

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

ADVENT SUNDAY YEAR B (28 Nov 21)



FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

New lighting at St Augustine's has been installed with some minor works yet to be completed.

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.

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.

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 Sunday evening Mass is now at 5 pm. This Sunday, it will be Family Mass under the auspices of the Parishes rather than of Sydney Catholic Schools.

Planned Giving Envelopes are at the back of the churches.

The **Parishes Websites** have been very neglected over the past two years but are now been updated by volunteer parishioners. The same goes for the Parish **Facebook**.

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 9.15 am
- Friday 7.30 am (followed by Exposition)
- 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



The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) August Appeal** will be happening this weekend and we need your help!



Your donations will help those most struggling this winter – single mothers facing homelessness, those struggling with mental health and our Aboriginal communities. You will also be building a culture of support and encouragement for our hospital and university chaplaincies, and our future priests at the Good Shepherd Seminary.

Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithhourworks.org/cwf. **Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.**



Catholic Weekly 28 NOVEMBER 2021

- Don't let this tragedy happen. Leaders warn against euthanasia
- A new bishop for Sydney
- Take COVID seriously: Mums
- No 9-to-5 priesthood
- Movie review: *Red Notice*
- Gentle Knight



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.

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.**



FORTHCOMING BAPTISMS

Alessia Daniela MUSCAT on Sunday 12 December at 12 noon at Balmain

Camilla Antonia SHAW-TAYLOR on Saturday 18 December at 10.15 am at Balmain

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

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



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

10.30 am. Rozelle

5 pm. Balmain

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

19. Evangelization takes place in obedience to the missionary mandate of Jesus: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of

the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (*Mt 28:19-20*). In these verses we see how the risen Christ sent his followers to preach the Gospel in every time and place, so that faith in him might spread to every corner of the earth.

I. A Church which goes forth

20. The word of God constantly shows us how God challenges those who believe in him "to go forth". Abraham received the call to set out for a new land (cf. *Gen 12:1-3*). Moses heard God's call: "Go, I send you" (*Ex 3:10*) and led the people towards the promised land (cf. *Ex 3:17*). To Jeremiah God says: "To all whom I send you, you shall go" (*Jer 1:7*). In our day Jesus' command to "go and make disciples" echoes in the changing scenarios and ever new challenges to the Church's mission of evangelization, and all of us are called to take part in this new missionary "going forth". Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the "peripheries" in need of the light of the Gospel.

21. The Gospel joy which enlivens the community of disciples is a missionary joy. The seventy-two disciples felt it as they returned from their mission (cf. *Lk 10:17*). Jesus felt it when he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and praised the Father for revealing himself to the poor and the little ones (cf. *Lk 10:21*). It was felt by the first converts who marvelled to hear the apostles preaching "in the native language of each" (*Acts 2:6*) on the day of Pentecost. This joy is a sign that the Gospel has been proclaimed and is bearing fruit. Yet the drive to go forth and give, to go out from ourselves, to keep pressing forward in our sowing of the good seed, remains ever present. The Lord says: "Let us go on to the next towns that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out" (*Mk 1:38*). Once the seed has been sown in one place, Jesus does not stay behind to explain things or to perform more signs; the Spirit moves him to go forth to other towns.

22. God's word is unpredictable in its power. The Gospel speaks of a seed which, once sown, grows by itself, even as the farmer sleeps (*Mk 4:26-29*). The Church has to accept this unruly freedom of the word, which accomplishes what it wills in ways that surpass our calculations and ways of thinking.

23. The Church's closeness to Jesus is part of a common journey; "communion and mission are profoundly interconnected".^[20] In fidelity to the example of the Master, it is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the Gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance or fear. The joy of the Gospel is for all people: no one can be excluded. That is what the angel proclaimed to the shepherds in Bethlehem: "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people (*Lk 2:10*). The Book of Revelation speaks of "an eternal Gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tongue and tribe and people" (*Rev 14:6*).

ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS

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