

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN AND ROZELLE,
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
11 December 2022 (YEAR A)
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

First Communion Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon today at Rozelle.

This afternoon, **Bel a cappella will be giving a concert – A Ceremony of Carols – in St Augustine's at 2.30 pm.** See posters in the church porches.

This Wednesday **14 December 7 pm** at Balmain – **Rite 2 Sacrament of Penance. Visiting priests will be participating.**

Vinnies gifts for the Christmas Tree: 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, Gift vouchers (Woolworths, K Mart or movie vouchers). If vouchers are included, please indicate this on the gift. Our Vinnies volunteers will deliver the gifts with a Vinnies hamper. Gifts must be under the tree **17/18 December.**

The Advent Group will meet on **Tuesday 13 December 6.30pm** at the home of Angela Finnigan. Please contact her on 0414 684 447.

Christmas tree decorations and other small items made by the Carmelite nuns at Goonellabah will be on sale after the Masses this weekend (**10-11 December**). Sales are cash only as there are no credit card facilities.

The proposed **Pilgrimage to Rome** is for **September/October 2023**. There will be a meeting of interested persons for 10.15 am on **Sunday 18 December at the Presbytery (after the 9 am Mass).**

The **Parish Office** will be closed from 27 December until 30 January 2023.

Building and Maintenance at Balmain: Baby change tables have been installed at the Balmain toilets in both the male and female sections. St Joseph is currently being repaired after his nasty fall. Consultants have been working on the peeling paint problem. The necessary applications for the installation of the bells are underway. There are new up to date signs outside the church. The Presbytery door bells now work – as does the air conditioning. The sound system is still a work in progress. The windows have not been forgotten and, eventually, the organ will need a restoration.

Building and Maintenance at Rozelle: Fire alarms are being repaired and extra ones installed. Work on 48 Victoria Road is being carried out by St Aloysius College. The Genesians will start their works mid-2023. Water proofing of certain roofs and painting jobs are being organised.

Would someone like to donate a grand piano for the Balmain Church?

If you would like to contribute towards flowers for the church for Christmas, please place your donation in the red box near the candle stand.

Fr Richard Waddell

Administrator

**CHRISTMAS MASSES
BALMAIN**

Christmas Eve: 5 pm and 9 pm (Solemn Mass)

Christmas Day: 9 am

ROZELLE

Christmas Eve: 7 pm

Christmas Day: 10.30 am

Online Safety: Parents and Guardians, it is important to closely monitor the children's and young adults use of their devices on the internet. The Diocese has also provided advice on this matter " *Information for Young People about Online Safety*" Copies are on the table inside the Church.

Catholic Weekly – 11 December 2022

- Bossley Park lights up for Mary
- Jane Austen: LIFE COACH?
- Disability: Welcoming everyone
- Journey through Advent
- Sydney Parishes set to welcome Theology of the Body
- Territories legislation. Euthanasia spreads

Miraculous Harvest! Nadia Piave's Soqqadro Christmas Concert Thursday December 22 - 6.45pm for 7pm concert at St Augustine's Church, Eaton St, Balmain Tickets: \$47.50 – on-line purchase or \$50.00 at the door
Enquiries: rb@benvenutisc.com Children under 12 – FREE

DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

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

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 at 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: Bill Warner, Fr Peter Guy, Peter Rouse, Paul Joseph Clark, Lucy Tyler, Michael Fitzpatrick, Bryan Fitzpatrick, Laura Quintili, Allan Lee, Silvana Cocilova, Elio Cacciotti, Colleen Power, Pauline Yates, Terri Leonard, Gary Walford, and Phil Bawden.

For the faithful departed – those recently deceased: Margo Buckingham (26.10.22), Noel Joseph Dunne (29.10.22) and Mary Rooney (09.11.22).

For the faithful departed – year's mind John Morris (04.12.17).

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

ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS

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