

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

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*17 July 2022 (YEAR C)*



**FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

The **Balmain Parish Council** will be meeting on Tuesday **19 July** at 7:30pm at the Presbytery. Isabel Conde, the Archdiocesan Fundraising and Events Manager, will be speaking to us at the beginning of the meeting about a parish pilgrimage next year.

The **Adult Catechesis Group** is an ongoing group and meets for 1 ½ hours every second Sunday after Mass (at about 5.45 pm) in the Presbytery. Please contact Angela Finnigan on 0414 684 447 or Parish Office. It will meet Sunday 17 July.

**Confirmation preparation sessions** continue under the leadership of Angela Mills on Wednesdays 20 and 27 July at 7 pm. The Sunday sessions will commence straight after the 5 pm Mass (at about 5.45 pm).

This Sunday (17 July) at 3 pm, **Dr Caterina Paoli**, will be speaking to our Dante Group about *La Divina Commedia*. Caterina studied Italian literature as a student in Italy and then Classical Greek and Latin at Oxford. She is a parishioner and, with her husband, Thomas Grujic, has three children, two of whom are at FJT.

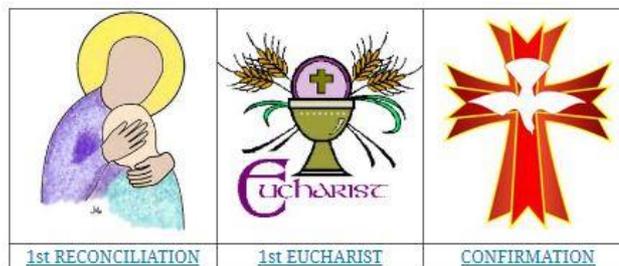
On Thursday, **Fr Sebastian Hew** will be coming to spend a bit over a week at the Presbytery. Fr Hew is presently studying for his second doctorate at the Biblicum in Rome. His first doctorate is in physics and is from Cambridge. We are looking forward to having him with us.

**Confirmation candidates** are encouraged to make their **Confessions** before receiving this second Sacrament of Christian Initiation. I will be available as the advertised time on Tuesday this week and next week and Fr Hew and I will be in St Augustine's on Saturday 23 July between 3.30 and 4.30 pm.

I have included in this Bulletin, as an inset, a summary of the motions passed by the **2022 Plenary Council**...for your interest and information.

Fr Richard Waddell  
*Parish Administrator*

**Working With Children - Parish Volunteers:** The Archdiocese and the Parish are committed to valuing a child safe culture and providing safe environments for children and young people. Working With Children Clearance Checks (WWCC) must be obtained and verified before any Church volunteer can assist with any activity or event where they may or will come in contact with children. It is also legal requirement under the relevant NSW legislation. Substantial penalties can result if a volunteer is engaged in a Parish event/activity if it is known or suspected that a person does not hold a WWCC. WWCC are for 5 years. WWCC holders who received their clearance in 2017 must now reapply. It is also a requirement of the Archdiocese that Volunteers complete a Safeguarding Induction Training course before assisting with Parish activities or events. A course was conducted in the Parish in May and courses are available online at [safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org).



**Confirmation:** Ceremonies will be held on **Saturday 30 July 2022**.

**First Confessions/Reconciliations** will be celebrated during the week of Monday 5 September to Saturday 10 September.

**First Eucharist:** Ceremonies will be held on **Sunday 27 November** and **Sunday 4 December**. All candidates are expected to participate in a 4 week preparation course prior to the ceremony. Register through the church website

[https://www.staugbalmain.org.au/sacraments/first\\_reconciliation-first\\_eucharist-confirmation/](https://www.staugbalmain.org.au/sacraments/first_reconciliation-first_eucharist-confirmation/)

For more information contact Angela Mills [balrozparishes@gmail.com](mailto:balrozparishes@gmail.com)

### **DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK**

**Balmain:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9.15 am. Friday 7.30 am. (School Mass at 9.15 am).

**Rozelle:** Wednesday 7.30 am.

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

**Balmain:** Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5 pm; Sunday at 9 am and 5 pm.

**Rozelle:** Sunday at 10.30 am.

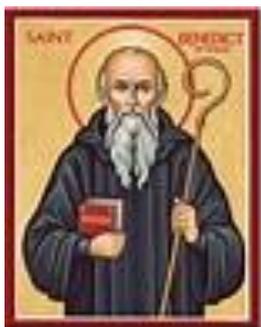
### **CONFESSIONS**

Tuesday 5-6 pm; Saturday (23.vii.22 only) 3.30-4.30 pm; and before or after any Mass and by appointment

### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

After Mass until 8.30 am every Friday at St Augustine's.

**Planned Giving:** Parishioners who are part of the planned giving scheme can collect their new set of envelopes at the entrances of our churches.



### **SOME SAYINGS OF THE DESERT FATHERS**

The devil appeared to a monk disguised as an angel of light, and said to him, 'I am the angel Gabriel, and I have been sent to you.' But the monk said, 'Are you sure you weren't sent to someone else? I am not worthy to have an angel sent to me.' At that the devil vanished.

A hermit, who had an experienced disciple, one turned him out in a fit of irritation. The disciple sat down outside to wait and the hermit found him there when he opened the door. So he did penance to him, saying, 'You are my abba now, because your humility and patience have overcome my weakness. Come inside, now you are the old abba, and I am the young disciple; my age must give way to your conduct.'

From BENEDICTA WARD, *The Desert Fathers – Sayings of the Early Christian Monks* (Penguin: London 2003), pp. 165 and 175

### **Catholic Weekly 17 July 2022**

- What's next? The Plenary is over: Where do we go from here?
- All hands on the ropes. What happens when the campanologists gather.
- Western civilisation. New Campion college course.
- Movie review: Thor: Love and Thunder
- To Kill a Priest. New searing novel focuses on a tragedy.



### **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, Catherine Erskine, Mary Ferguson, Christine Forner, Martha Lucia Gomez, Marcella Holsten, Beverley Kerin, Joan Leonard, Jill Losurdo, Shirley Lowe, Anna Pasqua, Lyn Wilson

**With those more recently added to our list:** Lucy Tyler, Christine Mangala Frost, Michael Fitzpatrick, Bryan Fitzpatrick, Laura Quintili, Jeanette Hickey, Allan Lee, Silvana Cocilova, Peter Kingston, Elio Cacciotti, Christine Leaver and Lois Blakemore.

**For the faithful departed – those recently deceased:** Graham Bower (09.06.22), Patricia Webster (10.06.22) and Sarina Roppolo Navarra (12.06.22), Pasqua Squadrito (01.07.22), Sylvia Gallagher (05.07.22), John Hill (02.07.22).

**For the faithful departed – year's mind:** Gail Anne Markland (16.06.17).

*Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace. Amen.*

## THE PILLAR

(<https://www.pillarcatholic.com/p/australian-plenary-council-finishes>)

**Luke Coppen**

9 July 2022

Members of Australia's plenary council backed 18 out of 19 motions Friday, the final day of voting during a sometimes tense week-long meeting.

Participants at the gathering in Sydney backed revised motions on female deacons and women's participation in ministries that were initially rejected by the country's bishops, provoking an angry protest.

They also voted on July 8 for wider use of general absolution instead of individual confession and called for a new English translation of the Roman Missal to succeed the version introduced in 2011. But the assembly rejected a motion to call on the Vatican to allow lay homilies during Mass.

The final acts of the council will now have to be compiled and sent to Rome for ratification.

### **How they voted: Women in the Church**

✓ **Women deacons:** Members voted on a reformulated motion saying “that, should the universal law of the Church be modified to authorize the diaconate for women, the Plenary Council recommends that the Australian Bishops examine how best to implement it in the context of the Church in Australia” - a step back from the original motion which would have effectively called on the pope to allow female ordination.

The motion won a qualified majority (at least two-thirds) among both consultative voters (the bulk of participants) and deliberative voters (the bishops).

✓ **New opportunities for women:** Another initially rejected and then revised motion - that dioceses commit “to supporting, with appropriate formation and recognition, new opportunities for women to participate in ministries that engage with the most important aspects of diocesan and parish life” - also achieved a qualified majority second time round.

✓ **The equal dignity of women and men:** Voters backed an introductory statement asking the Church in Australia to act “in ways that witness clearly to the equal dignity of women and men,” “enhancing the role of women in the Church,” and “overcoming assumptions, culture, practices, and language that lead to inequality.”

✓ **Hearing women's perspectives:** A motion also passed committing the Church to ensuring that “the experiences and perspectives of women, including women who exercise ministry, are heard, considered and valued at local, diocesan and national levels.”

✓ **Implementing documents:** The 277 council members called for two previous Australian bishops' documents - *Woman and Man: One in Christ Jesus* (1999) and *Woman and Man: The Bishops Respond* (2000) - to be implemented “more fully.”

### How they voted: The Sacraments

✓ **New English Mass translation:** The gathering backed a request for the bishops' liturgy commission to prepare “a new English translation of the Roman Missal that is both faithful to the original text and sensitive to the call for language that communicates clearly and includes all in the assembly.”

✓ **Lectors, acolytes, and catechists:** Participants asked dioceses to promote the “exercise of and formation for the ministries of Lector, Acolyte, and Catechist.”

✓ **Reviewing guidelines on preaching:** Council members supported a motion saying that, given changes in the past 20 years, the bishops' conference should review its 2003 guidelines “for lay people to participate in a formal ministry of Preaching in the Latin Church, as provided for in [canon 766](#) of the Code of Canon Law.”

✗ **Lay homilies:** The assembly rejected a motion seeking “an amendment to [canon 767](#) to permit in the Latin Church, where appropriate, those entrusted with this ministry of Preaching to preach in the Eucharistic assembly, under the oversight of the local ordinary.”

✓ **Catechesis on Confession:** Participants asked the bishops' liturgy commission to devise “a sustained program of catechesis of the Sacrament of Penance to promote an understanding of the conditions for and appropriate practice of each of the [three forms](#) of the Rite of Penance.”

✓ **General absolution:** The council invited the pope to “consider whether the Third Form of the Rite of Penance might have wider use on occasions when it is particularly appropriate, granted an understanding among the faithful of its distinctive nature and requirements.”

### How they voted: Formation

✓ **Youth ministry:** Members backed an introductory statement asking for “ongoing support and strategies for those who minister to young people,” as well as the promotion of

“the rich variety of spiritual and devotional traditions of the Church” and “synodal practices such as encounter, accompaniment, listening, dialogue, discernment, and collaboration.”

✓ **Strategic policies:** Delegates endorsed a motion asking dioceses to promote “strategic policies” to “identify and support ministry and leadership formation.”

✓ **Cooperation:** Members urged the bishops’ conference, the Australian Catholic Biblical Association, and the Australian Catholic Theological Association to help develop formation programs.

✓ **Working group on formation:** Voters asked the bishops to “establish a working group with expertise in formation to develop national Formation for Leadership strategies and guidelines designed for clergy, religious and lay leaders to address the possibilities and challenges of synodal leadership.”

✓ **Working group on Catholic social teaching:** The council asked the bishops’ conference to create a working group to “develop a national framework for formation in Catholic Social Teaching.”

### **How they voted: Closing motions**

✓ **Five-year review:** Members backed plans to monitor how the resolutions are put into practice during a five-year “implementation phase.” There will be interim reports in 2023 and 2025, and a final one in 2027.

✓ **Review of previous decrees:** A motion passed calling for a review of the decrees of the [Fourth Plenary Council of Australia](#) in 1937, “to determine those whose validity may endure” following Vatican II and changes to Church law.

✓ **Closing the council:** A final motion approved the plenary council’s closure on July 9.

### **What’s next?**

Following the mammoth day of voting, the plenary council will end with a Mass on Saturday at Sydney’s St. Mary’s Cathedral.

In August, the acts of the second general assembly will be [finalized](#) and need to be sent to Rome for ratification. Back in Australia, there will be a “discussion of the way forward.”

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### **ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS**

**Parish Office:** Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm.

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