

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

28 August 2022 (YEAR C)



FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

I have been incapacitated over the last few days by a **severe hay fever attack**, brought on by my visit to the Field of Mars cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, according to my medical advice (and perhaps the southerly change on that same afternoon). Only today (Friday) have the symptoms begun to abate. As a result, I have been confined to my quarters, feeling unfit to be seen in public.

As a precautionary measure, I have asked Bishop Brady and Fr Julian Wellspring to supply our weekend Masses. At the time of writing, I still do not have a priest for Rozelle at 10.30 am which means that it may be a Liturgy of the Word although I am hoping to be fit for purpose by then. We have only four priests available in Sydney for these kinds of emergencies and they are already busy.

The Genesian Theatre Company has an annual celebration for St Genesius Day (25 August) and this year they are celebrating today **with a morning tea in St Joseph's hall immediately after the 10:30am service which will, I hope, be a Mass.** Everyone is invited to join them for a snack, a cuppa, to meet some of their amazing team and to find out what the Theatre does.

This Sunday night after the 5pm Family Mass we will celebrate St Augustine of Hippo's Feast Day with a pizza night in the hall. Places are limited so please book ASAP www.trybooking.com/CBTOS

The Adult Catechesis Group will meet next on Sunday 4 September after 5pm Mass in the Presbytery. Call Angela Finnigan on 0414 684 447.

The Dante Group will meet on **Wednesday 14 September** at 7.30 in the Presbytery. We are just finishing our visit to Purgatory and will be entering

Paradise at the end of September, coinciding with spring. Enquiries may be directed to Stephen Briggs: stephen.briggs@yahoo.com.au; 0450 521 670.

The proposed **Pilgrimage to Rome** is for **2023**. The plan is to spend about two weeks in late September or in October **2023** in Rome and its environs. Already, some parishioners have expressed an interest. We will plan a meeting in the very near future to sort out times and places.

Fr Richard Waddell
Parish Administrator

Catholic Weekly - 28 August 2022

- Parish Renewal Conference a hit
- "Get behind Champion"
- When Catholic schools drop the ball
- Anglican divisions grow
- Book review: Portrait of a legal lynching
- George Weigel: War and choices

Preparation classes have commenced for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. The students will celebrate their first confession on 6/7/8 September. Please pray for these students as they prepare their hearts to fully embrace God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

First Communions: Masses for the First Communions will be celebrated on Sunday 27 November and Sunday 4 December 2022. All candidates are expected to participate in a **4-week preparation course** and to go to Confession prior to making their First Communions. Register through https://www.staugbalmain.org.au/sacraments/first_reconciliation-first_eucharist-confirmation/

DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

Balmain: Friday 7.30 am, Monday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9.15 am, and Tuesday at 6 pm.

NO MASS AT BALMAIN ON WEDNESDAY. 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

Tuesdays 5-6 pm; 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.