

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B (05 DEC 21)



FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

Please don't forget to ensure you are booked in for the **Gaudete Party** (if you are able to come) and don't forget that at the **5 pm Mass** preceding the party we will be having some special music from **Coro Austral**.

The **Christmas Tree** at St Augustine's was installed by Stephen Charnock on Wednesday evening. On Saturday morning, the tree was decorated by Joanne Navarra. Many thanks to you both, Stephen and Joanne.

On Wednesday 8 December (the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) at 5 pm, the FJT School will be having a **Graduation Mass** for the departing Year 6 pupils. Our best wishes and prayers go with them as they look forward to the next stage of their education.

On Tuesday 14 December at 10 am the FJT will be having its annual **Award Ceremonies** at the Town Hall.

The **Balmain Parish Council** will meet on Tuesday 14 December at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery.

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.

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.

Planned Giving Envelopes are at the back of the churches.

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 5.30 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

Catholic Weekly - 5 December 2021

- Find Faith? Go to the Homeless! NSW Young Australian of the Year 2022
- The hunting of an innocent man. Exclusive excerpt from Gerard Henderson' new book on the Pell affair
- Death in motion. NSW parliament passes euthanasia law.
- Destruction masquerading as reform. Australian 'reformers' agenda a formula for disaster
- Movie review: *Ghostbusters: Afterlife*
- Life after death



Thank you for supporting the CWF Parish Appeal

On behalf of this parish, we thank you for supporting the **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal**. We cannot do the work that we do without your help! Once again, we are able to continue in our mission to provide care for the most vulnerable in our communities, while also building up our Catholic

communities. For more information about the Catholic Works Fund, please visit www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf.





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, 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), Marie Meyrick (06.11.21) and Anna Scarpellino (11.11.21).*

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.

GAUDETE SUNDAY 11 December 5 PM MASS – MUSIC BY CORO AUSTRAL including Haydn's *Little Organ Mass* with Coro Austral.

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.



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 the weekend 11/12 December.**



FORTHCOMING BAPTISMS

Chiara GRUJIC on Saturday 11 December at 11.15 am at Balmain
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
Charlotte SMITH on Sunday 19 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
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

10.30 am. Rozelle

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

Taking the first step, being involved and supportive, bearing fruit and rejoicing

24. The Church which "goes forth" is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice. An evangelizing community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative, he has loved us first (cf. *1 Jn* 4:19), and therefore we can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast. Such a community has an endless desire to show mercy, the fruit of its own experience of the power of the Father's infinite mercy. Let us try a little harder to take the first step and to become involved. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. The Lord gets involved and he involves his own, as he kneels to wash their feet. He tells his disciples: "You will be blessed if you do this" (*Jn* 13:17). An evangelizing community gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives; it bridges distances, it is willing to abase itself if necessary, and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others. Evangelizers thus take on the "smell of the sheep" and the sheep are willing to hear their voice. An evangelizing community is also supportive, standing by people at every step of the way, no matter how difficult or lengthy this may prove to be. It is familiar with patient expectation and apostolic endurance. Evangelization consists mostly of patience and disregard for constraints of time. Faithful to the Lord's gift, it also bears fruit. An evangelizing community is always concerned with fruit, because the Lord wants her to be fruitful. It cares for the grain and does not grow impatient at the weeds. The sower, when he sees weeds sprouting among the grain does not grumble or overreact. He or she finds a way to let the word take flesh in a particular situation and bear fruits of new life, however imperfect or incomplete these may appear. The disciple is ready to put his or her whole life on the line, even to accepting martyrdom, in bearing witness to Jesus Christ, yet the goal is not to make enemies but to see God's word accepted and its capacity for liberation and renewal revealed. Finally an evangelizing community is filled with joy; it knows how to rejoice always. It celebrates every small victory, every step forward in the work of evangelization. Evangelization with joy becomes beauty in the liturgy, as part of our daily concern to spread goodness. The Church

evangelizes and is herself evangelized through the beauty of the liturgy, which is both a celebration of the task of evangelization and the source of her renewed self-giving.

BALMAIN AS IT IS NOW (1906)

S.N. Hogg

Balmain Hospital

That Balmain would evolve from a quiet residential suburb into an important industrial centre, must have been foreseen by thoughtful observant men far earlier than the year 1885. But several severe accidents occurring at that time brought home to these men the responsibility that their gifts of foresight entailed. Their minds reasoned in this way: if accidents so often occur now when industries are comparatively few, how much more frequent will they become when these industries have increased fourfold? If erstwhile quiet sylvan retreats already ring with noisy hammers, how much more will they ring when Balmain has become a busy hive of industries? If the population of Balmain is now in 1885 20,000, what may we not expect it to be in the future? From deductive reasoning such as this arose, in well-regulated minds, the determination to make provision at least for present disasters, and to set an example to those who would come after them, by acquiring a freehold with cottage thereon, for the erection thereafter of a hospital for the proper treatment of those among them who by the very nature of their avocations were liable at any moment to be stricken down and severely injured by the careless handling of some huge iron plate, or scorched by too close an approach to sparks flying from molten metal, or maimed by falling from some dizzy height. A cottage hospital materialised from these thoughts, and was formally opened on 10th August 1885, by the then Premier of the Colony, Sir Alexander Stuart. The first officers were: Jacob Garrard (president), John Tomkins (hon treasurer), G.F. Poole (hon. Secretary). The first medical officers were: Drs. O.S. Evans, O.F.S. Evans, C.U. Carruthers, and L.G. Davidson (father of the Dr Davidson now here). The following gentlemen formed the first committee, Aldermen S. Briggs, W.M. Burns, Geo. Clubb, and Messrs. Jas. McDonald, J. Cameron, J.W. Breakwell, and C.G. Cameron.
(to be continued)

BRIEF ANSWERS TO THE BIG QUESTIONS

Q. Why is Galileo said to be the father modern science? Galileo was the first person to challenge the perceived wisdom that the ancient Greeks, and Aristotle in particular, were the ultimate authority in science. Galileo pointed out that simple observations, like dropping weights from a height, show things do not work the way Aristotle said. This must have been seen by many people but they had put it down to imperfect observations, or other reasons. But Galileo said the ancients were actually wrong, and started to work out the correct laws from the observations. That makes him the father of modern science.

- Stephen Hawking, *Brief Answers to the Big Questions*, 238.

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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