

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

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

25 September 2022 (YEAR C)



**FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

The 9.15am mass on **Monday 26th September will be a Memorial Mass for Mary Ferguson**, our long-time parishioner who died on 1st September aged 106 years. Everyone is invited to attend. Mary had a very extensive library of religious books and pamphlets. Many are on display on the table at the rear of the church for parishioners to select and take home.

I would like to experiment with the **Tuesday Confessions and Mass schedule**. Very few people use the Sacrament of Penance in these parishes, I suspect, unless crowds of Balmain/Rozelle penitents are going elsewhere, which is, of course, fine by me. Very few come to the Mass at 6 pm although those who do come have expressed their appreciation of a Mass being available on at least one weekday evening. I am thinking that the Mass could be at 6.30 pm, thus giving any workers more time to get back from the office or place of work and I could be available at 6 pm for confessions. Daylight saving may make an evening weekday Mass more attractive for some. Perhaps some have found 6 pm during winter too difficult although, I must say, in many London parishes there are evening Masses and in the middle of winter and they are quite well attended! **From this week on Tuesday Confessions at 6 pm and Mass at 6.30 pm.**

Work on the **PA system at Balmain** will commence, I am advised, in November with the aim of completing it by Christmas. The estimated cost is \$50,000. I have also been advised that work towards finishing **the painting of Balmain's church doors** will resume at the end of October, God willing and the weather permitting.

The **Adult Catechesis Group** will meet next on **Sunday 25 September** after 5pm Mass in the Presbytery. Call Angela Finnigan on 0414 684 447.

Advance notice is given of the following **events** with more details to follow:

- **Wed 2 November** 7 pm at Balmain – **All Souls Requiem Mass** with choir;

- **Tue 8 November** 6.30 pm at Balmain – **inaugural meeting of men's group**;
- **Sat 10 December** 6 pm at Balmain – **Gaudete Party**.

The proposed **Pilgrimage to Rome** is for **2023**. *We now have sufficient expressions of interest to make group travel financially viable.* We will plan a meeting in the very near future to sort out times and places. Please advise the office if you are interested.

**Daylight Saving:** Sunday 2 October clocks are turned forward 1 hour.

Fr Richard Waddell

*Parish Administrator*

**First Communion**s will be celebrated on Sunday 27 November, Sunday 4 December and Sunday 11 December 2022. All candidates are expected to participate in a **4-week preparation course** and to go to Confession prior to making their First Communion. Register through [https://www.staugbalmain.org.au/sacraments/first\\_reconciliation-first\\_eucharist-confirmation/](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 6.30 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 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.

**PARISH INTERCESSIONS**

**With those more recently added to our sick list:** Lucy Tyler, Michael Fitzpatrick, Bryan Fitzpatrick, Laura Quintili, Allan Lee, Silvana Cocilova, Peter Kingston, Elio Cacciotti, Paul Ryan, Colleen Power, Pauline Yates, Terri Leonard.

**For the faithful departed – those recently deceased:** Barbara Gallagher (19.08.22), Mary Ferguson (1.09.22), Christine Mangala Frost (07.09.22) John Holmes (11.09.22), and Marianna Cincotta (15.09.22).

**For the faithful departed – year's mind:** Wayne McIlvenna (7.09.81) and Santina Amendolia (17.09.22).

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

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

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

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