

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF
BALMAIN AND ROZELLE, ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR**

5 February 2023 (YEAR A)

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

The funeral of our former Archbishop: Having attended the funeral of Cardinal Pell and having been privileged to be present at the internment, I was amazed to read the online coverage of the funeral by most of the media. It seemed that their reporters and cameramen had all been at another event, so little did their description of the funeral match my own experience. First, noise from Hyde Park was only audible in the Cathedral briefly at the beginning of the liturgy. Secondly, there was no tension in the Cathedral but rather an atmosphere of love - I think every person there and joining in the service from outside had known George in some way and felt gratitude and at least affection for him. Thirdly, the applause in response to some of the slightly over the top comments by Tony Abbott was not thunderous but was good humoured - we understood where he was coming from and we sympathised with him in his personal loss. The behaviour of a small group of verbal abusers as we left the Cathedral was not so different in kind from the behaviour of most of the media and is evidence of our descent into coarseness and incivility in our public life in Australia. It's all very well being woke but we need to wake up to what is really happening!

Bible Study: It is proposed to replace the Adult Catechesis Group with a Bible Study Group. The first meeting will be held at the Presbytery on Monday 13 February at 7 pm. Future arrangements will be sorted out then. Angela Finnigan is our convenor: 0414684447.

On **Tuesday** during the daily Mass at 9.15 am, **Marlow Kirkby will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation** (administered by me with a special faculty of the Archbishop). Marlow is shortly moving to Melbourne. We pray for him as he takes this step in his Christian discipleship and as he embarks on a new phase in his life in that great southern city.

Ash Wednesday is 22 February.

PARISH NOTES

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.

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- Elizabeth Tabish: Playing the Apostle to the Apostles
- The face on the Shroud. Author to speak.
- Gender dysphoria. Sensitivity and fidelity
- Giving young marriages strong foundations
- The Cardinal who loved Lebanon
- A Bible that's beautiful



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DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

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

CONFESSIONS

6 pm Tuesdays 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.

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

With those more recently added to our sick list: Allan Thom, Bill Warner, Peter Rouse, Paul Joseph Clark, Lucy Tyler, Michael Fitzpatrick, Bryan Fitzpatrick, Laura Quintili, Allan Lee, Silvana Cocilova, Elio Cacciotti, Pauline Yates, Terri Leonard, Gary Walford, Phil Bawden, and Keith Forbes.

For the faithful departed – those recently deceased: Elaine Barnes (18.01.23).

For the faithful departed – year's mind: Giselle Pereira (02.12.21) 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

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