

## NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN & ROZELLE, ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 12 March 2023 (YEAR A)

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

**The 5 pm Mass on this Sunday** will be the first of our monthly *messes d'orgue* ('organ Masses') with **David Drury on the Hill organ**. (An 'organ Mass' is a said Mass with organ accompaniment. In the days of the old Latin Mass, the organ was played during all the parts of a Low Mass when the priest (and the server) recited prayers inaudibly. There will be some adaptations to the English Mass, of course.)

With **Fr Pierluigi** in residence, it is now possible to **have extra weekday Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays**. See the notices below.

**The Men's Group is having a dinner Thursday 30 March 7 for 7.30 pm** at the London Hotel, Balmain, with **Peter Monaghan**, the CEO Marist 180, the speaker. 2 courses \$50. Drinks at the bar. RSVP Clinton McDonald 0419 646 311 by Monday 27 March.

**Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes** are still available for collection at the entrances to both churches.

**Lenten Study Groups:** The Men's Group is convened by Keith Longworth: 0417 277 112. Another group meets on Saturday mornings after Mass in St Augustine's convened by Jill Ditton: 0419 635 761. The book *Spirit and Truth – The Power of Christ Revealed* provided by the Archdiocese of Sydney will be used.

**Bible Study Group** is meeting on Mondays at 7 pm in the Presbytery (and finishes promptly at 8 pm). The passage to be studied this Monday is Romans 4: 1-25. Please bring a Bible. There will be a handout. Convened by Angela Finnigan: 0414 684 447.

**Year 9 of St Aloysius' College** will begin Term 2 at 48 Victoria Road on **26 April**.

**It is proposed to have a celebration marking Balmain parish's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday 10 September, subject to confirmation from the Archbishop. Please pencil it into your diaries.**

**Rome Pilgrimage 7-17 October 2023:** At present we do not have sufficient numbers but we are hoping there will be further interest in a shorter trip with a new itinerary, copies of which are on the back tables of the two churches. If you are interested, please contact Lorraine.

**The Dante Group**, convened by Stephen Briggs, will meet after Easter, since there are many other competing activities during Lent. More details anon.

The **PA system** in Balmain is *almost* ready for commissioning, which will take place next week, *Deo volente*.

Fr Richard Waddell

**Administrator**

**Congratulations** to the Senior students of the Fr John Therry Primary School, accompanied by Mrs Angela Mills, the St Augustine's Parish's Pastoral Coordinator, who attended the World Day of Prayer Service for Taiwan at St John Evangelist Church on Friday 3rd March. By their participation, demeanour, and dress at the

Service, the students were impressive, and both the School and the Parish should be justifiably proud of them.

**St Joseph's Readers:** Two more readers are needed to make up 12 readers plus an auxiliary reader for Sunday Masses at St Joseph's. A six-month commitment is requested and this involves, reading either the first reading, second reading or the Prayers of Intercession once every four weeks during the term of the roster. The next roster begins on 2nd April. Email Peter Tangney at [ptangney@hotmail.com](mailto:ptangney@hotmail.com)."

**Children's Liturgy** will be offered at every Sunday 9am Mass starting on the 19th March. Parents are welcome to **drop their lower primary and preschool aged children to the hall before the start of Mass**. The children will pray, listen to the readings, learn about them and do suitable craft activities. We have a small group of teacher volunteers but will need more volunteers as we move forward. If you are interested please email Angela [balrozparishes@gmail.com](mailto:balrozparishes@gmail.com)

**Altar Serving:** If your child has received their **First Communion** and is interested in altar serving at Mass please email [balrozparishes@gmail.com](mailto:balrozparishes@gmail.com). Training for children at FJT has commenced. Children attending Public Schools should contact the Parish Office.

**THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC FORUM FOR THE LOCAL CANDIDATES IN THE STATE ELECTION TO ADDRESS MATTERS OF CONCERN TO FAITH COMMUNITIES – 16 MARCH AT 7 PM AT ST BARNABAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH, BROADWAY. YOUR ATTENDANCE AND SUPPORT AT THIS MEETING WOULD BE WELCOME.**

### DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

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

### CONFESSIONS

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:** Norma Robinson, Allan Thom, Bill Warner, Paul Joseph Clark, Lucy Tyler, Michael Fitzpatrick, Bryan Fitzpatrick, Laura Quintili, Allan Lee, Silvana Cocilova, Elio Cacciotti, Pauline Yates, Terri Leonard, Phil Bawden, Keith Forbes, Moira Forster, and Lois Blakemore.

**For the faithful departed – those recently deceased:** Gary Walford (14.02.23), Peter Rouse (14.02.23), and Valerie Staggs (19.02.23).

**For the faithful departed – year's mind:** John Maxwell Harley (04.02.23), Marcia Cadiz McIlvenna (22.02.17), Millie Leung (22.02.22), and Veronica Jardine (27.02.21).

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

### ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS

**Parish Office (at the Balmain Presbytery):** Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm

**Parishes Secretary:** Lorraine Thomy Phone: 61 2 9810 1157 (both parishes)

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