasion. Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided but alcohol will be available for sale. The Hall and the Presbytery grounds will be used for the occasion. There will be a charge for individuals and families. We will need some volunteer help. Joanne Navarra is the convener: 0419 608 194; jnavarra@westnet.com.au. More details later.

Planned Giving Envelopes, Envelopes for the November Masses and notices about the **Appeal for the Priests' Retirement Fund** are at the back of the churches.

We have been invited to commence a monthly sacramental ministry at **Montrose House**, a Salvation Army Hostel in Thames Street. This will begin this week on Thursday (necessitating a change to the Thursday Mass time *but for this week (and month) only*). The regular time in the future will be a Tuesday morning; Brian Lulham and I will share the ministry.

There have been some scams using my name and asking for money. One parishioner has lost \$500 as a result. Please do not respond to these.

Fr Richard Waddell
Parish Administrator

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW LIGHTING FROM MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER UNTIL FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER. ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH (BUT BAPTISMS WILL BE HELD AT ST AUGUSTINE'S)

WEEKDAY MASSES AND CONFESSIONS (VARIATIONS THIS WEEK)

Monday 9.15 AM (Balmain) *Tuesday* 6 PM (Balmain) *Wednesday* 7.30 AM (Rozelle) 9.15 AM (Balmain) *Thursday* **7.30 AM THIS WEEK ONLY** (Balmain) *Friday* 7.30 AM *Saturday* 9.15 AM (Balmain); CONFESSIONS: TUESDAY 5 -6 PM; SATURDAY 9.45-10.15 AM; 4.15-4.45 PM (Balmain)

THE WEEKEND SCHEDULE REMAINS UNCHANGED AT PRESENT

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*.

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

The Ninth in the Novena

St Augustine and St Joseph's parishes are invited to be in the ninth place to say a Novena of Rosaries to ask Our Lady's protection and care for the people of Afghanistan. Eight other parishes have said this novena so, we will complete it. The rosary novena will begin this Monday 1 November and finish on November 9. It will be said at St Augustine's each morning before mass. For those who cannot join us in the church please be part of this novena by saying the rosary at home. J. Ditton.

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.