

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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C (19 DEC 21)**



**FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

The **Gaudete Party** last Saturday was a great success. There were more than 80 guests but the Presbytery proved surprisingly capacious. Joanne Navarra and her team from **Le Montage** did a marvellous job with the cooking, presentation, and service of a delicious meal. The selection of wine from Paul Ryan's **Union Cellars, Terry Street, Rozelle**, was superb and a good number of bottles remain for future parish functions.

**The Christmas Crib** has been installed; thanks to Ray and Margareta Pozzato, John Benjamin, and their helpers. The figures are very fine and belong to a set which was kept under the staircase to the gallery and whose existence had not previously been disclosed.

**The Nativity Play** which has been customary at the 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass at Balmain is being restored (cancelled at the last minute last year for reasons that were unclear at the time).

**A small finger ring** has been found at one of our churches. If you are its rightful owner, please come to the Parish Office and claim it.

**The Parish Office** will be closed from 24 December 2021 until 26 January 2022. Urgent phone calls and emails will receive a response.

**House Communion:** If there are any housebound parishioners who would like to make their Christmas Communion, please let the Parish Office know and arrangements will be made for a visit by one of the Clergy or our Communion Ministers.

Parishioners will remember that in June last year, I mentioned that our parishioner, Liz Adcock, was performing in the well-known play **84 Charing Cross Road** by James Roose-Evans (based on the book of the same name by Helen Hanff), directed by Maggie Scott and staged by the Hunters Hill Theatre [founded in 1930] at Club Ryde (728 Victoria Road, Ryde). The season was cancelled due to Covid 19 but is being resumed in 2022. I have a ticket for **Saturday 5 February 2022 at 7.30 pm**. If anyone would like to join me, we could have a small theatre party! Bookings: 9879 7765; [www.huntershilltheatre.com.au](http://www.huntershilltheatre.com.au).

Parishioners will also remember that we had two more events planned, first, **Professor Barry Spurr** conducting an evening seminar on "John Donne and the Poetry of Meditation" and **Fr Richard Leonard SJ** speaking about Ignatian spirituality. These will be scheduled for later next year. More details to come.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** from after the 7.30 am Mass until 8.30 am **every Friday**.

**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. Further enquiries may be directed to Stephen: [stephen.briggs@yahoo.com.au](mailto: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.

Fr Richard Waddell

**Parish Administrator**

### **ATTENTION ALL PARISH WORKERS/VOLUNTEERS**

Parish workers/volunteers are required to obtain a **Working With Children Check**. The Parish is responsible for verifying that workers, both paid and unpaid, have undergone this check before child-related work commences. It is essential to submit your 'clearance' to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Some volunteers WWCC has expired.



### **CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY (5.00pm Mass)**

Calling all shepherds, angels, donkeys and sheep!

St Augustine's Parish Balmain invites you to dress up as your favourite nativity character and join in its traditional nativity play on Christmas Eve.

If you are in pre-school or primary school, we'd love to see you take part.

There is an informal dress rehearsal on Wed 22nd at 9am at St Augustine's church and the lovely Kristy will show you what to do.

If you can't make the rehearsal, just come along dressed for the part for the Christmas Eve family mass at 5.00pm.

Please contact [Kristy Day](#) for more information: 0407 467 087

## THE LATEST COVID RULES (AS FROM 15 DECEMBER 2021)

- Churches are open to all people regardless of vaccination status.
- There is now no density limit for churches.
- Masks are no longer compulsory while inside a church, though they are still strongly encouraged in settings where social distancing is not possible.
- All members of the congregation are permitted to sing.
- QR Codes and our established check-in procedures, however, are to continue, as is the case with pubs, hairdressers, gyms etc. (The Public Health Order makes it clear that check-in procedures are to continue for places of worship.)

## WEEKDAY MASSES AND CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

### MASSES:

- *Monday* 9.15 am (at Balmain)
- *Tuesday* 6 pm (at Balmain)
- *Wednesday* 7.30 (at Rozelle) am AND 9.15 am (at Balmain)
- *Thursday* 9.15 am
- *Friday* 7.30 am (followed by Exposition)

### CONFESSIONS:

- *Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday* 5.00 – 6.00 pm (and generally after any Mass and by appointment)



### CHRISTMAS EVE (Friday)

- 5 pm FAMILY MASS at Balmain with Nativity Play
  - 6.30 pm CAROLS at Rozelle
  - 7 pm FAMILY MASS at Rozelle
- 9 pm FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS at Balmain

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES (Saturday)

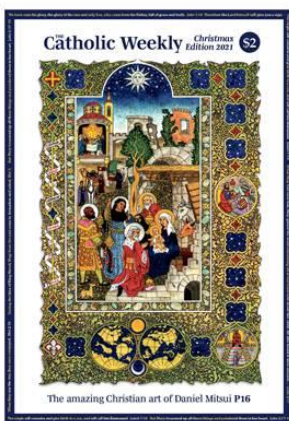
- 9 am Balmain DAWN MASS
- 10.30 am. Rozelle DAY MASS
- 5 pm Balmain (Vigil of the Sunday Mass – the Holy Family)

### CHRISTMAS I – HOLY FAMILY (Sunday)

- 9 am Balmain MASS
- 10.30 am. Rozelle MASS
- 5 pm Balmain MASS

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

It is very difficult to obtain Christmas Cards with an appropriate religious theme from most commercial outlets. What was once very conventional is being pushed to the margins but it is not entirely impossible to purchase tasteful cards which remind us of the great truth of the Faith which we are celebrating. Once particularly good source is the Benedictine Community at Colebrook, Tasmania. The cards are displayed at <https://www.notredamemonastery.org/monk-shop>. The price from the monk shop is \$2.00 per card but a range of them can be obtained from Church Stores in the Dymocks Building in George Street, for \$1.80 each plus some other cards from other sources: cf. Level 2 Dymocks Building  
428 George Street, Sydney, NSW 2000: 9233 2269; <https://churchstores.com.au>.  
Samples of the cards from the Monk Shop are at the back of St Augustine's Church.



### Catholic Weekly - 19 December 2021

- Evangelisation. Person by person.
- Page by page. Parishioners write the entire Bible out.
- Recover your faith. Says Channel Nine journalist.
- Labor courts faiths.
- Movie review: The Wheel of Time
- First Australians honoured

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SINCE COVID WE HAVE NOT TAKEN UP COLLECTIONS DURING OUR SERVICES AND IT SEEMS THAT THERE IS NO DEMAND FOR THEIR REINTRODUCTION. 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 ALSO A TAP AND PAY SYSTEM – IT IS A BIT SLOW BUT IT WORKS (AND WILL BE IMPROVED IN THE FULNESS OF TIME).**



### 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 Joyce *Skelly*.

**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.

### FEELING SAFE ACTIVITY BOOK

The Archdiocesan Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office has developed a Feeling Safe Activity Book for children aged from 5 to 12 years of age in support of National Child Protection Week (NCPW).

The parishes have been asked by the Safeguarding Office to provide copies of the Feeling Safe Activity Book to the children of the parish. If you as a parent think that it is appropriate for your child to have this Booklet, please feel free to take one from the tables at the entrance to our two churches. They will be displayed for the next couple of weekends and then will be provided upon request by the Parish Office or the clergy.

**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.



### 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





## FORTHCOMING BAPTISMS

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

## READING FOR REFLECTION

God presents himself to us little by little. The whole story of salvation is the story of God who comes.

It is always he who comes, even if he has not yet come in his fulness. But there is indeed one unique moment in his coming; the others were only preparations and announcement.

The hour of his coming is the Incarnation.

The Incarnation brings the world his presence. It is a presence so complete that it overshadows every presence before it.

God is made human in Christ. God makes himself present to us with such a special presence, such an obvious presence, as to overthrow all the complicated calculations made about him in the past.

"The invisible, intangible God has made himself visible and tangible in Christ".

If Jesus is truly God, everything is clear; if I cannot believe this, everything is darkness again.

- From *The God Who Comes* by Carlo Carretto

## 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);

**Parish Office**: 9.30 am to 3.30 pm Tuesday to Friday (CLOSED 24 DECEMBER TO 26 JANUARY INCLUSIVE)

**Parish Secretary**: Lorraine Thomy

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**Parish Safeguarding Officers**: David Kelaher 0458 352 257

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