

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN AND ROZELLE,
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
CHRISTMAS DAY
25 December 2022 (YEAR A)
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

Father Victor Pringle and Bishop Terry Brady join me in wishing you a **Joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year!** I should add that it has made a big difference having the voluntary assistance of Fr Victor and Bishop Terry – they have both been very generous with their time and energy.

Thank you to our Parish Secretary and our Pastoral Associate & Sacramental Coordinator, **Lorraine Thomy and Angela Mills** respectively, and to our many volunteers who have done so much to make the last 12 months a very happy and productive time in both our parishes. In particular, I would like to thank **David Kelaher** for the many hours of work he puts into complying with our Byzantine Safeguarding regulations. Without his tireless work, neither of our parishes could function.

Thank you also to **Michael Murphy**, our Director of Music, for the sterling work he has done in bringing together so many talented singers and musicians for the special occasions which have enriched our cultural and spiritual life over the last year and will do so again this Christmas.

The **Parish Office** will be closed from 27 December until 30 January 2023. The voice mail on the parish number has a number to call in the event of a serious pastoral need.

During **January** the **normal Sunday Masses** will be maintained but **daily Masses** will vary from week to week.

Would someone like to donate a grand piano for the Balmain Church? This probably needs further discussion but something to think about? The suggestion has come from the Balmain Parish Council.

Fr Richard Waddell

Administrator

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.

St Joseph's monthly morning tea: The first morning tea of 2023 will be held after 10:30am Mass on January 1. All are welcome.

Thank you to the parishioners who gave donations and/or bought the Christmas goods made by the Carmelite sisters at Goonellabah. We will be able to send \$426 to them. Jill

Catholic Weekly – 25 December 2022

- Prue Car: MP. Believer in bigger things
- Lambs among Wolves: Aussie Catholics take their faith to the streets
- Darkness at Christmas
- Anna Walsh: Start a spiritual reading book club
- Ladies! Go on retreat!
- When dying is about living



CHRISTMAS MASSES

BALMAIN

Christmas Eve: 5 pm and 9 pm (Fr Waddell)

Christmas Day: 9 am (Bishop Brady)

ROZELLE

Christmas Eve: 6.30 pm (Carols and a procession building the stable)

Mass 7 pm (Fr Pringle)

Christmas Day: 10.30 am (Fr Waddell)



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DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

Balmain: Monday to Saturday at 9.15 am

Rozelle: No weekday Mass this week

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

With those more recently added to our sick list: Allan Thom, 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), Mary Rooney (09.11.22) and Brent Egan (14.12.22).

For the faithful departed – year's mind John Morris (04.12.17), John Trevor Franklin, and Elizabeth Aranibar Ayala (17.12.14).

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. **Parishes Secretary:** Lorraine Thomy

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