



*The feeding of the Five Thousand*

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**Communion Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

**FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

**Music at Mass:** We are very lucky in both Balmain and Rozelle parishes to have a team of excellent organists, singers, and other musicians. On Sundays at 9am at Balmain and at 10.30am at Rozelle we have David Hinder and Michael Murphy. At David's invitation, Michael has taken on most of the organ playing at Balmain while David has been playing the flute. Michael and David have both played at Rozelle. Felicity Chianea and Jason Scanlon are playing at the evening Masses on Saturday and Sunday, providing an organ accompaniment to said liturgies.

As you know, for the time being, we cannot have congregational singing but at 9am and 10.30am a cantor will sing the Entrance Antiphon, The *Offertorium*, and the Communion Antiphon, plus the *Kyries*, the *Sanctus*, and the *Agnus Dei*. These will necessarily all be solos, except the *Kyries* (which will be sung with one other singer). There will be musical interludes from the organ and the flute and any other musical instruments which our parish musicians may care to bring with them and play. It is also possible, under the regulations, to have a small, suitably spaced, *schola*, and we are hoping to get this organised.

**Application of regulations at Balmain and Rozelle generally:** I think everyone has got the message and we are complying with the regulations to the best of our ability. Some concern has, however, been expressed about our keeping distance during the distribution of Holy Communion. *At Balmain, I am thinking it might be better for parishioners to line up for communion coming to the altar along the outside aisles and returning by the centre aisle. This will prevent standing side by side, as we do when lining up in the centre aisle. Parishioners are also asked to keep a distance from the communicant in front of them, if possible.*

**Would parishioners like an extra Mass on Sunday?** I asked this question last weekend, prompted by a suggestion from the Vicar General, but have received only one response, which was 'No'.

**Pilgrimages to Balmain and Rozelle:** Last Sunday, we had a few pilgrims to Rozelle from Balmain. During the week, we have a number of pilgrims from Rozelle at Balmain. I would encourage some inter parish pilgrimages. After Sunday Mass at Rozelle, there is always the possibility of lunch at one of the nearby hostelries – The Merton Hotel was very popular after the Genesian Theatre community presentation a fortnight ago.

**The internal painting at Balmain Church:** Parishioners may have noticed that the paint on the walls of St Augustine's seems to be peeling off at an increased rate. Indeed, on Wednesday 29 July, an altar server from the Parish School was struck on the head by a falling paint flake. Unfortunately, repairs will be expensive but if they are delayed further, they will become even more expensive. This matter is being taken up by the Parish Council and there will be more news about this in the future.

**The Parish and Canon Law:** I have been typing out some extracts from a book on canon law and the parish which I am hoping parishioners will dip into. The canons are not only regulatory but are also visionary – they describe how things ought to be and therefore give us an idea of how we can better build up this community of faith by working together in a collaborative way, working not just on the physical foundations but also the spiritual foundations of our faith and our parish. Have a look.

Fr Richard Waddell  
*Parish Administrator*

## NOTICES

### Regulations regarding attendance at Mass:

1. No more than 100 persons in a church at a time (no matter what the size of the church);
2. Baptisms, Anointing, and giving Holy Communion is regarded as no greater risk than the service of food and drinks in restaurants, which is allowed;
3. Congregational singing is still not allowed. Recent health advice has indicated that while droplets fall quickly to the ground, the aerosol emissions during singing promote too great a risk even for those adhering to the specified 1.5 m physical distancing;
4. Singers are permissible, provided they are 1.5 m from each other and 4 m from the congregation;
5. Members of the congregation should be discouraged from mingling before, during, or after the service.

6. It is no longer necessary to register for attendance at Sunday or weekday Masses in either of our churches. Parishioners are asked, however, to fill in the attendance forms at the entrances to the churches, giving their names and telephone numbers.
7. The four square metre rule still applies.

**Collections at Mass:** You are invited to make your offering by putting something in each of the two boxes at the entrance to each of our churches, clearly labelled 'First Collection' and 'Second Collection' or by making your donations electronically or by visiting the Parish Office.

**Planned Giving Envelopes:** There are still envelopes awaiting collection at the entrances to our churches. If you would like to join the planned giving scheme, please be in touch with our Parish Office.

**Catholic Weekly available again in parishes:** With all churches reopened for Mass across the Archdiocese of Sydney, the hard copy edition of the Catholic Weekly is available again in parishes this weekend for \$2.00

**Frequently Asked Questions on COVID-19:** To help parishioners with any questions they may have around COVID-19 and its impact on sacraments such as weddings, baptisms and funerals, you may find the FAQs page on the Archdiocese of Sydney website helpful at this time by clicking –  
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/>

### **COMING EVENTS (for your diaries)**

- **Contemporary Music Masses:** 6pm on Sunday 23 August 2020 at St Augustine's Church.
- **Communion breakfast:** On Saturday 8 August 2020 (the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross), our daily Mass community will be meeting in the Presbytery for breakfast after the 9am Mass at St Augustine's. For more information, contact Jill Ditton (tel: 9555 8418; mob: 0419 635 761).
- **Family Mass and Brunch:** 10.30am on Sunday 30 August at St Augustine's and on Sunday 29 November at St Joseph's. More details to come.
- **Ordination of Priests in the Cathedral:** 11am on Saturday 19 September 2020.
- **Spring Equinox Wine Festival:** Tuesday 22, Friday 25, and Saturday 26 September. This festival will be over three evenings because there will be three themes organised by our sommelier. Numbers will be limited to 30 at each tasting. Wines will be for sale and a commission from the sales directed to the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Watch this space for more details to come.
- **Our Lady in English Poetry:** On Tuesday 20 October 2020, in the Presbytery, Professor Barry Spurr, *quondam* Professor of Poetry and Poetics at Sydney

University, will be introducing us to a theme in English poetry not often acknowledged but which has provided a rich vein of inspiration throughout the entire course of the history of the English language from the very beginnings until the most modern of poets – Our Blessed Lady, the Virgin Mary. There have already been expressions of interest in this event. We will begin at 6.30pm and drinks and something to eat will be provided. Please notify the Parish Office if you would like to come.

### **THE PARISH IN CATHOLIC TRADITION AND CANON LAW (continued)**

Canon law does not envision parishioners as passive recipients of pastoral care. Members of the parish are seen as and encouraged to be fully active and engaged participants in the life and activities of their parish community. Various forms of this participation are detailed below under 'activities of the parish'. However, there are two instruments for active parish involvement that deserve special attention here: (1) the parish pastoral council and (2) the parish finance council.

The pastoral council is a child of the Second Vatican Council...It reflects a changed attitude toward the laity, one which views laypersons as empowered and responsible within the church as well as in the world. The parish pastoral council is one vehicle for the expression of lay voice and wisdom. It is one way for parishioners to participate in making the policies and decisions that guide the parish community.

Canon law describes the pastoral council as a means for the Christian faithful and those who share in pastoral care of the parish to 'help in fostering pastoral activity' (c. 536 §1). The pastor, or the person in charge of the parish, heads the council, and it is consultative to that pastoral leader (c. 536 §2). However, the pastoral council should be a collaborate group that works with the pastor and others exercising ministry in the parish. The scope of its activity can be very broad, but its central task may be planning for the future of the community rather than involving itself in the day-to-day oversight of the parish. Many dioceses provide valuable guidelines and formation programs for parish pastoral councils.

*(from JAMES A. CORIDEN, The Parish in Catholic Tradition: History, Theology and Canon Law, New Jersey 1997, p. 63).*

### **FORTHCOMING BAPTISMS AT BALMAIN**

**Ronan Francis DURNALL** on Saturday 8 August at 10am

**Teresa OTOYA** on Saturday 8 August 2020 at 12noon

### **PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME**

**First Communions 2020:** Children in Year 3 and above, who are baptised Catholics are eligible to be prepared for making their First Communion. Parents who were for good cause unable to attend the parents' Information Night on Tuesday 21 July wanting to have their children join the program are invited to contact the Parish Office to arrange a meeting with Fr Richard prior to close of registration on Thursday, 6 August.

**Please Note:** The First Communion Classes will commence on 11 August and finish with a retreat day on 8 September. The children will make their First Communions at the Parish Masses over the weekend of Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 September.

This is a parish event and children from Church and State Schools are included. Parents are invited to register their child or children as participants in the preparation programme prior to Thursday, 6 August through the Balmain parish website:

<http://staugbalmain.org.au/first-reconciliation-first-eucharist-confirmation/>

**First Confessions (Reconciliation):** Children in Year 2 who are baptised Catholics are eligible to be prepared for making their First Confessions at St Augustine's and St Joseph's in **October and November**. Parents are invited to apply for their children to be registered as participants in the preparation programme which includes children from Church and State Schools. Applications for registration are to be made online through the parishes' websites:

<http://staugbalmain.org.au/first-reconciliation-first-eucharist-confirmation/>

### PARISH INTERCESSIONS

**The sick who have asked for our prayers:** John, Bruce Fernandez, Patricia Webster, Anna Pasqua, Christine Forner, Jenni McEntee, Martha Lucia Gomez, Sylvia Gallagher, Henry Shiner, Shirley Lowe, Joe Fakhri, Margo Buckingham, Karen, Charles Borg, Ann Diver, Ray and Brenda Atkinson and Margaret Gye.

**And, of your charity, pray for the souls of the faithful departed:**

**Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:** Sr Marie McMahan (09.07.19), Samuel Mugavero (17.07.18) Joyce Josephine Clark (23.07.18) and Madeleine Barbagallo.

**And those recently deceased:** William (Bill) Tease (20.07.20), Barbara Anne Howard (23.07.20).

**As well as for:** Joyce Josephine & Bertie Joseph Clark, André, Michel & Ginette Comolle, Mary Anne, Anthony & Hugh Mulligan, John & Jackie Lowe, Mable & Catherine Miles, Vicky Pisani, Ron Bovey, Peter Modellino Charlie Camilleri, Martin Camilleri, Violet & Emanuel Camilleri, Winifred & David Preece, Hazel & Bernie Olson, Maria Roach, Sr Marie McMahan, Doris Falzon, Rita Agius, Kate Kenna, Antoinetta Scalone and deceased members of Manuli, Nitopi & Scalone families, Bertie Joseph & Joyce Josephine Clark, Charlie, Teresa, Rose & Lawrence Borg, Sydney, Edna & Cecilia Edmonds, Anthony & Ron Barnes, William, Irene & Gertrude Briggs, Kathleen & Maxwell Harris, Bill Gallagher, Gary Dollar, Susan Hanchard, Mollie Monan, Joyce Shiner, John Bransby.

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

### PLENARY COUNCIL – A NOTE FROM JOHN DICKIE

The *Discernment Papers* which outline matters for consideration at the forthcoming Plenary Council have now been published. They can be accessed at: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) . If you would like to be part of any further discussion about issues which have been set out in the Discernment Papers please contact Lorraine Thomy, the Parish Secretary on 9810 1157 or at [office@staugbalmain.org.au](mailto:office@staugbalmain.org.au). For further enquiries about available reading material, contact John Dickie at [jdickie@bigpond.com](mailto:jdickie@bigpond.com).

### SAFEGUARDING:

Our Safeguarding Officers - David Kelaher and Kathleen Curry – will be in contact with all our volunteers in the near future with information and updating procedures. Watch this space.

### PARISH FINANCES

**Anyone who requires a tax receipt for the 19/20 Financial Year, please contact the office via email or phone.** Parishioners have continued to respond very generously to the parishes' continuing needs under the lockdown and a large number of deposits in the various accounts have been received. If you would like the banking details of the parish, please call or email the Parish Office. Many, many thanks.

## INTENTIONS AT MASS DURING JULY

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| 1 Andrew Quinn, Priest, RIP                 | 16 Gregory Weaver, Priest, RIP                 |
| 2 Doris Delia, RIP                          | 17 Ethel Wong and family                       |
| 3 Andrew Quinn, Priest, RIP                 | 18 Samuel Mugarvero, RIP and <i>Pro populo</i> |
| 4 Margaret Gye in sickness                  | 19 Gregory Weaver, Priest, RIP                 |
| 5 Michael Fenech, RIP and <i>Pro populo</i> | 20 Private intention                           |
| 6 Antonio Perri, RIP                        | 21 Dominic Chan King-Wan, RIP                  |
| 7 Eugene Harley, RIP                        | 22 Janet Sydney, RIP                           |
| 8 Barbara Anne Howard, RIP                  | 23 Joyce Josephine Clark, RIP                  |
| 9 Sr Marie McMahon, RIP                     | 24 Joyce Josephine Clark, RIP                  |
| 10 Eugene Harley, RIP                       | 25 <i>Pro populo</i>                           |
| 11 Benedictines                             | 26 André, Michel, and Ginette Comolle, RIP     |
| 12 Eugene Harley, RIP and <i>Pro populo</i> | 27 John George, Priest, RIP                    |
| 12 Tony Carbon – feast day                  | 28 John George, Priest, RIP                    |
| 13 Gregory Weaver, Priest, RIP              | 29 John George, Priest, RIP                    |
| 14 Antonio Perri, RIP                       | 30 John Lynne, Priest, RIP                     |
| 15 Antonia Busuttill in sickness            |  |

## SUNDAY MASSES

**Balmain:** Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5pm; Sunday at 9am and 6pm

**Rozelle:** Sunday 10.30am

## MASSES THIS WEEK (Year II)

(Monday: *St Dominic*; Tuesday: *St John Vianney*; Thursday: *The Transfiguration of the Lord*; Saturday: *ST MARY OF THE CROSS*)

**Balmain:** Monday to Friday at 7.30am; Saturday at 9am (Extraordinary Form on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month).

**Rozelle:** Wednesday at 7am;

## CONFESSIONS

**Balmain:** After Saturday morning Mass and 4.15 to 4.45pm; after any other Mass; and by appointment.

**Rozelle:** Before or after any Mass.

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

St Augustine of Hippo's Church, Eaton Street, Balmain

St Joseph's Church, Cnr Victoria Road and Gordon Street, Rozelle

The Presbytery/Office: 3 Jane Street, Balmain NSW 2041 Phone: 61 2 9810 1157

**Parish Office:** Tuesday to Thursday 9am to 3.30pm

**Parish Secretary:** Lorraine Thomy

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