

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C (12 DEC 21)



FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

At the time of writing, preparations are underway for the **Gaudete Party** on Saturday after the Vigil Mass. Nearly 80 parishioners and a few visitors are expected.

Coro Austral is singing at the **Vigil Mass on this Saturday evening**. There is further information about this choir below. Thanks also to **Michael Murphy** for coordinating this and preparing the liturgy booklet for the Mass.

On Tuesday 14 December at 10 am the FJT will be having its annual **Award Ceremonies** in St Augustine's.

The meeting of the **Balmain Parish Council** on Tuesday 14 December at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery HAS BEEN CANCELLED due to a lack of quorum. It will resume meeting in February 2022.

The Christmas Crib at Balmain will be installed on Wednesday 15 December at 3.15 pm. If you would like to help with this, please contact Ray Pozzato (0438 860 168; ray.pozzato@bigpond.com.) **The installation of the Crib at Rozelle** awaits further direction from Bryan Fitzpatrick.

Plans are proceeding for the installation of air-conditioning in St Augustine's Church. The work is more complicated than at first envisaged and, as a result, it would be unrealistic to expect completion before Christmas but reasonable to expect it in the New Year. A number of innovative technical options are being considered, including using the roses in the ceiling for the cool air outlets. The aim is to reduce the discomfort of humidity and heat in summer but it is not intended to try to reproduce the Artic temperatures of Westfields and other shopping centres nor is it proposed to attempt to heat the church in winter.

It is proposed to have **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** from after Mass at 7.30 am on Fridays until 8.30 am **every Friday**.

Some **old architectural and other drawings of the present and former churches of St Augustine** have been framed and hung in the dining room of the

Presbytery. Thank you to **Kathy Farrell and Barbara Howard** for identifying these historical documents and arranging for their proper preservation and presentation, including their framing. It is hoped to undertake some further work on the archives of both parishes in the near future.

The Dante Group which first met on Wednesday 17 November is continuing to attract further interest. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 19 January 2022** at 7.30 in the Presbytery. We will be looking more closely at Canto 2. During our discussion on 17th, someone asked, "Was Dante's love of Beatrice reciprocated by her?". Our leader, Stephen Briggs, suggests that question is answered in Canto 2. Further general enquiries may be directed to Stephen: stephen.briggs@yahoo.com.au; 0450 521 670.

The Sunday evening Mass is now at 5 pm.

Planned Giving Envelopes are at the back of the churches.

The daily **Mass on Thursday 16 December will be at 8.30 am** to enable the FJT School Staff to attend at the beginning of their Staff Development Day.

Fr Richard Waddell

Parish Administrator

WEEKDAY MASSES AND CONFESSIONS

MASSES:

- *Monday* 9.15 am
- *Tuesday* 6 pm
- *Wednesday* 7.30 (at Rozelle) am AND 9.15 am (at Balmain)
- *Thursday* 8.30 am THIS WEEK ONLY (usually at 9.15 am)
- *Friday* 7.30 am (followed by Exposition *every Friday*)
- *Saturday* 9.15 am (usually the Saturday Mass of the BVM)

CONFESSIONS:

- *Tuesday* 5.00 – 6.00 pm
- *Saturday* 9.45-10.15 am; 4.15-4.45 pm

WEEKEND MASSES

- *Saturday* 5 pm Vigil (at Balmain)
- *Sunday* 9 am (at Balmain), 10:30 am (at Rozelle) AND 5 pm Family Mass (at Balmain)

Catholic Weekly - 12 December 2021

- Labourers for the vineyard. New priests fruit of Neocatechumenal Way.
- Death by a thousand cuts. Activists target religious exemptions.
- The cross behind bars. Prison Memoirs Vol 3.
- The subversion of the universities.
- Movie review: Westside Story
- Tired of the Church? Turn to St Francis.



PARISH INTERCESSIONS

For the sick and those in old age: *Mary Rooney, Keith Yates, John, Karen, Ray, Jaime Aponte, Brenda Atkinson, Nela and Brian Blakemore, Margo Buckingham, Pina Borg, 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, Roger Parsons, Anna Pasqua, Patricia Webster, Lyn Wilson.*

With those more recently added to our list: *Stephen Parmeter, John Coorey (and his wife Rebecca, at this time), Lucy Tyler, Christine Mangala Frost, 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), Marie Meyrick (06.11.21) and Anna Scarpellino (11.11.21), Lyall Cowell, Priest (08.12.21).*

- 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, Wayne John Mcilvenna, Sr Marie McMahon, 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.

Mass intentions throughout the year: Canon law requires that a register of Mass intentions be maintained in every parish. Unfortunately, this has not been done in either Balmain or Rozelle for many years. Beginning with Advent Sunday, a register will be kept. If you would like Mass offered with a specific intention, please use one of the envelopes found at the back of each of the churches and drop it in one of the First or Second collection boxes. A record will be kept of when it is requested and when it is discharged.



Vinnies gifts for the Christmas Tree.

Our Vinnies Christmas Tree is at the back of the church (Rozelle) and front of the church (Balmain). Please help us to 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 Vinnies volunteers will deliver the gifts with a Vinnies hamper. **Gifts must be under the tree by THIS weekend 11/12 December.**



FORTHCOMING BAPTISMS

Camilla Antonia SHAW-TAYLOR on Saturday 18 December at 10.15 am at Balmain
Spencer, Baxter, and Charlie SNELGROVE on Saturday 18 December at 11 am at
Balmain

Isla Marie FORREST on Saturday 18 December at 12 noon at Balmain

Scarlett Gabriella and Sebastian James GODDING on Sunday 19 December 2021 at
11.30 am at Rozelle

Charlotte SMITH on Sunday 19 December at 12.15 pm at Balmain

Luca CUTAJAR on Sunday 26 December at 11.30 at Rozelle

Leo BARBAGALLO on Saturday 22 January 2022 at 11.30 am at Balmain

Luca Bailey HOBSON on Sunday 23 January 2022 at 12 noon at Balmain

Ivy GASPEROV on Saturday 29 January 2022 at 10.30 am at Rozelle

Greta ADLER-TOKJAN on Saturday 29 January 2022 at 12 noon at Balmain

Evelyn Kathleen HOWARD on Saturday 5 February 2022 at 11.30 am at Balmain

Bridget CURRY on Sunday 13 February 2022 at 12 noon at Balmain

Sebastian Paul CORREIA on Saturday 19 February 2022 at 11 am at Balmain



FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

Dylan HARVEY with Brittani BATTLE on Saturday 15 January 2022

Michael GALLARDO with Thalia FLOGERAS on Sunday 23 January 2022

Ben WEISSEL with Giovannella GUTIERREZ-DALY on Friday 4 March 2022

Mak CAVANAGH with Gabrielle Anna SMALL on Saturday 23 April 2022



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 DAWN MASS

10.30 am. Rozelle DAY MASS

5 pm Balmain (Vigil of the Sunday Mass – the Holy Family)

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION - *EVANGELII GAUDIUM* OF THE HOLY FATHER, FRANCIS

To The Bishops, Clergy, Consecrated Persons And The Lay Faithful
On The Proclamation Of The Gospel In Today's World (24 November 2013)

CHAPTER ONE THE CHURCH'S MISSIONARY TRANSFORMATION

II. Pastoral activity and conversion

25. I am aware that nowadays documents do not arouse the same interest as in the past and that they are quickly forgotten. Nevertheless, I want to emphasize that what I am trying to express here has a programmatic significance and important consequences. I hope that all communities will devote the necessary effort to advancing along the path of a pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they presently are. "Mere administration" can no longer be enough.^[21] Throughout the world, let us be "permanently in a state of mission".^[22]

26. Paul VI invited us to deepen the call to renewal and to make it clear that renewal does not only concern individuals but the entire Church. Let us return to a memorable text which continues to challenge us. "The Church must look with penetrating eyes within herself, ponder the mystery of her own being... This vivid and lively self-awareness inevitably leads to a comparison between the ideal image of the Church as Christ envisaged her and loved her as his holy and spotless bride (cf. *Eph* 5:27), and the actual image which the Church presents to the world today... This is the source of the Church's heroic and impatient struggle for renewal: the struggle to correct those flaws introduced by her members which her own self-examination, mirroring her exemplar, Christ, points out to her and condemns".^[23] The Second Vatican Council presented ecclesial conversion as openness to a constant self-renewal born of fidelity to Jesus Christ: "Every renewal of the Church essentially consists in an increase of fidelity to her own calling... Christ summons the Church as she goes her pilgrim way... to that continual reformation of which she always has need, in so far as she is a human institution here on earth".^[24]

There are ecclesial structures which can hamper efforts at evangelization, yet even good structures are only helpful when there is a life constantly driving, sustaining and assessing them. Without new life and an authentic evangelical spirit, without the Church's "fidelity to her own calling", any new structure will soon prove ineffective.

BRIEF ANSWERS TO THE BIG QUESTIONS

Q. Isaac Newtown was born on Christmas Day 300 years before you were born, and you now hold the same position he did at Cambridge. What affinity, if any, for Newton do you feel given these similarities? Perhaps Newton's greatest achievement was providing a single theory that presented a unified explanation of a wide range of what had previously been thought to be disparate phenomena. Newton's Laws of Motion and Gravitation not only explained the movement of bodies in the heavens and billiard balls on Earth, they also explained the rise and fall of the tides.

Like Newton, I believe that scientists need to find a single unifying theory to explain the large and the small, the large-scale structure of the cosmos as well as the interior of the atomic nucleus. After all, the Big Bang theory supposes that when the universe began it was infinitesimally small. - Stephen Hawking, *Brief Answers to the Big Questions*, 238-239.

Who are Coro Austral?



Coro Austral is a Sydney-based audition chamber choir. Our repertoire of Spanish, Portuguese, and Latin American music ranges across all the well-known “western mainstream classical” forms from 13th century to the present, as well as music from many popular, contemporary and folkloric traditions.

For more information, please contact David Goodwin: dgoodwin237@gmail.com

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

(Easiest access to St Augustine's Church and the Presbytery is from Eaton and Darvall Streets – fewer steps but parking is metered, usually);

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Sacramental Programme Coordinator: Angela Mills: 0432 355 408

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